



Cecily Ann Buckley

May 29, 1930 - August 27, 2020

Cecily Ann Buckley died peacefully on August, 27th 2020 at Heron Point, Chestertown, MD.

Cecily was born on May 29th, 1930 in Bath, England. She went to Cambridge University where she earned a masters degree in geography as a member of the first class of women admitted as full members of the University, an achievement she was very proud of.

Cecily was also very proud of her marriage to John C. K. Buckley and celebrated their 67th anniversary with him on August 8th. They moved several times with their three children settling in Mount Kisco, NY for 42 years before moving to Heron Point.

Cecily is survived by her husband, her two daughters Jane and Ruth, 8 grandchildren, 4 great grandchildren and her brother Roger. Services will be held privately.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Episcopal Relief and Development <https://www.episcopalrelief.org/what-you-can-do/give/donate-now/individual-donation/> ;

Maryland Food Bank <https://mdfoodbank.org/donate/> ; Doctors Without Borders https://donate.doctorswithoutborders.org/onetime.cfm?source=ADD200U0U00&utm_source=google&utm_medium=cpc&utm_campaign=googlepaid&utm_content=brand&gclid=EAlaIQobChMIo7Df7sa-6wIV2sDICh00dg7xEAAYASAAEgIKwPD_BwE

Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Cecily Ann Buckley*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - August 28, 2020 at 04:35 PM

AG

*Ruth,
Thank you for allowing me to share in just a bit of your mom end time just by giving me permission to extend my prayer and heart felt love toward you and your mom. May God continue to touch your heart and the entire family dear. Pray you do feel the comfort of your mom spirit and love forever via the spirit realm of God. God Bless you all during this time of loss dear. With out stretched arms here is a comforting hug from me to you Ruth. You all are in my prayer at this time of grief.*

Sincerely,

Agnes Thornton

Agnes - August 31, 2020 at 09:19 AM

AG

*Ruth,
Such a beautiful and powerful service for your mom. You all did a wonderful job again may God give you all the peace to comfort your hearts each and every day for the journey that is a head in Jesus Name. Thank you so much for sharing your mom service it really blessed me.*

Agnes

Agnes - August 31, 2020 at 09:58 AM

RH

BYE GIGI

Rebecca Hughes - August 31, 2020 at 01:22 PM



“ *Cecily Ann Buckley*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Cecily Ann Buckley*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Cecily Ann Buckley*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM

RH

“ *I've just realized as I'm doing a Dwarf Planet report that gigi is really gone*

rhys - March 24, 2021 at 09:22 AM

RH

“ *2 moths and 5 days until gigis birtday*

rhys - March 24, 2021 at 09:13 AM

RH

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Rhys - September 02, 2020 at 09:45 AM

RE

“ You were the best friend, of all the best friends there ever were. For almost 32 years, I have been blessed, beyond all measure, that you were my Granny, that I got to be loved by you, and that I was able to be part of your world. You were the kindest, most patient, and most faithful human being I have known. While each of us who knew you and were loved by you had our own individual relationships with you and memories of you, the common thread was unwavering, unfaltering, and unconditional love. I always knew that having you was special, but for the last 10 years, I have witnessed how your love seemed to multiply as you graduated from being a Granny to GiGi.

You were so special. You were one of the smartest people I knew, and you had the right answer for everything from “What plant is this?” to “How do I fix a broken heart?” You managed to love each of us wholly even with all our dynamic personalities, and varying interests. For a little girl who was shy but passionate, you somehow opened up the whole world for me. Laying on your couch, I must have read a thousand books, and written a thousand pages of words, and sitting next to you in the church I found a voice to argue strongly about a thousand issues. I am who I am because you were who you were.

I am not sure if you ever knew, but some Wednesday mornings, before we went to church together, I would stand at the door to your kitchen and just watch you stand over the teapot quietly drinking your tea. We could never leave until you were done, and in those moments I got to just see. The world was so quiet, but you were moving. I always thought it symbolized you. Not that you were always quiet, but you had a quiet strength. It was the kind that carried you through 67 years of marriage, the kind that carried you through raising three children, supporting eight grandchildren, and doting on four great-grandchildren. It was that quiet strength that you pulled from to smile in Rhys’ face even when you were in pain. It was the strength that reminded each of us, that we were so loved.

