



Beverly Havens

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Heaven gained another angel on Friday, August 15, 2025, when Beverly Havens, from Morrison, Illinois, went to be with her Lord.

Beverly was born in 1936 to Thyra (Thor) and William Gore of Clinton, Iowa. She was the eldest of three children, her brother Richard and sister Pauline preceded her in death.

Beverly graduated from Clinton High School in 1954 and attended Clinton Junior College and the University of Iowa. She met Thomas Havens in high school, where they became sweethearts, and they were married in 1956 at St. Stephens Church in Clinton, Iowa.

Following graduation, the couple were stationed at Fort Benning in Georgia and later at Fort Leonard Wood in Missouri. After military service, the couple returned to Clinton where Tom joined the family business at Clinton Lincoln Mercury. They soon welcomed their children Stacey Havens Melville (Cape Coral, FL) and Steve Havens (Wheaton, IL).

Over the years, Tom and Bev became world travelers, taking excursions through Central America, Europe, Australia, and New Zealand. They hold especially fond memories of friends with whom they travelled to various destinations and most especially on Barefoot Cruise sailing vessels in the Caribbean. Some of Beverly's adventures included white-water rafting in Alaska, riding a mechanical bull in Arizona (when she was age 70), dancing the Hula in Hawaii, drinking kava kava in Fiji, canoeing the Avon River in New Zealand, kissing the Blarney Stone in Ireland, viewing giant tortoises giving birth in Tobago, and riding the Chunnel from London to Paris. For nearly 20 years they wintered in Mesa, Arizona and Gulf Shores Alabama.

Over the years, Beverly worked as a school librarian, a teacher's aide, an accountant, and a preschool teacher. She volunteered her time with various community organizations, and she was a member and Chaplain of her local chapter of PEO. She, along with her family, were active members of St. Paul Lutheran Church for many years and most recently a member of Zion Lutheran Church.



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Beverly was the loving grandmother to Christopher (Tracy) Melville of Buckley, MI and Nicholas (Christina) Melville of Aurora, IL and was adored by her great-grandchildren Gavin, Braden, Camden, Ava, Sadie, and Maya.

Memorial Services will be 11:00am, Saturday, August 23, 2025 at the Clinton Chapel Snell-Zornig Funeral Homes & Crematory. Visitation will be from 10:00am to the service time at the funeral home Saturday. Burial will be in the Clinton Lawn Cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorials can be made to St. Judes or Wounded Warriors.



Events

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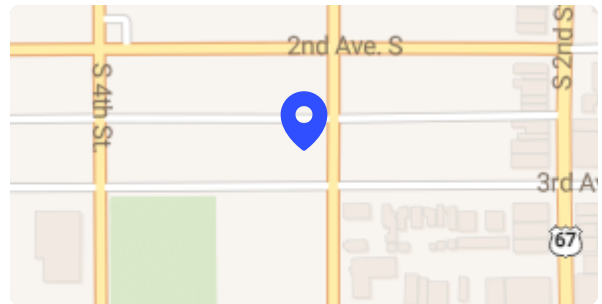
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Visitation

Saturday, August 23, 2025

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM CT

Snell-Zornig Funeral Home & Crematory, Clinton
302 Third Avenue South, Clinton IA 52732

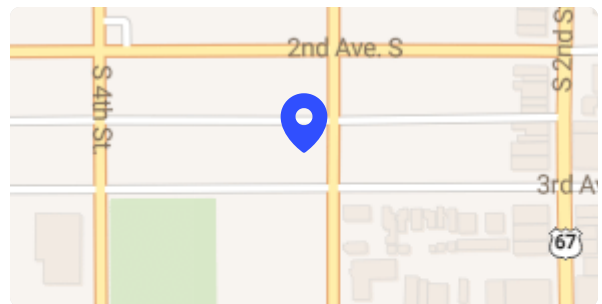


Memorial Service

Saturday, August 23, 2025

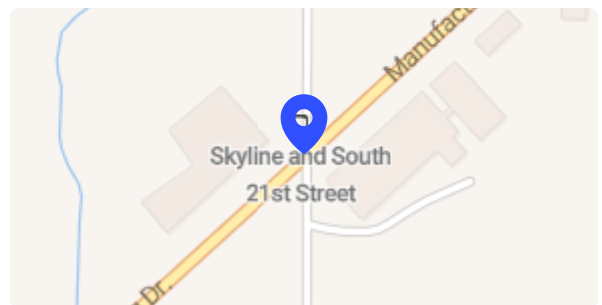
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Cemetery Details

