



Beverly Bridgeforth

February 21, 1956 - September 18, 2025

Beverly Jean Bridgeforth, affectionately known as “Isabelle, Ms. Bev, Bev and Chizza” loving daughter of the late Howard Harry Bridgeforth and Mary Emma Smith, was born on February 21, 1956, in Wilmington, DE. Beverly departed this life on September 18, 2025, in Mullica Hill, NJ after a long, courageous illness.

Beverly received her early education in the Wilmington, Delaware Public Schools System. Beverly attended George Grey Elementary, Bancroft Middle and Wilmington High Schools. Shortly thereafter, she attended Manpower Training where she obtained her nursing certification. Beverly then accepted a position with Emily P. Bissell Hospital, formerly located in the Brandywine Springs area. She was often acknowledged by her patients and staff for her compassion, unwavering dedication, integrity and excellent bedside manners.

A career change was in store for Bev when she decided to challenge herself even more by enrolling at Goldey-Beacom College and receiving her certificate of Business with honors in 1987. Beverly firmly embraced the challenges of working, schooling and motherhood to her 4 young children while furthering her education.

Beverly accepted a position within the State of Delaware Family Court Division as a Judicial Case Processor before receiving many promotions

during her 25-year career. Known for her warm heart and kindness towards all, Ms. Bev would often go above and beyond to help everyone, including strangers. She never pre-judged, betrayed or mistreated anyone in that courthouse. Beverly relished the opportunity to lend a helping hand; offer a prayer of comfort or a smile to let you know that everything would be alright. It was simply who she was as a person.

In 2021, Beverly retired due in part to her illness, and still made time for family, friends and those in need. She decided to return to work part-time as a substitute teacher and also served briefly as a caregiver. Beverly just enjoyed helping people wholeheartedly, however, family was always the most important thing to her! She absolutely loved her children and especially the grandkids. You couldn't tell her anything about her boys! She loved each of them equally and would go to the end of the earth for them. Shavonne being her eldest, was her road dog, confidant and partner in crime. They enjoyed traveling, restaurants, long rides and simply hanging...her true protector. Most of all, Beverly enjoyed spoiling and spending time with her grandchildren. She showered each of them with lots of love, laughter, affection and gifts. Bev was a great cook and enjoyed cooking for the holidays and decorating for the various seasons. Bev was an avid Eagles, Phillies and 76ers fan. Beverly refused to let grass grow beneath her feet. She enjoyed traveling via train, shopping with her cousins, birthday parties, listening to music and especially the beach. Bev loved the water, Rehoboth Beach or Ocean City, it didn't matter to her. But above all, Beverly was a woman of steadfast faith, continuous prayer, and yearning to see the best in others.

She was preceded in death by her Father Howard H. Bridgeforth, brother Michael H. Bridgeforth, nephew Otis M. Bridgeforth and sister Marlene Bridgeforth.

Beverly leaves to mourn her passing, to cherish her memory and celebrate

her life: daughter Shavonne Bridgeforth (Vincent), sons Corey, Aaron and Andre Bridgeforth; mother Mary E. Smith, grandchildren Michael "Mikey" Brown, Ny'Aira "NY" Bridgeforth, Erin "Doobies" Bridgeforth, and Corey "CJ" Bridgeforth Jr.; great grandchildren Trenton Brown, Tristian Brown, Miles Brown, Legend Bridgeforth, Malcolm Brown and Anami Smith; sisters Betty Albury and Cynthia Nock; brothers Charles "Speedy" and Brian Smith; nephews Todd Albury, Arthur "Buster" Nutter, Erik Dillard and Zachary Bridgeforth; nieces O'Shaye Farrare and Arrion Vice; best friends Elaine Berry, Francine Chapman, Vikki Clark, Donna Dixon, Darlene Gould and Brenda Watson; and a host of cousins and friends

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 11. 10:00 AM (ET)

St Paul Uame Church
3114 N Market St
Wilmington, DE 19802

Celebration of Life

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Tribute Wall

FV

“ Aww Bev; I'm so blessed and honored to have known you . You, definitely were a shining light. I'll always hold dear all of the little chats we had at the courthouse. Thank you for always showing my family love. You will truly be missed. On behalf of the Vice family, I and We send our sincere condolences . Heaven definitely gained an Angel .
F. Vice



F. Vice - October 18, 2025 at 08:44 AM

MP

“ I don't know what to say..Bev was one of those rare people who just wanted to help
She was kind and generous to a fault. She was my friend and im going to miss her. I could probably write a book about Bev and the things we enjoyed and endured together. Go be with God Bev he always takes the best. Love Monica

Monica Parks - October 11, 2025 at 10:20 AM

SB

“ Sending Love & Prayers to our family... You are definitely missed Bev. I'll miss your input of love on the fam group texts & FB & IG posts. You always showed LOVE for EVERYBODY!❤️

Sharon (Hoxter) Bryant

Sharon Bryant - October 10, 2025 at 11:55 PM

KB

“ From Kevin, Terri, Tevin & Ms. Bettye. Deepest condolences again.
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Kevin, Terri, Tevin & Ms. Bettye - October 10, 2025 at 03:47 PM

KB

“ Deepest condolences to Bev's entire family. From the Tucker family that she used to get her TV's from, Kevin said he has a 75" TV that he is stuck with (she would be laughing at that 😊). Bev will be sorely missed for the numerous phone conversations, laughs, visits, that beautiful smile and big heart. We will hold onto the memories of Bev. 🙏❤️



Kevin, Terri, Tevin & Ms. Bettye - October 10, 2025 at 03:45 PM

CB

“ CJ Bridgeforth planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Beverly Bridgeforth.

