



Beth A. Cassel

October 12, 1957 - July 18, 2021

Beth, I hear you calling
But we can't come home right now
... Just a few more hours
And we'll be right home to you.

Beth, an angel among us, joined the angels in heaven on July 18, 2021. Beth lived life with so much energy, generosity, kindness and purpose. She was a caring nurse, a devoted and loving mother, a cherished wife, a favored daughter, and an adored aunt, sister, Oma, niece, cousin, and friend. Beth lived as an example for everyone who knew her. She faced every challenge with courage, optimism, and determination. She gave you exactly what you needed – all of her.

Beth earned her B.S.N and her Masters of Science in Nursing. For over 30 years she worked tirelessly as a nurse to improve the lives of women and babies. Beth started in Labor and Delivery and moved to the Healthy Beginnings program in 1992. In 2001, she was one of the founding nurses with Nurse Family Partnership (NFP). At NFP she helped women and babies achieve a better life for their families. Beth initiated innovative programs at NFP like: the NFP advisory board, the partnership with Lancaster Farmer's market to provide healthy produce for low income families, exercise programs at the YWCA for new moms, and the program where crib manufacturers provided free cribs to new moms – just to name a few. In 2010, Beth was

awarded the Magnet Nursing Award from LGH. In 2017 she received the Penn Medicine and Community Nursing Awards. Beth was often a spokesperson for NFP advocating and educating politicians, donors, and the public on the issues facing new young mothers.

In addition to her work at NFP, Beth participated in many other positions and activities simply to help people. Beth was, along with her husband Bill Murray, a Milton Hershey parent where they enjoyed teaching the Milton Hersey girls how to skate, ride horses, and enjoy life. Beth was a nursing professor at HACC for over 10 years. Beth's teaching style at HACC, of listening and empowering those around her, made her a favorite of students and fellow teachers. Beth also took great joy from her gardening job at Stauffer's and felt blessed by her co-workers. Beth was an usher at the LCBC church. Beth participated in many missions' trips delivering medical aid in countries like Haiti, Guatemala, and Costa Rica. Beth also sheltered Vietnamese families, teaching them English and assisting them in obtaining employment and permanent housing. Beth was a fierce advocate for liberal change, going to March for Our Lives and the annual Women's Marches. Her nieces and nephews saw her as their role model for feminism.

Beth seemed to be in perpetual motion, helping, teaching, nursing, riding, skiing, skating, and running. Beth has hiked or ran the trails in multiple national parks from the Smokey Mountains and Appalachians to Glacier and Hawaii. This year, Beth realized her life-long dream of qualifying and running the Boston Marathon. Beth also rode horses before she could walk and it was one of her life-long passions. She often could be found riding her horse Blue or giving riding lessons to Yeni in the ring.

Above all else, Beth loved her family. Beth is so loved by her husband Bill and cherished by her children Nick and Roberta. Beth's spirit will carry on through her grandchildren, Stella and Cooper, as well as the two precious grandchildren on the way. Beth's family was her heart and soul – her earth and heaven.

Beth's life is also illustrated through the hundreds of friends that she has

made and kept through her life. The family is so very thankful for all the friends and family members who helped Beth here at the end – the end that is a beginning for Beth’s next journey. We know that Beth will continue to care for us and watch over us as she has done for our entire lives.

Beth you were always there for us. We will miss you more than we can say and it will be just a short time before we will be right home to you.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made in Beth’s name to the following educational endowments set up in Beth’s name:

Lancaster General Health Foundation

Attention: Jennifer Groff

c/o Patricia and Beth Cassel Nurse Family Partnership Client Endowed Fund

2110 Harrisburg Pike, Ste. 205

Lancaster, PA 17601

Or

At the below link and place “Patricia and Beth Cassel NFP Educational Fund” in the “Indicate desired gift designation” box in the payment section.

<https://www.lancastergeneralhealth.org/giving-foundation/making-a-gift/gifts-for-our-institutions/make-a-gift>

The Beth Cassel Compassion in Nursing Scholarship Fund

Attention Nicole Chapman

177 Fairway Drive

Denver, PA 17517

Tribute Wall

TT

“ My heart ached when I heard of Beth’s passing. I’m so sorry for your loss. Your tribute really shines a light on what an incredible life she lived, and all the lives that she touched. Sending my deepest condolences to your entire family.

Tiffany Turk - August 01, 2021 at 07:57 PM

HM

“ Gosh, I worked with Beth for decades at LGH. I watched her progress throughout her tenure and move onward and upward in her career. Always a caring and compassionate person, always thinking of others and how she could impact their life. The community in whole will feel her loss. What a beautiful soul she was. Hilde McClearen



Hilde McClearen - July 28, 2021 at 02:49 PM

SK

“ We are so sorry that your mom lost her battle as She was an angel on Earth and her life had special meaning to so many. Memories are many but I met your mom when I taught Sunday School with her at St Pauls United Methodist church when Roberta and Michelle were in Kindergarten. Nick and Bryan were in infant care together then too. We had family camping trips to Ricketts’ Glenn and usually set up camp by the headlights of the car. I went to DC with Judi and your mom to support the shooting victims at Marjory Stoneman Douglas HS in Florida and we were part of the original Woman’ March in DC too. We also camped at Raystown lake with our families and we were the only kayaks on the lake and the wake of the power boats caused us to go off course! Of course all your mom and I could do was giggle as we tried to keep on course! She was always on course in her life with her running and qualifying for the Boston Marathon only to be cancelled. That did not matter as she would dig her heels in and kept on running! I wish she was still here as we were to volunteer together at Hope’s Haven a horse rescue camp for troubled youth. Her passion for helping others was something we admired.
Hugs Sue and Phil Kob

susan kob - July 22, 2021 at 09:23 AM

ST

“ We will miss seeing Beth running through the neighborhood in the mornings. She was always so full of joy and life. Our thoughts and prayers are with you Bill, Roberta, Nick and family. With Sympathy,
Sandra & Larry Thomas

Sandra Thomas - July 22, 2021 at 08:05 AM

DC

“ I worked with Beth at LGH In the HBP Program for 14 years and prior to for many years in in the Healthy Mothers/Healthy Babies Coalition. I totally agree with the beautiful memorial tribute written here! She was gift to mothers and babies in our community . May you be comforted by the good memories 🙏🙏

Donna Carr - July 21, 2021 at 01:40 PM

JD

This is such a great picture of Beth. It seems to me this is how I always saw her- with a look of excitement, happiness, enthusiasm- something up beat. Surely there were ups and downs but she mostly up when I saw her. So. Sorry to hear of her illness, may she be resting in peace. Prayers for love and comfort to Nick and the Family.

jeannie dettorre - July 28, 2021 at 03:13 PM