The world has seemed so small since Friday. My mind has felt empty and out of order since they moved you to hospice. Rhys said, "someone with a heart like that should get to be around forever." I miss you more than I can say and I still cannot believe that this is real and that you are no longer physically with us. I hope you know that in the restaurant you and Rhys created in your shared imagination, the Cecily Special will run forever - Bacon Wrapped Scallops and Cream of Crab Soup.

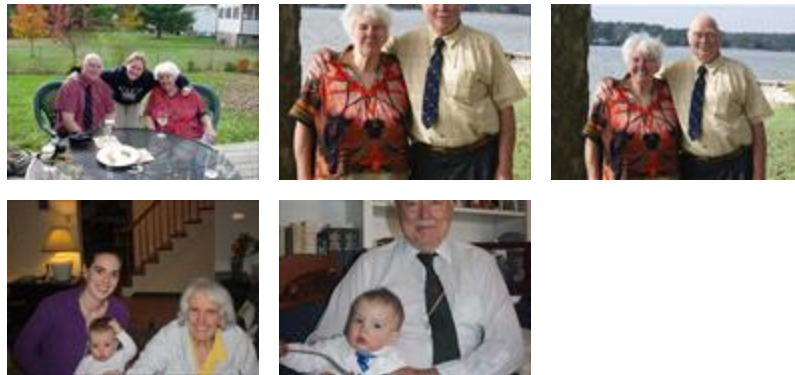
Granny, you were a home and a safe place. You treated everyone as if they were the best versions of themselves. You always saw the glass half full and you lived life to the absolute fullest. Even if you may have wanted to, I did not hear you complain once, about anything. You were the better world that we were promised, and the manifestation of God's love.

To quote Grandpa: "Thank you for this lifetime." 💕💕

Rebecca - September 02, 2020 at 09:35 AM

KW

“ 8 files added to the album Life Tributes



Kyle Whittinghill - September 01, 2020 at 03:47 PM

RM

“ We'll remember Cecily's loving heart and generous spirit.



Ruby Ming - August 29, 2020 at 01:58 PM

MI

“ Aunt Cecily was patient, kind and always inspired curiosity and learning. From accompanying her to Girl Scout camp when I was 7, to teaching me to knit, word process and later watching the seals in St. David's. For these wonderful memories, thank you.

Margaret Inman - August 29, 2020 at 01:45 PM

MM

Grand Ma Cecily,

You have truly been so inspirational to me and my children since we migrated to America. You and dear husband- John not only have shown to family Christ teaching to love one another with compassion and humility in regards of color, race, gender and religion but encouraged my family that that are equal and worthy to be loved. Cecily, you have been the beacon of hope for me and children. Through you, I came to be blessed to know my true sister Ruth Buckley and her family. It is those values in believing in humanity you instilled in Ruth and her family that we have become true sisters and family.

You are a unifier full of compassion and encourages human beings to be at their best to love and care for one another. You are and will remain a treasure to those who you have been in your lives. We as family we will for ever be grateful to cherish your immensely in our hearts. Without your abundant love for human all human beings which you instilled in Ruth and family, perhaps, my family would not have been living today or would have perished like many who have done so in the war crisis in South Sudan. The love and caring with Humility you embraced, I cannot express it but to only hold you dear to our hearts. I cannot expressed in this tribute as the arm of death feel heavy to over come it in our hearts.

Your departure from this world left us so deprived from not paying our last tribute to you Cecily because of Covid-199. I know with that in our mind, it will for ever continue to haunt us as we all feel a huge void in our hearts for not being able to say good bye.

We love you Cecily and you be missed greatly. May your soul rest in internal peace.

Mary Mogga and children (Likambo, Stella, Andrew and Maxim)

Mary Mogga - September 03, 2020 at 02:29 AM

JK

“ As my sister-in-law, Cecily has been part of my life for most of my life. I have always been in awe of her capabilities. It seemed there was nothing she could not excel at. She was brilliant academically, and as well as her First class degree in Cambridge, she was a rowing Blue. She loved her Church work and studying theology. In my Mother’s last illness, Cecily, who was devoted to her, was a great support. She wrote a moving poem about her which was printed on the funeral service sheet. Academic, gardener, expert hand crafter of every description, poet, Church worker, loving wife and carer of all her family - what a lifetime of achievements. I send love and deepest sympathy to you all. Jean.

