



Beverly Crossley Burton

May 18, 1926 - January 23, 2016

Beverly Crossley Burton, 89, passed away with family by her side, January 23, 2016, at Albany Medical Center after a brief illness.

Born on May 18, 1926 in Mayfield, NY, Beverly was the daughter of the late James J. Crossley and Alice (Sweet) (Crossley) Bailey, and predeceased by her older sister Elaine (Richard) Olson. Beverly was the Mayfield High School Salutatorian from the graduating class of 1943. Beverly earned degrees in English and Business from Albany State University in 1947. In 1969 she earned a Masters in teaching from Russell Sage College. In 1947 Beverly married her high school sweetheart, and fellow classmate, Mayfield High School Valedictorian, Gordon W. Burton. Since 1968 Beverly has resided in her hometown of Mayfield, NY.

Beverly's calling was to teach and she finished her long career in 1988, after teaching fourth grade at Mayfield Elementary for 20 years. Her students continued to fondly remember and recognize her throughout her life.

Beverly is a member of the Mayfield Presbyterian Church, Mayfield Historical Society, Bannertown Seniors, Broadalbin Seniors, Knit Witz Crafting Group, Gloversville Division of the Red Hat Society; Mayfield Retired Teachers and a valued member of the Sweet Family Reunion Planning. She was very proud of the Sweet Crossing Historical Marker that was dedicated July 31, 2015 at the

site of her great-grandparents Levi & Zeruah Sweet Farm in Cranberry Creek, NY. In 1960 she served as the President of the League of Women Voters in Oneida, NY.

Beverly enjoyed cooking, baking, decorating, entertaining, crafting, Bridge and other games, cross words, word jumbles, reading, golf, playing piano and keyboard, traveling, shopping, lunch and dinner dates and most of all, spending time with family and friends.

Beverly will be greatly missed by her daughters Cheryl (Charles) Conover of Scotia, NY and Molly (Charles) Hoffman of Swampscott MA, granddaughter Nicole (Ronald) DeLorenzo of Johnstown NY, step-grandson Steven (Gillian) Conover of Schenectady, NY, and her three great-granddaughters, Stephanie and Kayla DeLorenzo and Paige Conover; cousins, nephews and many close friends.

At Beverly's request, there will be no service. Interment will be at the Mayfield Cemetery in the spring. Family and friends will be gathering for a celebration and remembrance of Beverly's life at the Harold's Restaurant & Lounge, 176 West Fulton St. Gloversville, NY at noon on Sunday January 31. In lieu of flowers please send donations to the Mayfield Historical Society PO Box 715, Mayfield NY 12117 or to a charity of your choosing. Online condolences may be made at www.amicofuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Mayfield Cemetery

Mayfield, NY

Tribute Wall

JR

“ Molly, a great educator who raised worldly daughters with same values, god bless ,John Reynolds.

john reynolds - October 25, 2020 at 09:53 PM

CD

“ Cherry, your mom was a terrific woman! Paige's birthday parties won't be the same without her.

candace deisley - February 01, 2016 at 12:43 PM



Cheryl Conover

Thank you Candy, we will definitely miss her at Paige's birthday parties.

Cheryl Conover - February 04, 2016 at 09:01 AM



Bob Brennis

I was a guest in her home in Penfield almost 40 years ago, as Cherry and I played Yatzy. She would bring us drinks and cookies and always was joyful and welcoming. She is a special soul.
Bob Brennis

Bob Brennis - February 04, 2016 at 09:09 PM

CC

Thanks Bob Brennis. She loved you and was always glad to see you!
Me too!

Cheryl Conover - February 05, 2016 at 09:30 PM

Cheryl
Conover

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Cheryl Conover - January 29, 2016 at 06:22 PM

AL

“ Al and Lynne purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Beverly Crossley Burton.



Al and Lynne - January 29, 2016 at 12:37 PM

MM

“ Molly and family: I just read your mom's obituary so sad. May you be bless with many loving memories as you know she was a wonderful mom. I have many fond memories of the times we spent together on Woodside Ave! My thoughts and prayers are with you. Melissa Hart Mazzarelli

Melissa Mazzarelli - January 29, 2016 at 12:04 PM

Cheryl
Conover

Thank you from Molly and Cherry.

Cheryl Conover - January 29, 2016 at 05:56 PM

KM

“ I am so sorry to hear of Mrs. Burton's passing. She was a wonderful teacher and beautiful and caring person. She had a warmth and compassion that I remember to this day.

Kim Hart McClary - January 29, 2016 at 08:20 AM



Thank you for your fond rememberances Kim. That's so nice that you still remember her as a teacher.

