



Beverly Ann (Zakrzewski) Rubeck

June 13, 1939 - December 5, 2024

It is with heavy hearts that we share the passing of Beverly Ann (Zakrzewski) Rubeck into Eternal Life. Beverly was born June 13, 1939, in Holyoke, to the late John and Florence (Bey) Zakrzewski. Beverly grew up in the city of Holyoke, graduating with honors from Holyoke High School in 1957. She married Glenn Rubeck in September 1961. They shared 58 loving years of marriage together before his passing in 2019.

Forever a competitive athlete, she was an avid sports enthusiast all throughout her life. In her youth, she was a formidable opponent as a lefty pitcher for Little League and was featured in a newspaper article as the first girl to be included in this all-boys sport in Holyoke. Although she enjoyed playing many sports, she earned respect in the local tennis circuit as a USTA-ranked player, competing in leagues with dearest friends. On the tennis courts Bev shone, wanting to win—but always wanting to have fun. Her teammates were always friends

first—and competitors second. She held her friends very close to her heart, sharing her sense of humor and love for fun with them. And don't forget her boisterous laugh! Her adventures with longtime friend Penny are legendary and cherished.

She is well-known for her decades of service at Agway Lawn and Garden where she was formally honored for her excellence in sales of appliances and power equipment. Beverly embraced her Catholic faith and was a communicant of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church. She held dear to her Polish

heritage: the food, the Polka, Dobrze!

Beverly is loved by her family. She leaves behind her son, Glenn D. Rubeck, and her daughter, Joanne Brown and husband Christopher Brown. She leaves her brother, John Zak and his wife Kathy, sister Joan Colthart and husband Glenn, and sisters-in-law Lorraine and June. She leaves her grandchildren, Michael Rubeck, Lillian, Vanessa, Christopher, and Joseph Brown and great-grand daughters Sofia and Jalani. She leaves nieces Aleta, Laurie, Deanne, Louise, Gwen, and Kim. She leaves nephews, Tim, Daryl, Scott as well as cousins and beloved friends.

Calling hours will be Friday, December 13th from 4-7 PM at the DROZDAL FUNERAL HOME OF NORTHAMPTON. Funeral will be Saturday, December 14th, at 9 AM from the Drozdal Funeral Home with a Mass of Christian Burial at the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, 99 King St., Northampton at 10 AM. Burial will be at a later date in St. Mary's Cemetery in Northampton.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Beverly's memory Linda Manor Extended Care Facility, c/o Patients Activity Fund, 349 Haydenville Rd., Leeds, MA 01053. For more information, or to leave the family a personal condolence, please visit Drozdalfuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

Calling Hours

DEC **13.** 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Drozdal Funeral Home
120 Damon Rd.
Northampton, MA 01060

Funeral

DEC **14.** 9:00 AM (ET)

Drozdal Funeral Home
120 Damon Rd.
Northampton, MA 01060
drozdalfh@aol.com
<http://Drozdalfuneralhome.com>

Church

DEC **14.** 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish
99 King St.
Northampton, MA 01060

Tribute Wall



“ *Best ever sisterinlaw any man could have!!
Glenn Colthart*

Glenn colthart - April 02 at 01:58 PM



“ *My heartfelt condolences to the family. I will always remember Beverly's cheerful kindness when I would come over to play with Joanne. She always made me feel welcome in her home.*

December 13, 2024 at 06:32 PM



“ *Dear Glenn & Joanne,*

We just wanted to extend our sincerest sympathies to you and your family at this heartbreaking time with the loss of your mother. We were so very sad to hear of her passing. Your mom and your dad brought all of us, at various times over the years, so much joy and precious conversations. Your mom was a hoot and a half with her stories, and her laugh was absolute perfection! Sending love, light, and hugs to you all today and all the days ahead as you navigate forward with all of those special memories that can never be erased. Also, it was soooooo wonderful running into to you and your mom at Blue Bonnet awhile back!

With much love, Flo, Mark, & Carla Simeone

Carla M. Simeone Kone - December 13, 2024 at 12:33 PM

LP

“ My fun-loving wonderful "Auntie Bevie" was also my godmother. What a hoot she always was! Always the one to take on the kids for a backyard game of...anything. My best and fondest memories are of Thanksgivings in Northampton on Olive St! She was a helluva gal. And she'll be missed for sure. Love you -- Louise "Lou" (Colthart) Pederson in Minnesota.

Lou Pederson - December 12, 2024 at 06:37 PM

GZ

“ Our deepest condolences to your family at the passing of Bev. We had a lot of fun times joking around together. She had a beautiful soul and my wife and I would run into her around Northampton from time to time and always have a great conversation. We are both very sorry for your loss.



Gregory Zakrzewski
Moncks Corner, SC

Gregory Zakrzewski - December 11, 2024 at 09:13 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Beverly Ann (Zakrzewski) Rubeck.

December 11, 2024 at 01:32 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Beverly Ann (Zakrzewski) Rubeck.*



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“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Beverly Ann (Zakrzewski) Rubeck.

December 11, 2024 at 01:05 PM



“ *Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Beverly Ann (Zakrzewski) Rubeck.*



December 11, 2024 at 01:05 PM



“ *She was an athlete I admired even as a child. I also admired her clear opinion /take on things. Always positive. My earliest memory of her was her riding her bicycle to visit us on Orchard Street, her son, maybe 2yo I'm guessing, bouncing along behind her on a bike seat. This was in the 1960s, not a commonplace sight on the streets of Hamp at the time.
We will miss her.*

Daryl Delisle - December 10, 2024 at 11:29 AM

HO

“ I am sorry to hear of Beverly's passing. I can attest to her competitive spirit: we played on the same Northampton Rec basketball team in the early 1980s. While a skilled player and fierce competitor, she cared more about having fun and being part of a team. Godspeed, Bev.
Holly

Holly - December 10, 2024 at 09:38 AM

JJ

“ Johnny & Joan purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Beverly Ann (Zakrzewski) Rubeck.



Johnny & Joan - December 08, 2024 at 11:13 AM

JJ

“ Johnny & Joan planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Beverly Ann (Zakrzewski) Rubeck.

Johnny & Joan - December 08, 2024 at 11:13 AM