Jean King - August 29, 2020 at 12:07 PM

SP

“ Granny was the definition of integrity. She was a beautiful person and continues to remain a role model for me as a woman, wife, mother, and grandmother. I hope to one day be able to teach my children and grandchildren all the wonderful things she taught me: being selfless and charitable, stories from the Bible, patience, and kindness. Most of my childhood memories with her include making Easter Gardens, spending summer weeks in Mt. Kisco with the cousins, learning how to sew and knit, and birdwatching. But the first and my favorite thing that flashes into my mind when you say “memories with Granny” would be spending so much time with her in the kitchen baking and cooking. Food was an expression of love and family as we all sat together at their dining room table or out on the back porch eating Yorkshire puddings, pot-roast, potatoes, peas from their garden, and for me...maybe not eating the rhubarb crumble. I’m so grateful and blessed that she was able to meet Julian, Lila, and Adrian and we are all lucky to have Granny as a part of us forever and always.

Sarah Peroli - August 29, 2020 at 11:45 AM

LW

“ Since March, I have found myself thinking of Granny often. I started to make masks for my sister Sarah’s family, my family, and some of the international graduate students that attend the University where I teach. I have been thinking of Granny, not just because she taught me a lot about sewing, but because of the fabrics I have been using. Some of these fabrics were left over from fabrics she got in Africa and used for many crafts over the years.

Leigh Whittinghill - August 29, 2020 at 10:56 AM

JW

“ 3 files added to the album LifeTributes



Jane Whittinghill - August 29, 2020 at 10:50 AM

RB

“ Our mother will be remembered fondly in the parishes of St. Mark’s, Mount Kisco; Holy Trinity, Wenonah, and Grace Church, Silver Spring during services tomorrow.

Ruth Buckley - August 29, 2020 at 09:56 AM

SJ

“ Suzanne Jackson lit a candle in memory of Cecily Ann Buckley



Suzanne Jackson - August 29, 2020 at 09:21 AM

RB

thank you

Ruth Buckley - August 29, 2020 at 09:57 AM

RH

“ *You embodied what you believed and what you taught, and it blessed all of us richly and completely. Just as with Gods love, there was no limit to your love. There was nothing any of us did, that you couldn't find a way to love. Anyone who came around you, felt that. It was with love you held each of us, and it is with love we will continue to hold you. Your prayers protected us all, your grace gifted us all, and your love sustained us all.*

Rebecca Hughes - August 29, 2020 at 08:59 AM

ME

“ *It's no secret that granny was a master of all trades. I wouldn't be the person I am today or even have been able to become a doctor without her love, support, and teaching me how to study after we moved from Kenya. I think one of her most amazing talents was her craftsmanship. Whether it be sewing intricate lace dresses and making a crinoline or making quilts. Although I wasn't the original recipient, granny also made blankie. Blankie has been with me for all of life's ups and downs and when i couldn't be with granny blankie was a reminder of her love, strength, and support. I'll love you forever and miss you always. We'll take care of grandpa for you.*

Meghan - August 29, 2020 at 08:55 AM

OB

“ *Mamas is with her laughing little boy now free of sorrow and pain. She left in peace at a time of great stress in our country. May we find solace in the peace she found and help each other through this great loss.*

Owen Buckley - August 29, 2020 at 08:52 AM

AB

“ *Cecily, my granny was a pillar of love and kindness to everyone who knew her. She inspired a love of learning in me and was always encouraging through the struggles I faced to become a teacher. I will be forever grateful for the time I got to spend with her. Love always and forever.*

Anna Buckley - August 29, 2020 at 08:49 AM

ME

“ *6 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Meghan - August 29, 2020 at 08:48 AM

RU

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ruth - August 29, 2020 at 07:30 AM

SP

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Sarah Peroli - August 29, 2020 at 07:06 AM

HI

“ I found these photos when tidying out my mother's things recently and thought you would all like to see them. Happy memories for a sad day.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you and John and your families. We appreciate that COVID-19 makes the arrangements for funerals so difficult. One small benefit has been the family Zoom gatherings. I know my mother would have liked us to be with you at this time for the funeral so being present virtually for the funeral is a blessing. My parents and we have so many happy memories of times with Cecily and John including fantastic holidays in Switzerland, Mount Kisco and The Trout Club. Cecily and John always spoilt us all.

