



## Berta Lou Hildebrand

April 24, 1943 - March 29, 2014

Berta Lou Hildebrand After a 9 year battle with Alzheimer's, Berta Lou Hildebrand went home to be with her Father and Son Saturday evening, March 29, 2014. Berta was born in Springfield, MO, April 24, 1943 to Bert and Esther Hildebrand. She graduated from Central High School in 1961.

Being a Cheerleader for the Bulldogs was her pride and joy and she proudly served on the reunion committee for several years. Berta worked for Frisco and Burlington Northern Railroad for 14 years. She then became an entrepreneur and was never afraid to try something new. You may remember Wiggle Worm Farm or Stripe It Striping Company. After working at a few printing companies Berta went back and finished her degree at Southwest Missouri State University and opened The Copy Place in Ozark, MO.

Friends were very important to Berta, and she enjoyed lifelong friendships with many. A group letter shared between 5 girlfriends from college has now been circulated and celebrated for over 50 years. Also blessed with friends from church, she found herself a part of a gang, aka "The Silver Sisters". A group of ladies who played softball together, had dinners together and were there for each other in good times and bad. Rumors of toilet papering and other shenanigans were commonplace. These friendships along with her best friends Jan West, Kaerita Gist and Susie Schimph were absolutely cherished by Berta. Those same friendships are also cherished by her daughters as they set a good example and show the importance of a network of friends to hold you up in times like these. Berta was a single mother and raised four

children; Jann, Jill, Jeff and Angie. She did the very best she could and when you called upon her, she was there. She taught us that Jesus loves us.

When we were little she taught us to sing songs like "You are my Sunshine" and "Twinkle Twinkle Little Star" These songs became the very way we communicated with her in later years. A bond that wasn't broken by illness or time. We love you Mom..."a bushel and a peck" Berta was preceded in death by her father, Bert Hildebrand and son, Jeff Baker. There are no better escorts to enter the kingdom of heaven. Berta is survived by her three daughters: Jann Baker of Springfield, Jill Pfeifer of Springfield and Angela Johnson of Billings. Her mother, Esther Hildebrand of Springfield. Two brothers: Russell and his wife Julie Hildebrand of Los Angeles and Carlos Joe and his wife Pamela Hildebrand of Fair Grove. Seven Grandchildren: Sara and Garrett Pfeifer, Alaina Baker, Devon, Logan, Brayden and Hailey Johnson. And a host of nieces, nephews and cousins that she loved very much. Berta will be missed every day. We celebrate and are happy that she is free and living in paradise. Services were held in the Montgomery-Viets Chapel, Funeral was: Thursday 2:00 p.m. Graveside followed at Benton Branch under the direction of the Montgomery-Viets Funeral Home of Buffalo

# Tribute Wall



“ *Berta Lou Hildebrand* ”

October 09, 2023 at 12:27 PM



“ *Berta Lou Hildebrand* ”

October 09, 2023 at 04:09 AM



“ *Berta Lou Hildebrand* ”

October 05, 2023 at 11:14 PM



“ *Berta Lou Hildebrand* ”

October 05, 2023 at 05:41 PM



“ *Berta Lou Hildebrand* ”

December 20, 2022 at 10:20 AM

CK

“ I am sorry that I could not be there today for the services for my cousin, Berta Lou. We had many wonderful times together as we were growing up with big family dinners at Christmas and Thanksgiving and summer dinners at Bennett Springs. We spent many hours playing with our cousins at Grandma Hildebrand's house, and also made a "cruise" or two around Fisher's High Boy when we were in high school. Although our paths crossed less when we were older, we still enjoyed visiting at family events and Lone Rock decoration. The obituary was a great tribute to Berta, and we extend our deepest sympathy to you, her immediate family and her close network of friends. Cherish the memories of Berta Lou as you move forward.

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**connie king** - April 03, 2014 at 05:39 PM

LR

“ Played ball with Berta. She was a really sweet person.

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**Linda Reynolds** - April 02, 2014 at 09:03 PM

KD

“ Jan, Jill & Angie, so sorry for your loss.. I loved Berta. Kae and I have had numerous conversation about Berta, and know she was always so brave and loved her kids more than anything in the world.. you were so lucky to have her for a Mother.. God Bless you all as you go forward in your lives.. Stay sweet.. ?

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**Kathy Dixon** - April 02, 2014 at 07:05 PM

KS

“ So sorry I can't be there but you are all in my prayers. Berta was a good friend. I went to see her a few times but not enough. I will be thinking about you. Never put off till tomorrow what you can do today. Love Karen

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**karen (Busby) Stewart** - April 02, 2014 at 05:41 PM

LV

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this time of another loss in your lives. Stay strong and lean on each other during the difficult days ahead. We love you girls.

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**Loren & Vivian** - April 02, 2014 at 01:04 PM

KB

“ Jan, Jill and Angie, I remember so many good time s with your Mom....we had so many laughs and so many good times together, whether on the ball field, kidnapping her on her birthday and just sharing good stories and laughter. Berta had such a fun spirit and a beautiful smile. She was so proud of your family and the love you shared. Her beautiful smile is in Heaven now rejoicing her new life.

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**Karen Bowler** - April 01, 2014 at 09:57 PM

SH

“ Berta I remember you as a joy filled fun person who made an impression on me and my life. The world will miss you, but Heaven has gained one more wonderful soul. In my heart forever.

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**Shirley Jean Haworth** - April 01, 2014 at 05:44 PM

CW

“ Jann, What a beautiful memorial written to honor your mother. My heart and prayers extend to you and your family during this time of sorrow. All my Love, Casey

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**Casey Warner** - April 01, 2014 at 04:41 PM

LS

“ Berta Lou Hildebrand

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**Lena Schmidt** - April 01, 2014 at 04:19 PM

BS

“ I REMEMBER MEETING MS.BERTA SHE WAS SO NICE I WAS ACTING VERY SILLY AND MAKING HER LAUGH I'M SURE SHE SAID JANN YOUR FRIEND IS SO GOOFY HOWEVER SHE WAS ALWAYS NICE TO ME I KNOW SHE IS IN HEAVEN WITH THE ONE'S THAT SHE LOVED DEEPLY WHO WENT BEFORE HER R.I.P. MS BERTA PLEASE TELL JEFF I LOVE HIM AND MISS HIM DEEPLY.

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**BRENDA SWEARINGIN** - April 01, 2014 at 02:33 PM

JW

“ I will miss you terribly Berta. We had so many good times and you were always there for me when I needed a friend and somewhere to go. Rest in peace my dear friend and I will see you again. God bless your family in this time of sorrow.

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**Jan West** - April 01, 2014 at 02:27 PM

BJ

“ I have wonderful memories of teenage sleepovers both at my house and with Berta' My parents loved her. I wish we had stayed in touch. I would have considered it a privilege to remain her friend.

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**Brenda Prater Jackson** - April 01, 2014 at 09:42 AM

MR

“ You family are in my thoughts are prayers.  
I believe that imagination is stronger than knowledge. That myth is more potent than history. That dreams are more powerful than facts. That hope always triumphs over experience. That laughter is the only cure for grief. And I believe that love is stronger than death.  
Robert Fulghum

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**Michele Roberts** - March 31, 2014 at 12:33 AM