



Dr. Lucille Beisner

January 25, 1926 - December 23, 2021

NEW PARIS, Ohio – Dr. Lucille Beisner passed from the haven of her home on December 23, 2021, at the glorious age of almost 96 years, and has become a bright star in Heaven, peacefully reunited with her beloved husband of 68 years, Paul.

Lucille and Paul were married in 1947 at the former Reid Memorial Presbyterian Church. Their union cultivated rich humanities through their mutual appreciation of agriculture, art, science, and spirituality.

Together they raised two sons, Kent (Kendra) Beisner and Craig (Carolyn) Beisner, and one daughter, Karen. Seven grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren embody these legacies.

Graduating with Paul from Earlham College in 1947, Lucille earned her master's degree from Miami University in Ohio and her doctorate from Ball State University.

Her illustrious career in education spanned over six decades and included serving as a college professor, a role in which she remained actively working until recently. As a respected published author, Lucille articulated her love of words, history, and art.

Dr. Beisner founded the RCS LOGOS program for Gifted and Talented students in 1983. She dedicated her many skills and deep commitment to serving the unique needs of gifted students until her retirement in 1999.

She imparted the intricacies and genius of gifted students nationally and internationally, advocating their innovation and creativity at educational conferences in Scotland, Germany, Sweden, Australia, Prague, United Kingdom, and Budapest.

Her avocation as church organist included over 40 years celebrating hymns and immaculate music for West Richmond Friends, where she and Paul were active members.

Lucille had been a steadfast adventurer and world traveler. In addition to her kind, sweet spirit, she was a risk taker and zealous about learning new concepts and ideologies. Lucille was the epitome of a profound critical and creative thinker, joining the ranks of Sappho, Epictetus, Rachel Carson, and James Joyce. She was an ace at problem solving and ingenious thinking. Lucille personified the ideals of an analytical, sophisticated, serene, polished, and respectful human being. She was a voracious reader. She was sublime. She was fun. She was exquisite. Her laughter was exuberant and joyful. She was a consummate seeker and holder of deep, radiant wisdom.

Proud of her Irish, Scottish, and American Indian heritage, Lucille cherished the beauty and intrigue of all cultures. She met life's challenges with strength, tenacity, and joy. Lucille remained guided by her ethical moral compass and her pioneer spirit as she successfully embraced her rigorous impossible dreams and championed others to follow their own brave odysseys.

Hero is almost too small of a word for her. She will be missed every single second of every day. But, as one of her favorite Irish bands soothingly sings, "In a word, don't shed a tear. I'm okay. I'm alright. Though I've gone from your life . . . just call my name, I'll come back down and sit beside your feet tonight. Wherever I am you will always be more than just a memory. You said that it would, now everything will be alright." (from "If I Ever Leave This World Alive" by Flogging Molly)

In honor of this grand and glorious lady, she would want you to start a long-awaited adventure; play music at full volume; serenely contemplate the complexities of science and the universe; dance and sing with wild abandon; raise a pint in salute to celebrating your soul; joyfully read an engaging book; amble peacefully through an enchanted forest; or cherish splendid, poignant art. Or make up your own imaginative, magical moment.

A private graveside service for Dr. Lucille Beisner will be held at the convenience of the family. Burial will be in Earlham Cemetery. Arrangements are being handled by Doan & Mills Funeral Home, 790 National Road West, Richmond.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to: Earlham College, Office of Alumni & Development for the Earlham College Fine Arts programs, Drawer 193, 801 National Road West, Richmond, IN 47374; Beisner Family Memorial Fund, c/o Wayne County Foundation, 33 South 7th Street, Suite 1, Richmond, IN 47374; or any art museum of your choice.

Condolences may be sent to the family via the guest book at www.doanmillsfuneralhome.c

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Cemetery

Earlham Cemetery

1101 National Road West

Richmond, IN, 47374

Comments



“ Dr. Beisner represented RCS on national and international stages over many years. Her single-minded purpose, bringing the best out of students, weathered the storms of educational fads that came and went. We're sorry for your loss.

Bill Doering - December 31, 2021 at 11:28 PM



“ Lucille Beisner was my sixth grade teacher at Glen Hills Elementary, and one of my favorite teachers. She was caring, creative and industrious. She impacted the lives of many in positive ways! My condolences to her family.....Pamela Beane VanVolkenburgh.

Pamela Beane VanVolkenburgh - December 30, 2021 at 03:58 PM



“ What a creative and innovative thinker we have lost. I remember fondly working with Lucille on numerous committees at RCS. You could always count on her to be thinking outside the box, to suggest creative and innovative solutions to problems, and her enthusiastic encouragement and support for all of us to do the same. If you worked with her, you could count on increasing your vocabulary, stretching your brain muscles, and laughing a lot. I miss seeing her and working with her. She was passionate about her work, and she truly cared for her students. My sincere condolences to all the family.

Dixie Robinson

Dixie Robinson - December 30, 2021 at 12:19 PM



“ Craig sorry to see the passing of your Mom. Our prayers from Linda and I will be for your family. It' hard to lose someone so dearly loved! Barry& Linda



Barry&Linda Jennings - December 30, 2021 at 07:30 AM



“ Sending prayers and condolences to all the family.
Dick, Sherry, Amy and LeighAnn



Sherry Kirschner - December 29, 2021 at 11:03 AM



“ Dear Family,

Lucille was a guidepost and role model for me in many ways. Perhaps most in having the courage to follow my convictions in several different arenas even when things got tough and many obstacles arose. She was one determined lady!!! My sincerest condolences to you all.

Sue Routson

Sue Routson - December 28, 2021 at 05:23 PM



“ Condolences to the family. I remember her fondly. What a wonderful life she led.
Linda Showalter

Linda Showalter - December 28, 2021 at 04:50 PM



“ Lucille was our sweet neighbor across the road. We wish we could have met her 50 years earlier. God's blessings to all of you.

Dave & Pam Flory - December 28, 2021 at 02:26 PM



“ Kent, so sorry to hear about your Mom's passing. Condolences to you, Kendra and your family.



Anne Wettig - December 28, 2021 at 01:33 PM



“ I loved my aunt Lucille very much. Love to my cousins and family who have lost her.

Lou Robinson - December 28, 2021 at 11:17 AM



“ Sarah Erbse Hellrung lit a candle in memory of Dr. Lucille Beisner



Sarah Erbse Hellrung - December 28, 2021 at 08:28 AM



“ I had the pleasure of working with Lucille at Baxter Elementary when she was Principal there. She cared so much about every student. She will be missed by everyone. RIP my dear friend.



Elaine - December 28, 2021 at 02:42 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time.

Bob Clark and the Staff of Doan & Mills - December 27, 2021 at 03:43 PM