

Connecting Family and Friends When Health Matters Most

# Beverly Koch Chatter's Journal

#### **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2010 6:59 PM, CDT**

Upon her return to Florida a few weeks ago, Beverly discovered another mass on her vocal cord. It was removed and this time it turned out to be malignant. A squamous cell cancer of the larynyx. It is critical that she has treatment for it ASAP.

What treatment? Not sure at this point. A six-week course of Radiation she had last spring obviously didn't take as a mass reappeared on a good portion of her vocal cord.

Chemo may not help either. Other options would be a partial or full laryngectomy. That is, a removal of the voice box. She would need a tracheostomy procedure, and need to learn to talk and eat all over again.

Not easy for anyone, especially our dear Beverly and her love of continual "chatter."

Bev and Fred will be travelling back to the Midwest. Consultations about next step will begin in Minnesota with a November 3rd appointment.

Your love and prayers are welcome via this site, as it's a lot to manage -- and difficult to "talk" in person.

It's a scary time, but we're taking it one day at a time together as a family. Not getting too far ahead of ourselves.

To keep a focus we will share our "Just for Today" prayer from the Al-Anon Family Groups. You will love it for your own situations, too! The prayer begins:

"Just for Today I will try to live through this day only, and not tackle all my problems at once. I can do something for 12 hours that would appall me if I felt that I had to keep it up for a lifetime."

Stay tuned for more of this, and that chatter. Love and hugs to all. -- Katy Koch Campbell

## MONDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2010 1:59 PM, CDT

Dear Friends and Family,

I love getting the notes. I appreciate everyone's thoughts. Thank you so much. The countdown is on. Only a couple of weeks to go, and we'll be in Minnesota. Thanks so much!

love, Bev

## MONDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2010 2:01 PM, CDT



Thanks and Love from Our Favorite Golden Girl

#### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2010 7:18 PM, CDT



A lot of you have commented on enjoying or relating to "the prayer." What Katy has been unfolding verse by verse is called "Just for Today." The source is Al-Anon Family Groups. What we love is that it breaks down a big problem into a series of specific actions; actions any of us can take to get through a challenge or crisis.

We'll keep adding more until it's completed. Then we'll print the whole thing. (How's that to keep you coming back to the Web site until we have more meaty

stuff to report next week. It's called the teaser!)

Here's the latest verse:

"Just for today I will be agreeable. I will look as well as I can, dress becomingly, keep my voice low, be courteous, criticize not one bit. I won't find fault with anything, nor try to improve or regulate anybody but myself."

#### **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2010 9:28 AM, CDT**



Continuing the "Just for Today" prayer of Al-Anon Family Groups. This verse is one of our favorites:

"Just for today I will have a program. I may not follow it exactly, but I will have it. I will save myself from two pests: hurry and indecision."

## MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2010 11:24 AM, CDT



Reminder, we're not going to let the Big C get us down (photo).

Today (Monday) was supposed to be the day the Kochs fly to Minneapolis for a surgical consultation. A bit of a setback, now, on that.

This past weekend Bev had breathing complications. The cancer has spread rapidly and has covered both her vocal cords, obstructing her airway. First,

she was put on oxygen. But that wasn't enough.

This past weekend, she had an emergency tracheotomy procedure to open up her airways. This was successful as a temporary fix.

Bev is resting comfortably now, and is stabilized, in the care of her doctors at Good Samaritan Hospital in Palm Beach. Fred is busy shuttling back and forth to see her.

I (Katy) am not sure if visitors are appropriate, but she is in Bed A of Room 375 at this time at the hospital.

Local PB area friends could be of most help in supporting Fred at this point. I would suggest joining him for

a snack or meal. He needs to keep up his strength. (He was battling weight loss anyway).

Bev is anticipated to remain in the hospital until this Friday. Then, starting the week of November 11th she is expected to be able to travel to proceed to have larengectomy surgery.

Where? We are determining that based on this new info.

Leave it to Bev -- not only is it larynyx cancer, but the doctors are inclined to believe (but not certain yet) that her case may be a relatively rare form of called a "cordoma." (spelling?)

That said, she wants everyone to know she is in NO PAIN. Her voice is not audible though. Yet, she and Fred managed to have get-togethers with several friends last week.

"She doesn't slow down" is how she put it.

OK, socially, she's still trumping us all. But Ralph, Jack and I did manage to join Sandy Seibert in Iowa City this past weekend to cheer our Iowa Hawkeyes to victory in the blowout over Michigan State in Iowa City. On to Pasadena, folks! Right?!

Go Hawks!

And now, something we should ALL do today: Another verse from Al-Anon's "Just for Today."

"Just for today I will have a quiet half hour all by myself and relax. during this half hour, sometime, I will try to get a better perspective of my life."

## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2010 7:26 AM, CDT



Beverly is a "good patient," says her ENT surgeon. She is learning how to work with her trach tube that allows her breathing. It needs to be cleared of mucous from time to time.

As of this weekend, she still remains at Good Sam Hospital.

Another setback occurred on Wednesday when the breathing tube accidentally

was dislodged.

Her surgeon was called in, and she immediately took Bev down to surgery to position a longer length tube. Things settled down, then, for the most part. But she was sent from her suite back down to ICU (intensive care unit).

Fingers and toes crossed, and thanks for the many prayers. She is expected to be released this coming Monday.

But this change of events has made us all engage in re-working plans. Long-distance travel is no longer a sensible option. Time is of the essence.

