



Elizabeth L. Hoogendyk

August 21, 1953 - March 4, 2022

Elizabeth “Beth” Hoogendyk passed away on March 4, 2022 at the age of 68. She passed peacefully, with family by her side, after a long battle with heart issues. She is survived by her husband Tom, her son Nicholas, her daughter Chelsea, her daughter-in-law Kira, and her first grandchild, Wiley, due this summer.

Beth will be remembered as a mom and wife that cared for and loved her family with a gentle smile and compassionate heart.

In lieu of flowers or donations, Beth’s family asks that you go out of your way to give your loved ones a big hug in her memory and let them know they are loved.

Words from her son:

There are few things in life that rival the magnitude of a mother’s love.

Today, as I sit here steeped in the memory of that love, it feels hard to believe that it could ever be contained in one body. For so many years, it was in your eyes when you looked at me. It was in your hand on my shoulder when my world felt too heavy to bear. It was in the tears you cried out of joy and sorrow for our joys and our sorrows. For the all too fast 36 years I shared with you, it

was in every part of the way that you danced through the world, in every moment you gave to us.

When a person you love is no longer in their body, it feels like they are in everything.

As we walked through the dimly lit halls of the hospital late Friday night, I felt haunted. You were in those uncomfortable, pale walls. You were in the sympathy filled faces of the doctors and nurses who had worked so hard to keep you alive for as long as they could. You were in the air around us, air that was condensing, slowing us down to freeze us in that moment. You were everywhere.

We are still frozen. But in this stillness, you have given us solace. There is heartache. There is an unbearable amount of heartache, but there is a profound understanding as well. You didn't leave us behind. You just went ahead of us to beckon us on toward greater things. Calling us to love harder, to trust our sense of adventure more, and to fill our lives with the sorts of memories that you were so grateful to have in your own.

In the interest of gratitude for all that you taught us, mom – and all that you continue to teach us – I promise to remember. I promise to remember how you looked at me with all the love in the world in your eyes. I promise to remember how, begrudgingly, and after a couple heavy pour glasses of wine, you danced with me. You hated that. You hated it so much that I promise to remember that you smiled the whole time, every time. I will remember that the universe conspired in so many ways to shape your and my lives, and the lives of so many people we love, to bring us together as mother and son – biology be damned. I will remember long walks down calm shorelines in La Jolla. I will remember how safe I felt with you, and how you shaped me to keep the people I love safe. I promise, I promise that in everything I ever do, I will remember you.

Thank you, mom. For everything. Time will temper this heartache. But for now, for today, tomorrow, and the other days, I will sit with immense sorrow because it is a small price to pay for the love I was given.

Words from her daughter:

I can't express in words the way I feel right now. All I know is I'm going to miss sitting in the kitchen getting lost in our conversations late at night, watching you cook, and taking mental notes. I'll miss looking out in the crowd and seeing you cheer me on at every single sporting event, even if you didn't understand what was going on. I'll miss going dress shopping at a dozen stores until I found the right one. You made me feel so beautiful. It's the little things that I'm going to miss the most.

You showed me what a strong woman looks like, how to love, and how to be compassionate toward others. Thank you for being an amazing woman and loving me as much as you did.

I will keep reminding myself what you told me whenever I was going through something hard in my life: "Smile though your heart is aching. Smile even though it's breaking. When there are clouds in the sky, you'll get by. That's the time you must keep on trying." You always had good taste in music. There won't be a day that goes by where I won't miss you. I love you so much, mama, and I'll keep smiling for you.

Tribute Wall

PH

“ *Tom and Family,
We have thought about the three of you, and of Beth, a lot these last few weeks. We will never forget visiting with you around the Sushi bar, watching your kids grow up, dreaming about Tom playing Eleanor Rigsby, and most of all, singing Beatles songs together for all of those years. May Beth Rest In Peace and May you celebrate her loving spirit always.
Love from Pam and Michael*

Pam Turner and Michael Hobbs - April 03, 2022 at 06:22 PM

CH

“ *Beste Tom en familie, van harte gecondoleerd met het verlies van jullie vrouw en moeder. Hartelijke groeten uit Nederland. Cees H'dijk*

Cees H'dijk - March 28, 2022 at 09:09 AM

TB

“ *Tom, I am so sorry to hear the sad news about Beth. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. May she RIP.*

*Best regards,
Tom Byington*

Tom Byington - March 17, 2022 at 07:24 PM

PB

“ Tom & family-
We were saddened to learn of Beth's passing. We so enjoyed knowing all the parents and raising our children in Nelson Farm. In more recent years, we enjoyed seeing you at Nemo's. We send our love and sympathy to you and your children, whose tribute to their mother was simply beautiful!
Jim & Peggy Barnett

Peggy Barnett - March 17, 2022 at 04:26 PM

SK

“ Tom and family, we are so sorry for the loss of Beth. I enjoyed seeing her at your office and at my store. May you continue to find peace in special memories. Sincerely, Susan and Allan Kirkpatrick

Susan Kirkpatrick - March 14, 2022 at 08:59 PM

AE

Dear Tom,
Beth was a beautiful soul never in a hurry, thoughtful. I loved what your children wrote about her. So tender and vulnerable.
She was too young to go but now in heaven with so many from our church. Hope abounds!
Our prayers and love,
Ann and David Everitt

ann Everitt - March 27, 2022 at 03:39 PM

BR

“ Tom and Family, we are so very sorry for your loss. The tributes written by your son and daughter brought tears to my eyes, thinking about my dear mama. Isn't it wonderful to have those intense feelings and memories about your mom! She sounds like a very special lady. We wish you all peace and love.

Bob & Cheri Romine

Bob & Cheri Romine - March 11, 2022 at 11:12 AM

TC

“ I am so deeply sorry for the loss of Beth. I wish your family peace and prayers during this most difficult time. She was an incredible woman who will be missed by many. Terri Coomer

Terri Coomer - March 10, 2022 at 11:55 PM

PK

“ Tom, Nick and Family -
Our hearts ache for your family at this time. My time with Beth seems small now but she was always a delight to be around. Nicholas - your tribute to your mother was so very touching and Jay & I felt deep reflections to our own losses, thank you. May God comfort you all and may you know that Beth is at peace. Jay & Pam Klein, Fort Collins, CO

Pamela Erbes Klein - March 10, 2022 at 11:55 AM

LH

“ Tom and Family,
I am saddened to hear of Beth's passing. I have fond memories of Beth from the Hoogendyk and Kent days. Thank you for sharing such wonderful memories of your mother, so special. Know that my heart and prayers are with all of you during these most difficult days. RIP Beth.
Linda Hansen
Fort Collins, CO

Linda Hansen - March 10, 2022 at 09:14 AM

TG

Tom, Chelsea, Nicholas and Kira, we are saddened and heartbroken for all of you! Beth was such a sweet presence whether in the office, at church or at home! She will be missed dearly! Our prayers will be with you in the days ahead.

Our love to you,

Tom and Lexi

Tom Glossi - March 18, 2022 at 05:08 PM

KH

*Tom and Family,
I am so sorry to hear about your loss. Keeping you in my thoughts. May she rest in peace.*

*Sincerely,
Kevin Hearne*

Kevin Hearne - April 01, 2022 at 04:47 PM

AG

Tom, Nick, Chelsea, so sorry to hear about your loss. In the more than 30 years that we knew Beth, she was always kind, generous, hard-working and compassionate. She was a great friend and we will miss her presence in our lives. Our deepest sympathies to you .

Ann and Dave Greiling

Ann Greiling - April 09, 2022 at 02:36 PM