Love from,

The Inmans (John, Sarah, Helen & Matthew)



Helen Inman - August 29, 2020 at 06:02 AM

SP

Thank you for sharing these photos and your kind words.

Sarah Peroli - August 29, 2020 at 12:43 PM

KW

“ I have so many wonderful memories of Granny, but the ones that always come to mind first all have to do with watching birds, sewing, and crochet. She made us so many Easter dresses, bridesmaids dresses, clothes of all sorts. One of my first sewing projects was my dinosaur project in elementary school. Granny helped me design and sew a patchwork dinosaur and then even come up with a Latin name that meant patchwork lizard. When I graduated from high school I was so lucky to spend a few weeks in Mount Kisco making a quilt with Granny (and my cousins who sometimes got roped in). I am so happy to have learned so many skills from Granny and to have spent so many years with her in my life.

Kyle Whittinghill - August 28, 2020 at 09:46 PM

SP

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Sarah Peroli - August 28, 2020 at 09:38 PM

KW

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Kyle Whittinghill - August 28, 2020 at 09:28 PM

SP

Thank you so much for adding these Kyle!

Sarah Peroli - August 28, 2020 at 09:35 PM

DN

“ *Cecily was our first cousin. She was a huge inspiration and example to us as the first woman in our family to go to university. She encouraged me to study medicine and emigrate to Canada for a wonderful career as a doctor. She helped Cherry to achieve an A in her final exams and she subsequently emigrated to Jamaica to teach for many years.*

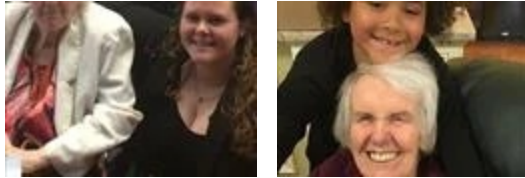
I have the privilege of being Ruth,s godmother and she has kept me up to date with the family over the years so I know what a wonderful mother and grandmother she was and how much she will be missed.

Sheila and Cherry(nee Mc Daniel.)

Dr. Sheila Nazerali - August 28, 2020 at 04:44 PM

SP

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SP - August 28, 2020 at 04:22 PM

KW

“ My favourite memory of my Aunt Cecily is when Bill and I moved to this house in Connecticut in 1992. There was no garden to speak of and we had to start from scratch cutting down trees and clearing scrub. Cecily asked me if we would like to drive over to 2 Tall Timber and take home some plants and cuttings from her magnificent garden. We spent the day there, packing pots and bags with all kinds of treasures: foxgloves that had been brought (smuggled?!) in through customs from holidays in St David's; red currant bushes that had also been brought over from the UK and which are still going strong; lilac-coloured blankets of creeping phlox, to name but a few. She told me her memories and attachments to these plants, where they came from, what they reminded her of. And for almost 30 years they have and will continue to remind me of her.

KATE WEBER - August 28, 2020 at 04:14 PM

SP

What a beautiful memory. Thank you so much for sharing. <3

Sarah Peroli - August 28, 2020 at 09:29 PM



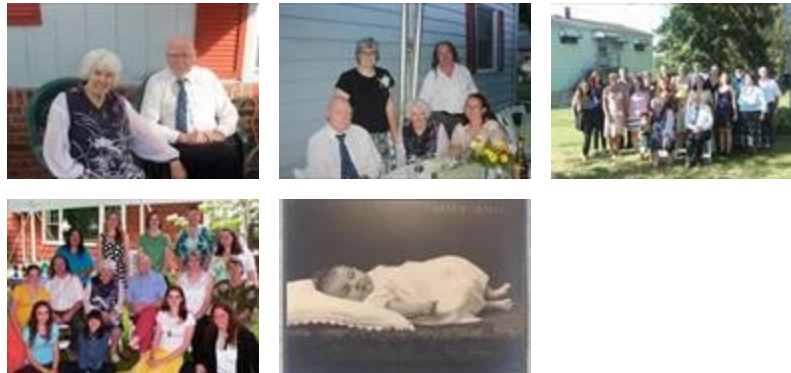
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ruth bucklry - August 28, 2020 at 03:58 PM