The trach tube is meant to be only a temporary fix. What we need is to get the obstructive mass off her vocal cords. To do that, she needs the major laryngectomy surgery to remove the cancer. That means removing the vocal cords and installing a new voicebox.

Plans are in the works for that surgery to occur ASAP. And the exciting news is, a specialist has been

located who may be able to perform this surgery at Wellington, town of the Koch's (still for sale!!!!) Polo Club home. That would be incredibly nice, and convenient. From there she would go into nursing care for recovery.

We'll post this as soon as arrangements are solidified.

We do appreciate all the many cards, prayers, good thoughts and notes on this guestbook. Know that Fred dutifully prints them out every day to show Bev.

Fred has really stepped up and is a great support to Bev. It's not easy, as any of us know who has been in the caregiver role. But he has found renewed purpose in his life, it seems.

Thank you, thank you, for hanging with us. The Kochs are incredibly fortunate to have so many good and loving people in their lives.

Definitely, it helps to know they are not without friends, loved ones and their children along the way. We'll be with them all the way.

## Just for Today Al-Anon Family Groups

The final verse...

"Just for today I will be unafraid. Especially I will not be afraid to enjoy what is beautiful and to believe that as I give to the world, so the world will give to me."

#### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2010 2:40 PM, CST

(Wonderful photo of Bev from March 2010)

## Greetings from Sunny Palm Beach Gardens, FLA.

Fred, Katy and Fritz are here at Devonshire. Unfortunately, we have to report that Bev is in the special cardiovascular intensive care unit of Palm Beach Gardens Medical Center, where she has been since another emergency this past Wednesday.

Needless to say, it's been a rollercoaster week of events and emotions up and down on this continued journey. We know so many of you are concerned, worried, and sending

loving thoughts and prayers. We thank you for that. We also hope you understand so much has moved so quickly. Day to day. Hour to hour. Sometimes, minute to minute, and continues to be in flux.

Here, however, are the basic updates of what's happened. As a friend of Mom's ued to say, you may want to get comfortable, because reading this will be a "two martini letter." (he said that in refrence to Mom's windy and newsy personal letters). ...

Mom spent 10 days at Good Sam Hospital in Palm Beach with the install and then subsequent emergency replacement of her trach tube after it dislodged.

She made excellent progress healing and learned to care for her trach tube on her own. She had to cough up mucous to keep the airway open, and then swab and clean the tube. If you haven't witnessed this ongoing experience, suffice to say it is disturbing at first to a bystander. It's noisy, and sounds very painful -- but there is no pain associated, both Mom and those in the know report.

Bev did so great! She was the belle of Good Sam Newburn Suites luxury care unit where she truly received loving care. She was discharged proudly, with loving hugs and kisses of a half dozen nurses she had met.

Fred and Katy accompanied her home to Devonshire. Followed by an RN who got her up and running with home care equipment.

It was a great evening, and a wonderful next day. All was going smoothly. First order of business the next morning was a consultation with an ENT to schedule the next step, surgery to remove the cancerous larynx. A Yale-trained doc from the Caribbean, who asked Mom where she was from. She said Clear Lake, Iowa. He says, "It gets cold there." We said, that's right.

This ENT surgeon was recommended by Bev's wonderful primary ENT here in Palm Beach, Dr. Carolyn Agresti.

But she had no idea exactly how good this recommendation was to be.

You won't believe this, as we didn't either. The Yale-trained Caribbean native, Dr. Ellis Webster, did his residency at the University of Iowa. And as part of that, spent time working at Mercy Medical Center and the ENT group in Mason City, Iowa (Mason City is Clear Lake's big sister).

So we mention that Dr. Russ Schurtz has done removal of at least two of Bev's past non-cancerous vocal cord papillomas. "Oh, yes!" Dr. Webster is a good friend of Russ's and all in his practice group when he worked at Mason City in the early 990s. Dr. Webster rattles off names, and we rattle off names of the many doctors we know. He mentions Dr. Garcia, now in Rochester, and Dr. Maschka, anesthesiologist, among others. Not only that, he has dined at the Outling Club, folks! Wow, and wow!

Suddenly, we have no regrets about having to switch from our original plan to get Mom for treatment in Minnesota. We continue to be in super hands here!

A wonderful day transitions to a peaceful afternoon. Mom has a nice nap. The visiting nurse joins us at home at Devonshire to assist with followup care. All is going with the "new normal," it seems, when Mom gets a mucous plug clogging her airway.

She can't breathe.

The nurse and Katy attend to what is clearly an emergency. Suctioning and an oxygen machine interventions are not working. 911 is called.

Things complicate rapidly (how much time elapsed, how long was she without oxygen, I know you doctors-friends will want to know. Not sure. Katy says, "a hundred years" as you can appreciate, if you have ever been on the frontline of giving care in this emergency situation.

Katy and the nurse performed CPR on Bev with chest compressions and the oxygen marching until the paramedics arrive and took over.

Bev suffered respiratory failure, and not confirmed for sure but possibly, a cardiac event as well. She was breathing, but unconscious when she has arrived at the hospital. And she remains so as of today.

Oh, we know, this is awful news!

She is undergoing intensive medical intervention at this time, including a state of the art treatment involving cooling and warming of the body with the goal of resting and allowing the body to repair whatever damage has been done.

Another distressing and complicating factor, during this, she has also suffered a seizure.

Aaaargh. It's so much for anyone to take. Let alone a lovely elegant woman who, as a cousin remarked, "just wants to visit and have parties." That's Bev, all right.

