



Beverly J. Mathis (Baker)

January 8, 1950 - September 2, 2017

Dr. Beverly J Mathis (Baker) D.O. slipped peacefully away surrounded by her family September 2nd, 2017. Born on November 8th, 1950 in Tulsa at the Oklahoma Osteopathic Hospital, Beverly grew up in Tulsa with her family. She graduated from Edison High School, Class of 1968 and then met Frank Mathis while the both of them worked together at Oklahoma Osteopathic Hospital 1969. She attended Drury College and graduated from the University of Oklahoma with a Bachelor of Health in 1973. She married Frank Mathis in December of 1972 at St. John's Episcopal Church in Tulsa.

Beverly went on to attend Oklahoma State University's College of Osteopathic Medicine. She graduated in 1981 and went on to specialize in her cherished field of Nephrology. She practiced medicine until July of 2017 when she retired. She gave service to the Tulsa Health Department as both a board member and Chairman of the Board 1995-2015. She was also the first female Chief of Staff in North Eastern Oklahoma when she took the reins in 1994-1995 at Tulsa Regional Medical Center. She was awarded Attending Physician of the Year from the Internal Medicine Residents in 2017, Physician of the Year from the Osteopathic Founders Foundation in 2000, Nephrologist of the Year from the National Kidney Foundation Oklahoma Chapter in 2000 and 'Everyday Hero' Tulsa Chapter of the American Red Cross in 2001.

Dr. Mathis had a passion unlike most in her field of choice. She truly loved medicine and teaching. As these two combined she threaded a foundation of teachable moments between her own family and her medical family. Following

in the footsteps of her late grandfather Dr. C.D. "Pop" Heasley D.O., the first Osteopathic licensed Physician in Oklahoma, Dr. Mathis bravely advocated for her patients and the people whom she worked with for many years.

She had two children, Molly and Andrew whom she loved dearly. She has a granddaughter, Ruby, whom she cherished every moment with while either reading, dressing up as princesses, or watching movies together. She and Frank both loved gardening, being with family, and her animals. She enjoyed her morning routines of reading medical journals, coffee and solitaire.

She was preceded in death by her parents Gus & Betty Baker and sister Sue Ann Killerlain. She is survived by her husband Frank Mathis, son Andrew Mathis, daughter Molly & wife Lisa Merrell, and granddaughter Ruby Merrell. Brenda Haesloop, Kiley & wife Megan Korn, sons Ayden and Benjamin, Kristin & husband Tom Zanca, son Brock, daughters Taylor, Ally, and Jessica. Sister Martha Hauser. Frank and Sarah Baker, daughter Loretta & husband Adam Boyette. Jim Killerlain, Heather & husband Jamie Nagel, sons Conner and Logan, daughter Ashton, Ben & wife Pam Killerlain, son Pierce, daughters Anna Kate & Claire, Grant Killerlain, daughter Tori, son Gage.

Services will be at St. John's Episcopal Church at 4200 S. Atlanta Place, Tulsa, Oklahoma at 9 AM Saturday September 9th, 2017.

In lue of flowers please donate to the John 3:16 Mission or the VFW. She also would love for people to spend time gardening. It was one of her many loves and the bounty is plentiful.

Tribute Wall

MM

“ Dr. Mathis was my Granny's Nephrologist and my granny thought the world of her. She was a beautiful person inside and out. My Granny always wore bright red lipstick. Granny had finally been transferred to a regular room after several nights in ICU. Dr Mathis came in and said "Well Mary has her red lipstick on, she is feeling better." What a very small thing but it meant a lot to me because it told me that she truly knew my Granny. My heart aches for Dr Mathis' family and friends. I am so very sorry.

Melody Murray - September 09, 2017 at 08:18 AM

SH

“ Dr. Mathis was one of my doctors, and I must say she was such a nice person. Always could tell she really cared about me, would listen to me. She had a great sense of humor. My deepest condolences to her family. She will definitely be missed.

Sherry Harmon

Sherrilyn Harmon - September 08, 2017 at 04:49 PM

TF

“ The Chichester Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Beverly J. Mathis (Baker).