CJ Bridgeforth - October 10, 2025 at 02:45 PM

CB

“ CJ Bridgeforth purchased the Fiery Lily and Rose for the family of Beverly Bridgeforth.



CJ Bridgeforth - October 10, 2025 at 02:45 PM

RG

“ Our condolences to the family, may GOD kept you and comfort you at this time and always □ ■ The Goldsborough Family □ ■

Robin Goldsborough - October 09, 2025 at 10:40 PM

TF

My deep condolences to the Family. 🌸

Tabitha Fayson - October 11, 2025 at 12:06 PM

RR

“ My sincerest condolences to families affected. May the lord bless you all during this difficult time.



Rich Rivera - October 09, 2025 at 08:31 AM

S-

“ Sandra Butcher -Fullman lit a candle in memory of Beverly Bridgeforth



Sandra Butcher -Fullman - October 08, 2025 at 09:16 PM

TR

“ The Reinfords purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Beverly Bridgeforth.



The Reinfords - October 07, 2025 at 04:18 PM

KJ

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Karin Jefferson - October 07, 2025 at 01:58 PM

FF

“ From :The Dashiell Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Beverly Bridgeforth.



From :The Dashiell Family - October 06, 2025 at 07:59 PM

MF

“ Maggie and family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Beverly Bridgeforth.



Maggie and family - October 06, 2025 at 06:23 PM

NB

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Nyaira Bridgeforth - October 05, 2025 at 01:03 PM

NB

“ To My Beloved GRANDMOTHER . I'm So Lost Without You Idk What To Feel Or How To Feel But To Know Your No Longer Suffering Is The Only Thing That's Comforting Me . We Had SOME Who Doubted You & We Have SOME Who Knew How Strong You Were. And To Those Who Have Had Any Negative Thoughts Towards My GrandMother And Now Act As If Your So Heart Broken SAVE IT .. I Love You Forever Mom Mom “YOUR BBY GIRL NY-NY”



Nyaira Bridgeforth - October 05, 2025 at 01:00 PM

SD

“ Sending my deepest condolences to Mrs. Mary and family. It hasn't hit me yet. But I know God makes no mistakes. Who knew we would share the same granddaughter. I can remember we just laugh so hard. Bev you will be missed here but tell Arto I miss him and don't let him get on your nerves. GBNF



Shyra Dennis - October 04, 2025 at 10:46 AM

SD

“ Shyra Dennis lit a candle in memory of Beverly Bridgeforth



Shyra Dennis - October 04, 2025 at 10:38 AM

JJ

“ Our thoughts and prayers extend to all of you who are faced with the displeasure of losing a loved one to what the bible describes our worst enemy called Death, in these critical situations it's normal to feel helpless not knowing where to turn. However, our heavenly creator has assured us in HEB: 6/11 that it is impossible for him to ever forget us, and a promise that all of those that are worthy will soon have the privilege of living again on a paradise earth. according to PSALMS:37/29. Meanwhile we can give our thanks to the funeral directors: for their perfectional assistance and their heartfelt concern toward the unfortunate friends and families.
THANKS!

Joseph Jones - September 30, 2025 at 09:00 AM



“ Words could not express what I am feeling right now, while trying to process this news. Bev was a very special person who helped me through some very difficult times, without judgement. We go back as far as her dad coaching me in little league baseball in the 60's. Mike was on that team with me. Corry and the rest of you guys, much love to you all and I do not have to say now much your mom loved all of you. Lean on the Lord and continue to live a good life because that is what she would want you to do.



Johnny Snow - September 28, 2025 at 11:08 PM

MD

“ Rest in Peace Ms. Bev. My Condolences to the family. Ms. Bev always had a smile for me when I came to work. When I retired, I missed seeing that smile every morning. It perked me up to get me ready for the work day. She always had a joke for me too. Thank you Ms. Bev. Rest easy in Heaven.

Marietta Dawkins - September 27, 2025 at 12:51 PM

CD

“ Rest well Ms. Bev!! I'll never forget your beautiful smile and sense of style. I won't forget our courthouse days where we spent a lot of time laughing and having fun. I am sending my deepest condolences to Andre and the rest of the family.

Crystal Dozier - September 26, 2025 at 04:41 PM

JH

“ Jean Howie lit a candle in memory of Beverly Bridgeforth



Jean Howie - September 26, 2025 at 09:00 AM

KD

“ MY HEART IS BROKEN ON HEARING THE PASSING OF BEVERLY. SHE WAS ONE OF MY DEAREST FRIENDS. SHE AND HER FAMILY ARE FAMILY TO ME. I WILL MISS MY GENTLE FRIEND.

KENNETH MARTIN DIXON - September 25, 2025 at 10:50 AM

JH

“ My deepest condolences to the family. Sending hugs and love.



Janeen Harris - September 24, 2025 at 02:34 PM

TC

“ I'm so heartbroken to hear of the passing of the beautiful Ms.Bev(aunt Bev). She will truly be missed by many. I'm so sorry for your loss to her children and family. May God continue to hold you all close in comfort and peace.

Tyra Cooper

Tyra Cooper - September 24, 2025 at 12:07 PM

KJ

Bev tell my mom I said hi and I miss her very much Karin Jefferson

Karin Jefferson - October 01, 2025 at 05:23 PM