It's a time will tell process with a typical window of 7 days to assess the patient's satus. The seizure is really not good news because of its potential damage to the brain.

We wait and receive informaion, and continue to monitor.

Mom sends her love and hugs to you, via Fred, Fritz and me (Katy). We are so thankful to all be here to surround and attend to Mom.

We know you love her. Continue to send cards and notes on this guestbook. It helps us all. We continue to print and bring everything to the hospital, and read out them out loud to Mom. Even though she is not conscious, we believe in the power of presence and prayer in person and in spirit.

We will keep you posted here. And we know you understand that we have to conserve our strength and energy, so we won't be phoning and returning calls at this time.

Bev is so loved, and she honestly looked more beautiful than Katy has seen her this week, when she came home. Her hair straight, and minimal makeup. And she was so in the stream of it all, despite what lay ahead of her. Surprising Katy, to be frank. No complaints, lots of note writing, no discouragement on Bev's part. Really! She updated her calendar, and fit in he latest installment of "Dancing with the Stars."

Thought for today is from Bev's "page a day" calendar on this Nov. 12th. As if Bev herslf wrote it: "Let's sing! Let's eat! Let's jiggle our feet!"

## MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2010 10:41 AM, CST



## Dear Friends,

We have sad news to report that this morning, at 6:11 a.m. Bev passed away peacefully at Palm Beach Gardens Medical Center. She was breathing on her own, unassisted, and her breathing slowed to a peaceful end. She was on morphine, so in no pain.

Given the circumstances, and what we know as a prognosis now and into the future hurdles of dealing with cancer that awaited her, this is the best outcome we can imagine as her immediate family.

Fred, Fritz and Katy are here together at their home in Devonshire at PGA National, and are comfortable and doing well considering everything.

We don't need anything. But if you feel so moved, you may want to post here on the Guestbook any happy, funny or memorable brief anecdotes you have bout Bev.

This will be comforting to us to read, and remember, as we know she touched so many lives of others.

Her wish was to be cremated, so we are moving forward with that. She wants to be buried in Clear Lake, Iowa, the town where for 43 summers we have enjoyed life as residents of the historic cottages of the Outing Club.

We have no plans for a memorial service or services at this time. But we will let people know when we do.

Thank you for all of your support, love and prayers. Bev and we have enjoyed this "virtual" connection very much, in addition to the personal relationships we have with you all.

The photo above of Bev is the "glam" Bev. From the 1960s, she was posing as a model for a charity

fundraiser. She was pregnant with Fritz at the time. Today, it speaks to us because she is happy, and saluting, it seems. As if to say don't worry about me, all is well.

That is the Bev we want to remember. We know you will too.

love and gratitude to all,

Fred, Katy and Fritz

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#### **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2010 8:07 PM, CDT**

Oh, my gosh, Beverly. I am so sorry you have this battle to face. You have conquered always. I expect you to conquer this latest problem too. Keep smiling, my good friend. Love, Mary Ellen

Mary Salinas

## **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2010 8:44 PM, CDT**

Bev,

I am shocked to hear your news from Katy via Caring Bridge. I will keep up on your news while remembering and thinking about the prayer. My best to you and your wonderful family.

Love, Jane

Jane Young

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2010 9:18 PM, CDT

Dear Bev and family,

We were sad to hear the news. We will keep you and Fred in our thoughts and prayers as you face this challenge. Much love to you both. Brad and Cathy

Cathy Isaak

#### **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2010 9:25 PM, CDT**

Just read your story, Beverly, and are so sorry you have to face this new health concern. Along with sending our prayers and positive thoughts to you, we're wishing you the best doctors and treatments to help you beat this challenge.

With Hugs and Love,

Ron and Dianna

Dianna Moeller

## **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2010 9:47 PM, CDT**

Dearest Bev,

I want to send special thoughts of love and support to you and your family. Once again, you are facing a challenge, a challenge that your family and friends will be at your side every step of the way, either physically or in spirit. Know that we are thinking of you all and we send our prayers.

Much love and many blessings, Cheryl

Cheryl Schurtz

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2010 6:37 AM, EDT

What a good idea, and that prayer is absolutely spot on..for all of us! I will be seeing Mom and Dad tomorrow and will make sure they have figured out how to navigate this site.

My prayers and love are with you all!

Ann

Ann Campion

#### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2010 7:00 AM, CDT

Bev!

See you in a couple of weeks as we tackle this thing and wipe away the problems! -Ralph

RALPH CAMPBELL

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2010 8:11 AM, CDT

To the Koch Family

We have you all in our thoughts and prayers especially Beverly as she is faced to climb this mountain. We can only imagine the challenge but are glad she will be near family and loved by them and her friends the whole way to the top. Thanks for the site and the prayer. Hugs and love Bob and Elizabeth Schukei

Elizabeth Schukei



Dear Katy and Ralph,

This site is a great idea and a good way for all of us to stay in touch with Bev and Fred. Thanks for the update. John and I give our love to all of you. We will tell others at the Polo Club about this site. We are back at home in Florida, so please call if we can be of any help. Hugs,

Karen & John Spadaccini

karen spadaccini

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2010 11:11 AM, CDT

Hi Bev. This is a great idea to have this means to keep in touch with you. Bill and I are thinking of you each day and keeping you in our prayers. Miss you. Love, Barbara

Barbara McGovern

#### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2010 1:19 PM, EDT

Dear Bev,

Randy and I wish you the strength to overcome this gigantic hiccup with success and a smile, as you have managed to overcome every bit of adversity that has come your way during all the years I've known you. (since 1992!!)

