



Gwendolyn Elaine Berestecki

January 17, 1952 - February 28, 2024

Gwendolyn Elaine Berestecki, age 72, of Fort Myers, FL passed away unexpectedly and peacefully on Wednesday February 28, 2024 at home. Gwen was born on January 17, 1952, in Flint, Michigan. She attended technical college where she received her radiologic technologist certification and went on to work at Hurley Hospital in Flint during which time she met the love of her life and husband of nearly 50 years, John.

Gwen worked for 20 years for the Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh as a pediatric interventional radiologic technologist.

Gwen loved music, was a gifted vocalist, having sung with many choirs, including the Diocesan Choir of Pittsburgh, and vocal performance groups. She enjoyed and shared friendship and community through music in the many different cities in which she and John lived over the years before making Fort Myers their home.

She was the most excellent Gram to her grandchildren who will always remember her for singing and dancing, countless crafts and games, teaching them to cook and bake, garden and swim. There was never a dull moment with Gram.

In recent years, Gwen became a formidable and avid tennis player captaining and playing on many teams throughout Lee County. Her joy for the game and the impact that she made in the tennis community was far reaching. She was also a ruthless Scrabblor and took no prisoners when playing Uno regardless of the opponent.

Incomparable wife and partner, steadfast mother, devoted grandmother and amazing friend, Gwen was truly one of a kind, an exceptional person and the world was a better place with her in it.

She is survived by her husband John, daughters Thais and Bethany, grandchildren John, Zoe, Lane, Elowen and Juliette.

Abiding by her wishes, no services are planned. Because of her involvement in the local tennis community donations in her memory can be made to Lee County Community Tennis Association - payable to LCCTA P.O. Box 07118, Fort Myers, FL 33919.

Tribute Wall

WD

“ wendy dingwall lit a candle in memory of Gwendolyn Berestecki



wendy dingwall - March 09, 2024 at 10:02 PM

WD

“ I saw Gwen the day before she died....at her last match. We chatted briefly and she was as vivacious and gregarious as ever. She was happy and smiling. I took it for granted that i would see her around the courts for many years to come as she was just so full of life.....Gwen was a team mate and an opponent but was always gracious and kind on both sides of the net. She was one of the "good ones" and her absence is already keenly missed by the tennis community. My deepest sympathies to John and to the family....Gwen was special.

wendy dingwall - March 09, 2024 at 10:01 PM



“ I will always remember Gwen's energy and positivity. She was an amazing woman and will be sorely missed by ALL (except her tennis opponents LOL). I had the pleasure of playing with her on a combo USTA team about 2 years ago, when I was new to the HP community. She was a supportive tennis partner and taught me how to stand up for myself on the court.

Michelle

Michelle Rogers - March 07, 2024 at 08:07 AM

JK

“ I am so sorry to hear of Gwen's death. You were good neighbors to my Mom and Gwen and I did some singing at Holy Family Church many years ago. May God give you comfort and peace.

Judith (Pocivanik) Koveleskie - March 05, 2024 at 04:54 PM

GB

“ Your beautiful voice will always be remembered by me!! Germaine

Germaine Brennan - March 05, 2024 at 09:22 AM

JH

“ May peace and love be with Gwen's family, and may their memories be comforting as they grieve the loss.

Jerry Hoover - March 05, 2024 at 06:27 AM

SU

“ One of my best memories of Gwen is when we were doubles partners one season for combo league. We played 4 straight matches without a win. She kept apologizing as if it were all her fault. Crazy girl. I missed plenty of shots too. We finally pulled it all together and won the next match. We screamed and hugged and laughed and cried. It was one of the best wins ever. Gwen always was such a great friend, helping me find players for the round robin league, weather reports at HP on tennis nights. She was always humble of her own playing prowess. She was a beautiful person on and off the court. We will miss her greatly.

Sue - March 04, 2024 at 08:52 PM

CO

Gwen's deep belly laughter would explode on the court and one would have to be carried along with the laughter. She was a humble but tough tennis player and always supportive teammate. Prayers and intentions sent to her dear family whom she loved with all her heart. Condolences to all of you.

Cathy A O'Neill - March 06, 2024 at 06:04 PM

SB

“ Steve Barry planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gwendolyn Elaine Berestecki.

Steve Barry - March 04, 2024 at 05:32 PM

SB

“ Steve Barry purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Gwendolyn Elaine Berestecki.



Steve Barry - March 04, 2024 at 05:32 PM

CA

“ Cathy lit a candle in memory of Gwendolyn Berestecki



Cathy - March 04, 2024 at 02:24 PM

SK

“ John, loved you guys coming to our home and sharing Antiques with us. Your daughter Thais has also kept West Newton on her mind and helped my favorite place The West Newton Library. Please accept my condolences on the loss of a beautiful person
Sandy Kuch

Sandra Kuch - March 04, 2024 at 01:38 PM

ML

“ Sorry to hear of Gwen's passing. May she rest in peace. Sympathy to the family. Marilynne Berestecki Libbos

marilynne libbos - March 04, 2024 at 12:20 PM