Clinton Lawn Cemetery
2100 Manufacturing Drive, Clinton IA 52732





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MM

Maureen And Mike Miller posted:

So sorry to hear of Bev's passing. She was a kind and gentle soul with a feisty spirit, and beloved by all who knew her. She'll always live in the hearts of those who knew and loved her. Rest in peace, Bev. Until we meet again...

August 21 at 1:56 PM

DC

Dan Collins posted:

My deepest sympathy Tom Stacee and Steve. Bev will be missed

August 20 at 7:37 PM

RH

Rhonda shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

We were so sorry to hear of Bev's passing. We enjoyed getting to know your mom and dad through our parents - Dick and Audrey. We were included on their Sunday morning breakfasts whenever we were in town. I know my parents think fondly of their shared time together in Gulf Shores and have cherished their friendship. Bev was always joyful, gracious and kind, I know she will be missed dearly. Attached is a picture from the last Sunday breakfast we were able to attend with Bev in March. Peace be with you and your family! - Stacey Meade & Rhonda (Meade) Klieman



August 19 at 8:29 AM

MA

Mercyone Auxiliary posted:

our most sincere sympathies. MercyOe Auxiliary

August 19 at 8:10 AM

KM

Ken Murray posted:

My prayers and condolences to Tom and Stacee.

August 19 at 6:24 AM



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Esther Huizenga lit a candle in honor of Beverly.

My heart goes out to you and your family, Tom. May all the loving memories held dear in your heart bring you peace and comfort.

August 19 at 5:57 AM



Megan Schuler posted:

Our deepest sympathy to Tom and family. My girls and I loved Bev dearly, she will be missed by everyone.-Megan Schuler, Hayden and Evelyn.

August 19 at 5:20 AM



Ron Mallicoat Jr. posted:

Bev was a dear neighbor on N 13th Street in the late '60s and '70s and a long time family friend. So many great memories filled with much laughter! May her memory always be a blessing.

August 19 at 3:56 AM



Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Havens family.

August 18 at 8:06 PM



Marcia & Michael lit a candle in honor of Beverly.

Our deepest sympathy to Tom and their family. Bev was a sweet gentle soul. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family and friends that knew her. Marcia and Michael Blean

August 18 at 5:30 PM





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Shannen Hickey posted:

Dear Havens Family,I was deeply saddened to hear about Aunt Bev's passing. She was a truly special person whose warmth, kindness, and spirit touched everyone around her. I will always cherish the memories I have of her and the love she shared with all of us.Please know my thoughts are with you during this time of sorrow. I'm sending love and strength to you all.With heartfelt sympathy,Shannen, Cheryl, Cora, Leah, Ford

August 18 at 2:22 PM



Shannen, Cheryl, Cora, Leah, And Ford sent an Arrive in Style to the Havens family.



August 18 at 2:19 PM



Anonymous sent a Basket of Memories to the Havens family.



August 18 at 1:30 PM



Susan Jones posted:

Bev was a beloved, long term friend of my parents and the other families who grew up on N 13th Street! So many fond memories of parties, music, Christmas Eves and friendship! Her smile, laugh and love for Tom, family and friends will always be remembered!Susan (Mallicoat) Jones

August 18 at 11:42 AM



Anonymous sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Havens family.



August 18 at 10:57 AM



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Brent Johnson posted:

Bev always had a smile and a kind chuckle for us! She was a light hearted beautiful woman. Please say hello to our Mom, Jolon, for us when you enter the pearly gates.

August 18 at 10:49 AM



Anonymous sent an Arrive in Style to the Havens family.



August 18 at 8:05 AM



Rhonda shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

August 19 at 8:29 AM



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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Beverly by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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