One thing I am certain of: if, at some point, you need to re-learn how to talk, you will do it better and faster than anyone else!

We love you and think of you several times each day.

We are very grateful to have this site to check up on your progress.

Thank you, Katy. What a brilliant idea to have this web site.

Love to Bev and Fred and all the family'

Elke and Randy

Elke Browning

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2010 3:55 PM, MST

Rita and I will keep you and your family in our thoughts and prayers, Bev. We trust that your doctors and nurses will help you make the correct decisions in your treatment.

Sterling

Sterling Laaveg

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2010 4:26 PM, EDT

Jo and Ralph wish only for a successful outcome, and say prayers for such. We send our loe to both Bev and Fred and the whole Koch family.

Jo and Ralph Alfenito

#### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2010 8:06 PM, CDT

We are truly sorry to hear of this diagnois, and you are in our thoughts and prayers. We will follow your progress, and hope for the best.

With love, Jane and Sam Christensen

Jane Christensen

#### **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2010 11:08 AM, CDT**

To the Koch Family

We just received the not so good news and our thoughts and prayers will be with you all during this difficult time. We will follow the progress and hopefully all the news from here on will be good news...

Jan and Gib Glasson

Bob and Elizabeth Schukei

Jan Glasson

## **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2010 11:55 AM, CDT**

Bev and family, We are praying for you every day. As you know Karl has a trach and his dad had the same cancer as you and could speak You are a strong person and we are holding you up in our prayers...Love, Jennifer and Karl Langhart

Jennifer Langhart

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2010 2:08 PM, CDT

Bev--We send love and good wishes to you, Fred, and the entire family. We will keep you in our thoughts and prayers. I'm so glad you have Katy to lean on. She'll take great care of you and make sure you are getting everything you need.

Take care, Dear Friend!

Robin Anderson

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2010 3:14 PM, CDT

Bev (and family) -- I'm sure sorry to learn of this, and you'll be in my thoughts and prayers. As you may know, my ex-wife was a cancer nurse, and I well remember hearing of cases similar to yours, and successful outcomes weren't at all uncommon. Not only that, but the Outing Club needs you! --- and I and my parents, and Troy and Suzette and their families, all wish you a productive time ahead and a complete recovery.

Best Regards always, and love from TODD BLODGETT

Todd Blodgett

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2010 4:37 PM, CDT

Bev, We are all very sad and sorry to hear about your throat problem. We know that you will conquer this with all of us praying for you AND for Fred. God will be with you. You are in our prayers continually....be better soon.

Thank you, Katy for putting this online, we are grateful.

Gary and Sandy

Sandy and Gary Blodgett

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2010 6:53 AM, CDT

Fred and Bev,

You know we are thinking of you - and doing lots of praying.

Glad you are using this method of keeping us informed. Will be anxious to hear what your plans are.

Much love, Carol and Herb

carol and herb williams

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2010 8:08 AM, EDT

We are so pleased that we will be able tofollow Bev's progress through CaringBridge. We remember the experience with Laura Christensen several years ago and it saved the family numerous repetitions. Thank you for setting this uo so we can all stay in touch. The Al-Anon prayers and thoughts are helpful to all.

Love to all

Fedon and Pat

Fedon Petrides

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2010 10:39 AM, CDT

Bev & Fred,

I am very sorry to hear about the sad news. You will be in my thoughts and prayers. This is just another minor setback! You've beaten it before and you'll beat it again!

Love,

Spencer

Spencer Anderson

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2010 10:48 AM, CDT

Hi Kochs and Campbells,,,

Thanks for sending the update on Bev Katy This is a great way to do it. I'm wondering if a note to The Outing Club via Bob Swanson might be good once you have a little more info.

We think, pray and speak of you each day Bev. So pleased that you are going to Minneapolis for consultation. It will be reassuring to be right there with your family. Hi to Fred. We're think of you too!!

Hank and I may venture up to Minneapolis in November to see Shannon & Smith and would like very much to see you if that would work our for you.

In the meantime we shall look for you follow-up info.

Love to all of you!!

Barb & Hank

henry kinney

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2010 12:34 PM, EDT

BEV, Fred and Family,

Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this difficult time. We will appreciate hearing with this terrific method of technology .

Our love, Patti and Richard Sulentic

patricia sulentic

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2010 7:17 PM, CDT

Bev,

We have been thinking of you, worrying about you, and are so happy you have made the decision to go to MPLS. Being with family is so important.

Thank you, Katy, this is a wonderful way to keep in touch and stay informed about Bev's progress. Loved the Al-Anon prayer.

Love to all, Milt and Diana Hansen

diana hansen

## **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2010 12:12 PM, EDT**

Bev and your family-

To one of the coolest moms from my "growing up"--

You can beat this challenge. Our love and prayers are sure with you through all of this.

Susie (Shirey) and Mitch Levin and family

Susie Levin

## **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2010 3:07 PM, CDT**

Dear Bev, Fred, Katy, Fritz and family,

This was a wonderful thing that Katy did for you, dear Bev, and for all of us, with CaringBridge. We're so glad that you decided to go to Minnesota for more consultation and decisions with Katy's great care and closeness. You know that you're in our prayers every day, including God's decisions and courage for all of you.