The Chichester Family - September 08, 2017 at 12:50 PM

SK

“ Dr. Mathis was a tremendous presence when I worked with her at Fresenius Dialysis North and South. She expected a lot from us, I was a social worker. She wasn't easy at first, but after a while, she let down her guard around me and I appreciated her and respected her. She was special. Blessings to her family and loved ones.



Suzanne Kacmarcik, LSCW

Suzanne Kacmarcik - September 07, 2017 at 08:44 PM

GS

“ I knew Beverly when I worked at the Osteopathic College and always enjoyed her intelligence and quick wit. I am so very sorry for your loss.

Sincerely,

Ginny DeMerritt Schumpert

Ginny Schumpert - September 07, 2017 at 07:36 PM

OA

“ OSU-CHS Alumni Association purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of Beverly J. Mathis (Baker).



OSU-CHS Alumni Association - September 07, 2017 at 05:17 PM

TD

“ *Dr Mathis was one of the best. A fighter who never gave up on herself or her patients To watch first hand how she cared for them and to hear how much they cared and loved her as well was priceless. She was a great mentor and never gave up on me when I knew nothing of Nephrology. Thank you Dr Mathis for being You! Unique in everyway. One of a kind.*



Tressa Deatherage - September 07, 2017 at 01:59 PM

SD

“ *Dr. Mathis is amazing doctor. She was always positive and very supportive of my Mother. She would always doing something kind to help my Mother and I want to take this opportunity to thank her for this.*

My condolecenes to the family and may Dr. Mathis rest in peace.

*Thanks again,
Sally Corwin Daniel*

Sally Daniel - September 07, 2017 at 10:13 AM

TR

“ *Dr Mathis would bring her patients snacks. I remember a teenager....a drink and rice krispies treat. She was amazing with her patients and staff. I am so sorry for your loss. I don't know circumstances, but i hope she enjoyed time off as much as she was able with whatever was happening. God bless all her family.*



Tammy Harrington RN - September 07, 2017 at 12:56 AM

JA

“ Beverly sure did fight the good fight. I was so impressed how she kept working all thru her surgeries and treatments. I would see her and Frank at the Johnson's annual Christmas party and she was always upbeat and cheerful. She mpressed me a lot as she was a knowledgeable, competent doctor. I didnt know her grandpa was an osteopathic doctor until I read her obituary. Hugs and prayers to Frank and her kids. Janice Allyn

janice allyn - September 06, 2017 at 09:05 PM

LM

“ Dr. Mathis was a great doctor and friend to me for the last 17 years, she will be greatly missed. My thoughts and prayers are with the family.

Lesa Miller - September 06, 2017 at 06:26 PM



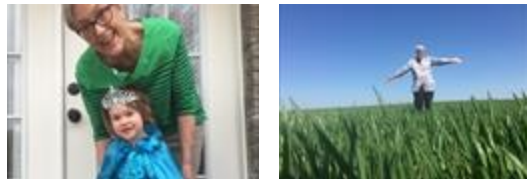
“ Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Beverly J. Mathis (Baker).



September 06, 2017 at 02:33 PM

CP

“ 2 files added to the album Dr. Beverly J. Mathis



Charlie Pollard - September 06, 2017 at 01:49 PM

CD

Beverly was the daughter of "Pop" Heasley, Bless her sweet heart. None finer, and loved by all....

CarsonTodd, D.O. - September 11, 2017 at 11:51 AM

MS

I just now know of the death of Dr. Beverly Mathis. I worked with Dr. Mathis for several years and highly respected her and her skills as a physician. She was also a very kind and caring person and was appreciated.

Mary Siemens - May 06, 2021 at 03:37 AM

RT

I don't know how I missed this. All these years, I never knew she has passed. I knew Dr. Mathis when I was a new phlebotomist at OOH. She was so kind to everybody. My dad knew her pretty well, he was a physician at OOH as well, he loved and respected her so much, he told me that not only was she a brilliant physician, she was just an amazing and caring person. God bless Dr. Mathis and all of her family.

Richard Todd

Richard Todd - August 11, 2025 at 11:58 PM