



## Elizabeth C. Burgess

September 24, 1976 - November 3, 2019

Elizabeth “Beth” Catherine Rehkemper Burgess, 43, of Easton, MD, died on November 3, 2019, at Memorial Hospital of Easton. She was surrounded by family and friends. Beth was born September 24, 1976, in Washington, DC, to Molly and the late Eugene Rehkemper.

On November 20, 1999, Beth married John Ryan Burgess.

In 1999, Beth graduated from University of MD College Park with a Bachelor's of Science in Environmental Education. Beth worked at the National Aquarium in Baltimore from 1999-2003. In 2003, after the birth of their son, William, Beth stayed home to raise their son. Beth continued her passion of environmental education through part-time and volunteer work at Blackwater Wildlife Refuge.

In 2018, Beth accepted a position as a science teacher at St. Michaels Middle/High School. She was able to fulfill her dream of educating children in the subject she loved so much.

Beth is survived by her son, William; husband, John Burgess of Easton, MD; mother, Elsie of Chesapeake Beach, MD; and sister and brother-in-law, Jennifer and Jamie Humphreys of North Beach, MD.

Visitation will be held on November 16, 2019, from 1-2 p.m. at Easton Church

of God in Easton, MD. A memorial service will follow at 2 p.m.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **16**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Easton Church of God  
1009 North Washington Street  
Easton, MD 21601

## Service

NOV **16**. 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Elizabeth C. Burgess

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ Elizabeth C. Burgess

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ Elizabeth C. Burgess

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Elizabeth C. Burgess.



November 16, 2019 at 09:00 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Elizabeth C. Burgess.



November 15, 2019 at 07:00 AM

CH

“ Beth was a woman who inspired everyone who had the privilege of knowing her. The world is a better place because she walked, lived, and shared love among us.

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**charlotte & Wolf Hehn** - November 13, 2019 at 09:23 PM

KA

“ Beth, you had a way of making our quick snatches of conversation at the martial arts studio feel like quality time well spent. There was always laughter involved and I always felt lighter after our exchanges. I especially always loved talking about our families and pets. I miss you already. Hugs, Kelley

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**Kelley Anders** - November 13, 2019 at 07:52 PM

AB

“ Beth, we shared many wonderful memories throughout middle and high school. We lost touch through college but I'm so happy we reconnected through Facebook and at our reunion. Your trials through life inspire others and I'm a better person for knowing you. I'm praying for your family.

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**Amy Bevard** - November 13, 2019 at 01:50 PM

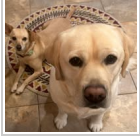
SB

“ I volunteered with Beth at Blackwater and enjoyed it very much. Beth was a very special person. It will not feel right not having Beth there. It is heartbreaking to realize she is gone. I will attend both visitation and memorial services.

*Shirley Bailey*

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**shielely bailey** - November 13, 2019 at 10:44 AM



“ There are no words to say to all of you that knew and loved Beth- except that she has inspired so many to be better people. That's the truth. There are times, when I would come home and complain about- whatever. Then I think about Beth and shut up. Really. She made me want to be a better person. She was a fighter. Her inner strength and "will" to go on is what made her even more passionate about living! Even when she was in pain, she worked through it with such positivity and hope. She was always smiling! You all got her through some of the worst times of her life. Family and Friends. I was lucky to be one of them. I worked with her at the Aquarium and also got to witness some of the toughest times of her life...but also got to experience some of her happiest... Especially when she had Wil. Beth and I had our kids (Isabella) at the same time and it was so nice to have someone in the same boat. She was in the same hospital as I was for an appointment when I was leaving and she was one of the first people to see Isabella. She also gave some great advice when I had some tough times and really appreciated her loyalty and friendship. Working with her was so much fun, she loved teaching, hanging out with her co-workers- us old-timers (Valerie, Nancy, Joe, Vicky, David, Marj, Jen, and Jenny, Kathy, Julie, Roberta, Wendy, Martha...) and of course loved spreading the word about conservation/nature/outdoors. Even years after I left NAIB, I would see her and her family each year when she would visit me at the Dragon's Den at the MD Ren Fest (Eco Adventure's reptile exhibit). I was always in awe when I would see her- her new powerful legs, running a marathon and how she lit up talking about her new teaching job but she shone even brighter when she talked about her family. If that is not living, I don't know what living is! We will miss her so much...but remember-she will always be your SMILING guardian angel.

With deepest condolences,  
Mei Len Sanchez-Barr and family

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Mei Sanchez-Barr - November 11, 2019 at 09:28 PM

JM

“ *She was a really good science teacher. I will miss her very much.*  
*From Ashley Murphy*

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**Jennifer Murphy** - November 11, 2019 at 01:47 PM