Cheryl Conover - January 29, 2016 at 05:58 PM

AB

“ Bev and I are first cousins, but also friends who have that special bond of family that ties you closely together. I will miss her very much! I have so many great memories of her; one of my first is of her wedding. It was the first wedding I was allowed to attend and I'll never forget the awesome hush when she came down the aisle. As you can imagine, she was absolutely beautiful. It took everyone's breath away. And that is Bev—beautiful on the outside and just as beautiful on the inside. My prayers are with you: Cherry, Molly, and Nicole. May God hug you tightly and give you His peace. Love.....
Cousin Ann B.



Ann Beltran - January 29, 2016 at 07:45 AM



Ann we love you. Thank you for sharing your memories of mom and dad's wedding. Nicole is a picture of their wedding on a picture board.

Cheryl Conover - January 29, 2016 at 06:00 PM

GK

“ Cheryl and family,
I want to extend my sincere condolences to your family in the loss of your mom. She was my neighbor for as long as I can remember and she often called on my boys to come down and do the little odd jobs that she couldn't do. I really enjoyed seeing her go by in her daily run with the car and wave with a big smile. She was definitely a very classy lady and will be missed by all her neighbors.
Gloria, David and Todd Klymkow

Gloria Klymkow - January 28, 2016 at 06:24 PM



She appreciated David and Todd helping her out. She knew that she could always count on them. Thank you for sharing these memories and sentiments.

Cheryl Conover - January 29, 2016 at 06:03 PM

CS

“ Cherry, Nicole & family,
I want to express my deepest sympathy. There are simply no words. My thoughts and prayers are with you all! ?
Love,
Carol & Tim

Carol Stearns - January 28, 2016 at 04:17 PM



Thank you Carol and Tim, my favorite Lake George Polar Bears!

Cheryl Conover - January 29, 2016 at 06:05 PM

MB

“ I am very sorry to hear of the passing of Bev. I taught at the elementary school with her and always remember her words of wisdom as a new teacher there! She always had the most beautiful hair and smile! Her love of teaching was obvious. My thoughts and prayers go out to her family. Maxine Kuebaugh Bellows

Maxine Kuebaugh Bellows - January 28, 2016 at 02:36 PM



This is wonderful to hear. How loved and respected she was a teacher who shared words of wisdom. Her style and smile were a big part of her personality.

Cheryl Conover - January 29, 2016 at 06:09 PM

ME

“ Sorry to hear of Mrs Burton passing great person, awesome teacher , and a good friend to all . I had her as a forth grade teacher very caring and loved her students. She will be surely missed by all that knew her a great person

Michael ellis - January 28, 2016 at 12:40 PM



What a beautiful memory of her being an awesome teacher, great person and a caring friend. Thank you for sharing this with us.

Cheryl Conover - January 29, 2016 at 06:11 PM

Lynn Handy

“ I'm so sorry to hear of Mrs.Burtonts passing, she was a beautiful lady inside and out...I am Pearl's granddaughter Lynn. My deepest sympathy....

Lynn Handy - January 28, 2016 at 11:35 AM



Thanks cousin Lynn. 💕

Cheryl Conover - January 28, 2016 at 12:18 PM

DB

“ I had Mrs. Burton in 4th grade. I absolutely loved her! She read us *The Chronicles of Narnia, The lion, witch and the wardrobe*, at the end of each day. I remember I couldn't wait to hear her read the story each day. As an adult, I would frequently run into her at *Hannaford or House of Pizza*. I always told her she never aged. She had a timeless beauty. I was one of the lucky ones to have had her as my teacher. We were all blessed to have had our lives touched by such a wonderful women. She is irreplaceable! My condolences to her family.

Darlene Bornt - January 28, 2016 at 11:28 AM



Thank you Darlene for sharing these rememberances. I'm happy to hear this.

Cheryl Conover - January 28, 2016 at 12:13 PM

KD

I never met Mrs. Burton in person. But, her daughter, Cherry Conover, was my supervisor at the Tax Department. We subsequently became friends. I know from Facebook pictures & other postings from Cherry, just how much she was loved by her family & friends. I envied her active lifestyle, since my own mother, is in a nursing home. I'll always remember Charlie saying that Cherry & her mom were the first human clones. Both elegant & beautiful. To all of Beverly's friends & family, I'm sorry for your loss. She sounds like a remarkable woman.

Karen Dinardi - January 28, 2016 at 01:37 PM



so sorry Cherry, your mother was a beautiful, classy lady, just like her daughter Cherry

Dale Wintermute - January 28, 2016 at 03:47 PM



Cherry's mother Bev was a "young mom" and a lot of fun. She bought candy and drove a powder blue Mustang with a white interior. They always looked like such a happy family. My condolences to you and Molly, Cherry.