With love, Nancy and Craig

Nancy Shirey

#### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2010 12:11 PM, CDT

Dear Bev and Fred, It is nice to be able to keep up with you via Caring Bridge. Hope that the trip to Minn gives more information. It will be handy to be near Katy so that she can give help and advise. You have lots of thoughts and prayers coming your way. Thinking of you, Brad and Cathy

Cathy Isaak

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2010 12:52 PM, CDT

bev, Marcy Lazio and i are here today! Marcy would like to join your guest book. We wish you all the best in your trip to Minnesota. My granddaughter Tally spent a month working in the hospital there in the ENT Surg. Dept,, it is a great department, and you couldn't be in a better place for your treatment. You are in our prayers.

Love, Art, Margaret, Chuck and Marcy

margaret vercillo

## **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2010 2:47 PM, CDT**

Hi Aunt Bev and Uncle Fred!

I want you to know that we are thinking of you. Charlie and I will be visiting Jack and Katy and Ralph next week, and we look forward to seeing them. Charlie is smitten by Jack, and it will be good to have him to ourselves instead of having to "share" him with Emma and Willis too.

Blessings your way, aunt Bev. I know this is a difficult circumstance you are having to navigate.

love from the Des Moines Koch Gaer family.

annie koch gaer

## MONDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2010 3:59 PM, CDT

Dear Bev and Fred, We are praying for you and thinking about you each day. We are soo very pleased that you have this communication in place so we continually know the progress.

We send lots of love from Clear Lake. :) :)

Sandy and Gary

Katy, so thankful you have done this.

Sandy and Gary Blodgett

## MONDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2010 4:06 PM, CDT

Bev,

Margaret and I are having fun on the computer today and we wanted to let you know we are thinking about you and Fred.

Love and kisses.

Margaret and Karen

margaret vercillo

## MONDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2010 4:46 PM, EDT

Bev: It's inspiring to read the "Just for today" items as they seem to fit so appropriately. No doubt you are anxious for the waiting game to be over and start your treatments. We think about you both so often,

With love Fedon and Pat

Fedon Petrides

## MONDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2010 5:22 PM, CDT

Hang in there, Bev! We're all pulling for you!

Love,

Robin & family

Robin Anderson

#### MONDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2010 8:51 PM, CDT

Hi Bev and Fred!

Wonderful to hear your message, Bev. When will you be back in Minnesota? Know that we continue to think of you, Fred and family every day. Keep positive, dear hearts! Love,

Steve and Cheryl

Cheryl Schurtz

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2010 8:49 AM, CDT

Bev and Fred. Always thinking of you. Am wondering when your appt. in Mpls. is. We'll keep in touch. Home in Waterloo as of yesterday.

Carol and Herb

carol and herb williams

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2010 10:34 AM, EDT

When I checked the site today, I found a great picture of our "Golden Girl" on the home page! You go, Bev...! Love, Elke

Elke Browning

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2010 10:42 AM, CDT

Beautiful photo, dear Bev! This "Just for Today" was just perfect for me today!

Your pal Nancy

Nancy Shirey

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2010 11:50 AM, CDT

Bev and Fred,

Thinking about you guys during this tough time. Wish we were all just hanging out on the porch at the OC. Stay strong and know your OC family is there for you!

Love, Teal

Teal Anderson

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2010 5:59 PM, CDT

Dear Bev,

Thinking of you. Wishing you the very best. Am counting on us getting together soon. Sending you much love and many many HUGS. Thinking of you both. Maudette

Maudette Devenow

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2010 10:13 AM, CDT

Bev., I guess you are still here in Fl., hopefully getting a few rays of sunshine.Before you know it you,ll be heading to Mn. Prayers and Best Wishes are coming everyday. Hugs, Patti and Richard S.

patricia sulentic

Sent from CaringBridge Mobile

# WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2010 10:16 AM, CDT

Bev. I don,t know what happened to the rest of my message!! Anyway Prayers and Best Wishes are with you everyday and we enjoyed the "Just for Today" , Hugs Patti and Richard

patricia sulentic

Sent from CaringBridge Mobile

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2010 1:29 PM, EDT

Dear Bev,

I am so sorry that you are having even more health "challenges". I just got information on how to get to your site from Elke. Bill and I will hold you in our thoughts (and prayers, too!), and wish the best as you go through these difficult times. The possibility of not being able to talk, especially one who enjoys it so much, is daunting, I know. But they do amazing things these days!

Take care and know we are thinking of you.

lanet and Bill

Janet Richardson-Pearson

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2010 3:35 PM, EDT

Starting today you will be at the top of my list to receive special prayers and energy. Love, Bill

William Pearson

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2010 11:00 AM, CDT

Hi, Bev Joan Walker has been keeping me informed and I am so happy to have this way of connecting with you. I have so many memories of the "old days" in Waterloo and of course, you are a part of so many of them.

I am so sorry to hear that you are once again facing cancer. I can relate in a small way to how you are feeling as I was diagnosed with breast cancer 2 yrs. ago and had a mastectomy. I know you've been down that road, too. I love the "Just for Today" prayer. Really, that's the best way to face life because today is all we really have. I am thinking about you and praying for you. Much love, Mary Lou

Mary Lou McEachran

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2010 11:07 AM, EDT

Hi Bev and Fred! Del and I just returned from our trip to Africa and heard about your latest issue with your throat - we are so sorry to hear about what you are having to deal with, but we also know how strong the 2 of you are. Let's hope the Nov. 3 decisions will take care of your cancer - thanks heavens for e-mails so you don't have to talk to all of us who are concerned about you - you would be hoarse for sure!! Take good care and we'll be thinking of you and sending up prayers on your behalf - Love and hugs, Barbara

Barbara Williamson

# THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2010 12:13 PM, CDT

Hi Bev,

Will be so pleased for you once you get to Minneapolis. Great that Katy could get Caring Bridge working to keep your fan club appraised of all the latest.