Anne Weadon - January 28, 2016 at 04:18 PM



So sorry to hear of this great lady's passing. I express my sympathies to her family and friends.

Heather Esposito - January 28, 2016 at 05:40 PM



So sorry to learn about this loss, Beverly was an amazing lady. Dad, Daniel Crossley Beverly's uncle thought the world of her, brother Jack still has Beverly's baby dish that was given to mom for Jack to use when he was born. Beverly thought the world of everyone and will be missed.

Fay Crossley - January 29, 2016 at 04:51 AM



I was saddened to hear of Mrs. Burton passing. She was a great lady and hands down my favorite teacher ! Thankfully, I had the opportunity to tell her just that, when I ran into her a few years back while shopping.

Cherry ,Molly(and family), I hope knowing that your Mom touched and inspired so many throughout her life, will help you through this difficult time. My sincere condolences.

Todd Blodgett

Todd Blodgett - January 29, 2016 at 07:34 AM

MR

*To Molly and family,
Mrs. Burton was my 4th grade teacher at Mayfield. I have very fond memories of her. One story I still tell, is the time I went up to her desk to ask her a question and started the question with "Mom?" I was so embarrassed but I think, by her smile, she found it amusing. She was a great teacher and a great influence in my life. In later years, I was friends with Molly which allowed me to stay in close contact through my years growing up. Thank you Mrs. Burton for being there at a time when all of us needed you. Thank you to her family for sharing her beautiful soul.*

*Mark Retersdorf
Lake Havasu City, AZ*


Mark Retersdorf - January 29, 2016 at 07:44 AM

 Cheryl
Conover

Thank you Karen, Ann, Dale, Heather, Fay and Mark for your sharing your thoughts, stories, memories and condolences. We appreciate it so much.

Cherry and Molly

Cheryl Conover - January 29, 2016 at 06:17 PM

 Cheryl
Conover

Thank you to Todd too!

Cherry & Molly

Cheryl Conover - January 29, 2016 at 06:18 PM

NB

I know you don't know me but i feel like I know you. I worked for Bev for a few years and she talked about her family all the time. I took her to her last appointment and there she accepted my fb friendship. I miss her deeply. Nancy

Nancy Bowers - January 30, 2016 at 08:27 AM

KC

Bev Burton was always a classy lady. My Aunt Sadie often talked about her, especially when she was a young child. She and my Grandfather Dan loved her. Apparently she saved Dad on his first day at school helping him get to his homeroom. I thought she was always gracious inviting me into her home when I stopped by to catch up on Molly. She always reminded me of Doris Day.

Kent Crossley - January 31, 2016 at 05:15 PM

TN

Thank you Cherry and Molly for such a warm welcome yesterday at your Mom's special gathering. I could hardly get to sleep last night because I was so excited about about being with my family that I hadn't seen for so long. Dad (Jack) took me down memory lane for the 1.5 hour trip each way to the gathering. Then I saw the faces painted with joy and highlighted with the Crossley genetics. It was fantastic. May God bless you all.

Bev (Mrs. Burton) was my 4th grade teacher, too. I was only supposed to call her Mrs. Burton, so she will always be that to me. I knew she was my cousin, but wasn't supposed to show it. I secretly had a special love for her. I trust Mrs. Burton, Mom, Bev, knows we were all blessed yesterday.

Teri Crossley Niedzielski accompanied by Jack Crossley

Teri Crossley Niedzielski - February 01, 2016 at 09:24 AM



Cheryl
Conover

Thank you Nancy, I know how you will miss her and how important your friendship was to her.

Thank you Kent for your fond remembrances. She loved Aunt Sadie, her long nearly floor length hair, her flower and vegetable gardens and her beautiful slide photographs. I loved her dill beans. Bev was cute like Doris Day.

Terri and Jack, thank you for making the long trip to see us again at mom's gathering. We were delighted to see you again after all these years. My grandpa James Crossley has been gone 60 years, yet the ties still hold us together. I appreciate Terri how you remember the teacher side of mom and the stories of you in her class room.

Cheryl Conover - February 04, 2016 at 09:19 AM

BA

Molly and family: So sorry to hear about the passing of your mom. I was able to talk to her often when she came to the Post Office. She would always have a smile and cheerful word to say. After I told her of our connection from working at Sub N Sundae Junction she would keep me up to date on how you were doing. She will be missed by the Mayfield community and her family.

Bill and Cheryl Andrist

Bill Andrist - February 15, 2016 at 08:54 PM