You are in our thoughts & prayers!!

Barb & Hank

henry kinney

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2010 5:03 PM, EDT

Dearest Bev,

I was hoping to get together with you both before your trip to MN, but understand the difficulties of going

out in public. Just know that I am thinking of you and will keep my fingers crossed for the 3rd. Have a safe trip and let me know if there is anything I can do for you down here.

Much love, Nance xoxo

Nancy Richardson

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2010 9:43 PM, CDT

Hi Bev! It's Emily (Isaak) Schindler and I just wanted to let you know we're thinking about you.

**Emily Schindler** 

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2010 10:04 AM, CDT

Hi Bev. Just wanted you to know I am thinking of you and hope all goes well with your treatment. Also sending lots of prayers. You will get through this. We're all pulling for you.

Love, Marcy

Marcy Lazio

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2010 10:13 PM, CDT

Hi Bev and Fred,

It's late on Sunday night and as I am about ready to turn off the light, I just wanted you to know I continue to think of you both.

Did you see Iowa play Wisconsin on Saturday? It was an exciting game; just didn't like the final score!

Sleep well, dear hearts, knowing lots of people love and care about you.

Cheryl

Cheryl Schurtz

## MONDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2010 7:27 AM, EDT

Hi Bev and Fred---The Alfenitos are in Florida as of last week, and it just goes to prove how much we miss you!!!! You are in our prayers every day, 'cause we love you----Jo & Ralph

Jo and Ralph Alfenito

## MONDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2010 7:49 AM, EDT

Always nice to hear from you...See you Friday. Fedon and Pat

Fedon Petrides

# **MONDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2010 8:31 AM, CDT**

Glad to get your latest entry. Love the referencess to the prayer.

Will think of you as you get back to MPLS and hope you will keep us posted on what you learn and what will take place.

We leave on our cruise Friday and will think of you while we are gone. Carol and Herb

#### carol and herb williams

#### MONDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2010 8:37 AM, EDT

Dear Bev and Fred,

Thanks so much for the lovely evening. It was a lot of fun, and it was great to be with both of you. Bev, you looked great, as usual. Our thoughts will be with you as you take care of your medical issues. Sounds like Katy and Ralph have set up comfortable accommodations for you in their home. Much love to both of you,

Karen & John

karen spadaccini

#### MONDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2010 8:49 AM, CDT

Hi Bev,

We hope all is going well for both you and Fred. We think about you often, and know you will be traveling to Minneapolis soon. this is a wonderful way to keep everyone informed. We used it when Laura was ill as you may remember. We are also enjoying the poem that you are using from Katy.

You are in our thoughts and prayers.

With love, Jane and Sam Christensen

Jane Christensen

## MONDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2010 1:11 PM, EDT

Dear Bev,

Hope you're doing OK and are not in pain. We head for Florida in a few weeks, and hope you'll be back in town by then.

Best wishes,

Janet and Bill

Janet Richardson-Pearson

#### MONDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2010 4:36 PM, CDT

Gib and Jan Glasson send you a bundle of well wishes and good luck.

Jan Glasson

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2010 1:47 AM, CDT

Hi Bev,

Just wanted you to know that Harry and I are thinking of you and keeping you in our prayers. We'll continue to follow your journey. No matter how hard something is... God always brings us blessings along the way to make the path a little smoother. Wishing you many blessings and may you have a smile on your face everyday!

Love,

Janine & Harry Alcorn

Janine Alcorn

#### **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2010 9:25 AM, CDT**

Dear Mrs. Koch,

Mrs. Richardson just dropped by the office here at IPC and gave me the news of your illness. Please know the thoughts and prayers of both Tom (He will miss seeing you two at Devonshire) and I are with you always.

Much Love,

Kimberly

Kimberly Lutz

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2010 9:52 AM, CDT

Beverly

My wife Toy and I are lifting your healing up in prayer. As well as for Fred and the rest of your family. My father has been traveling up to MN to The Mayo Clinic from des Moines for treatment for lung cancer this past summer-fall. Please know that we all care for you very much and if there is ANYTHING your International Polo Club family can do for you please let us know right away!

With love and prayers

John & Toy Wash

John Wash

#### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2010 12:33 PM, EDT

Dearest Bev.

Though we haven't been in touch, you are always in my thoughts and heart. I am sadden to hear of this latest news. Please know that I am with you in spirit and send you all encouragement and strength. You are a strong woman and must call on all of those resources now. I am comforted to know that you are surrounded by your loving family.

All love always, Your friend Mare

Maryellen Bereson

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2010 2:27 PM, CDT

Hi Bev,

Hank & I are thinking of you daily. We are leaving for Colorado very early tomorrow morning to visit a close friend from grade school on our way to Sarah's wedding.

Should be home late Sunday night or mid-day Monday and will be in touch.

Hope your trip to Minneapolis goes well. A big hug to you and Fred!!

Love

Barb

henry kinney

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2010 3:14 PM, MDT

Hi Bev,

Just wanted to send our love to you and Fred from Colorado and let you know that we're always thinking about you, missing you, and wishing you the very best. As your Nov 3rd appointment nears, you'll be in our thoughts and prayers.

Baxter looks forward to the next time we can all be togehter. You always have a way to make him smile and giggle...like you do for so many. We love you Bev, and can't wait to spend time with you over the Thanksqiving holiday.

Take care of each other. We love you dearly!

-Debbie, Fritz, Baxter and of course, Harvey

Debbie Koch

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2010 10:25 PM, CDT

Hi Bev and Fred, We continue good thoughts for each of you. Hope and pray that things are going a bit better.

We care deeply for both of you and send our love. Gary and Sandy

Sandy and Gary Blodgett

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2010 8:37 AM, CDT

Assume you are in Mpls. now - if you haven't blown away.

Miss talking to you but know it would be an imposition to call.

Just remember we are thinking of you with much care and love.

Will be back in the States on Nov. 10 and will check in then.

Carol and Herb

carol and herb williams

## **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2010 11:35 AM, EDT**

We are very anxious to visit you to morrow Bev and Fred...We are praying for you. Pat and Fedon

Fedon Petrides

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2010 2:52 PM, EDT

Nice prayer again. They are good for all of us. Love Patti

patricia sulentic

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2010 3:57 PM, CDT

Bev & Fred--Cathy Isaak and I (and many other Outing Clubbers) are headed out to Colorado tomorrow for Sarah's wedding. We'll be missing you, thinking of you, and wishing you the best as we celebrate this happy occasion.

Love, Robin

Robin Anderson

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2010 7:48 AM, CDT

Hope to have a copy of the entire poem eventually. Very cold here in Waterloo so if you/re in Mpls. am sure you're experiencing the same.

Carol and Herb

carol and herb williams

## **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2010 12:39 PM, EDT**

Dear Bev,

The Pozzo's were here last night for hamburgers and I just got off the phone with Linda Dunmire. We all talked of you and EVERYONE sends love and healing wishes. I am sending Linda this link too.
All love and warm hugs,

Mare

Maryellen Bereson

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2010 4:47 PM, EDT

Bev and Fred

We are concerned about Bev Ability to fly...Hope all is well Fedon and Pat

Fedon Petrides

## **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2010 12:14 PM, CDT**

Bev, we're all praying for you and hope the surgery is successful. Love, Marcy

Marcy Lazio

## **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2010 12:36 PM, CDT**

Thanks for keeping us updated, Katie. Let your parents know we are keeping them in our prayers and if there is ANYTHING we can do to support you, Ralph and Jack here in the cities... please let us know!! We have just gone through some of the things you are going through and know how important support from friends can be at times like these! Dinner, lunch, snack... you name it, we will be there!

Keep up the winning attitudes! Medicine can only do so much... attitude and prayers are what sustain us during this difficult times.

Love to all!

Janine & Harry

Janine Alcorn

## MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2010 12:58 PM, CDT

Dear Bev & family -

We are all sad to hear of this (temporary) setback. We have confidence that you will be able to progress with the rest of your therapy very soon. We will be thinking of you and holding you in our thoughts and prayers.

We missed you in CO. It seems like most of Sinful Valley was there - a beautiful wedding in a beautiful place on a beautiful weekend.

Steve & Cheryl, Stuart, and Elleson Schurtz

Steve Schurtz

## MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2010 1:30 PM, CDT

TO ALL THE KOCH FAMILY......very, very sorry to hear of the set-back, but the powers of positive thinking and prayers are the direction that we will continue. Lots of Love and prayers from all the Blodgetts.

Love, Gary and Sandy and the rest of the family.

Sandy and Gary Blodgett

## MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2010 2:33 PM, CDT

To Bev and the entire Koch family. Sam and I were saddened to hear of Bev's setback. We are praying all will go well so she can continue on the road to recovery. We will not be in Florida until Thanksgiving. Do wish we could be of help. Thanks so much Katy for keeping us informed of your Mom's health. She is in our thoughts and prayers.

Love, Jane and Sam Christensen

Jane Christensen

#### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2010 3:17 PM, CDT

How Do Honna,

Sorry to hear of your setback, but I know how strong and determined you are, and will whip this situation. Fred , you too. Please gain your strength, as Beeve will need you to be strong. Katy, thanks so much for establishing this link we can all monitor daily; it means so much.

Our love to you all, Meg, Grant, and Barry

Barry Baker

## MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2010 3:31 PM, CDT

Bev------We're thankful that you are in great hands and have lots of great care with Katy and Fred right there with you. We're praying that you'll go to Minneapolis next week and have exactly the right surgery and treatment. Stay courageous, pal!

Love, Nancy and Craig

Nancy Shirey

## MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2010 4:03 PM, CDT

We are so sorry to hear of the recent news but thankful for this website and Katy for keeping us all informed. No matter the news we will all be praying and thinking good thoughts. Wishing we were close now so we could be there with you Fred. We are in Minneapolis flying out tomorrow AM for Calif. God Bless Bob and Elizabeth Schukei

Elizabeth Schukei

#### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2010 4:34 PM, EDT

Thanks so much Katy for the lastest on your Mother. Have been really concerned ever since your Dad called last Thurs. Hopely she is resting in the good hands of all at St Mary,s. Our thought s and Prayers are with all your family. So happy to have the Caring Bridge you have set up for all of us .Thanks Love Patti and Richard Sulentic

Patti and Richard sulentic

## MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2010 4:37 PM, EDT

So sorry I put down the wrong Hospital.... Good care at Good Sam!!! Patti

Patti Sulentic

#### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2010 7:31 PM, EDT

Katv

I have read your update. If there is anything Margaret Vercillo or I can do for you down here, please call. Our thoughts are with all of you during this difficult time.

Hugs,

Karen Spadaccini

Margaret Vercillo

karen spadaccini

## MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2010 9:52 PM, CDT

hi aunt bev and uncle fred. healing thoughts your way!!! and warm thoughts too.

Thanks katy, for the update..... I will advise the koch's on this end.

We are all "tucking you into our prayers". Much love, from the Koch Gaer family.

annie koch gaer

## TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2010 9:54 AM, CDT

Bev, we were SO SORRY to hear of the latest complication, but happy to hear you are not in pain. Knowing you, we wouldn't be surprised to hear you're having an election party in your room!

Love,

Milt and Diana

diana hansen

#### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2010 2:10 PM, CDT

Hello Bev and Fred and family,

Thanks, Katie for the update on Bev and Fred. We will keep them in our thoughts and prayers. It sounds like Bev is not in pain (great news). Hope that you are able to format a plan of attack

for the cancer. Fred, keep up your strength. Eat what you can. Hugs from Iowa to all.

## Love, Cathy and Brad

Cathy Isaak

## TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2010 8:17 PM, CDT

Bev, You are such a tough , strong person and I know your attitude and mental strenght will pull you through this upcoming surgery. We love you and send our strength in thought and prayers. Jennifer and Karl Langhart

Jennifer Langhart

## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2010 2:08 PM, EDT

Hi Bev, I am sending you good wishes. Your family looks so wonderful. Peter and I are doing well and thinking of you.

Love Marsha

marsha calise

## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2010 2:27 PM, EDT

Dear Bev,

Just heard from Karen about your tracheotomy today. Had not been on this site for a few days... However, Randy and I think of you often and wish you a speedy recovery. Miss hearing your voice!! We love the newest photo on the web site. Thank you Katy, for keeping us all updated! Lots of love, Elke and Randy

Elke Browning

## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2010 5:01 PM, MST

Hang in there, Bev. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Sterling

Sterling Laaveg

# WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2010 5:16 PM, CDT

HI Bev,

Gary and I want you yo get better soon so you can come back to another Weltner PGA party! Love, Barbara

Barbara Weltner

## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2010 8:45 PM, MST

Hi Bev. Have been thinking of you. Our prayers are with you. Sterling was getting the emails but I had to find out how you were doing myself. Love the pictures. Rita

Rita Laaveg

#### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2010 9:37 AM, CDT

How Do Honna?

I contacted Barb and filled her in on your situation. She has an email "Station" at home that allows her to send and receive email, but no internet connection, and therefore no "Caring Bridge", so I will keep her

posted as to your progress. Glad you have no pain.

Also contacted Brook, and gave him an update. We are all "pulling" for you, and say our prayers daily for you.

Much love, Barry

Barry Baker

## THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2010 3:10 PM, CDT

Bev - keep fighting!

we are with you ... thanks Katy for putting this together .. I want to put 100 kisses on the baby's cheeks! Fritz he's just beautiful - and Jack getting so big! Fred I hope you are gaining strength - love from the Windy, Meg

meg baker

## THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2010 9:54 PM, CDT

JR Clark Belmond Iowa, I would like to just say hi to all, I hope all the best for everyone! You guys hang in there.

JR Clark

#### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2010 8:09 AM, CDT

This is so fun to see all the comments. The connecting point from all corners of the Koch world, from Palm Beach to Palm Desert, to Belmond, IA. Etc.

What would we do without our "virtual world"? And so many real friends in our lives.

Mom, "hi" from Mary and Lisa, your manicurists at Southdale Mall. Mary was sorry to hear the news. She wishes you well.

Katy

Katy Koch Campbell

## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2010 8:55 AM, CDT

Fred and Bev,

Good morning from Clear Lake. We are pleased to hear that you are hanging in there and doing the very best you can. Really thankful for this great communication....thanks again, Katy.

Sounds as though things will continue to get better for you.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you both.

Gary and Sandy

Sandy and Gary Blodgett

## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2010 9:09 AM, CDT

Bev, Fred and Family

Thank you for sharing this informaiton, it is not easy. Your family and friends at this time can Help, Please do let us know if their is anyting we can do, we want to. You can only take it day by day, but please

let Bev know we are thinking of her and she is in our prayers. I must admidt tho I do remember the days at the outing Club and the great fun we all had, what a wonderful time it was, expecially when the wearther turned stormy it was Bev that wanted to make sure everyone was safe and secure. She was so good to all of us, and added such a fun factor to our day. Oh how could I have forgotten about the bat tennis we had on teh porch......Take care your freind Harrry

Harry Alcorn Jr.

# SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2010 10:38 AM, CDT

Bev, you continue to be in our thoughts and prayers. We do appreciate the updates from Katy. Keep getting stronger. Wish we could be of some help to both you and Fred.

Love, Jane and Sam Christensen

lane Christensen

## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2010 11:19 AM, EDT

Bev and Fred are in our thoughts a lot as we go about our daily routine and more so after the events of the past week. Thanks to Katy for the update and the good news of finding a local surgeon for the next procedure which we hope will be very soon. All of us want to be helpful to Fred without being intrusive and we hope he will call upon us in the days ahead.

With love and affection to our good friends

Pat and Fedon

Fedon Petrides

## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2010 12:31 PM, CDT

bev, fred, katy and family, art and i are available when and as needed! margaret

margaret vercillo

Sent from CaringBridge Mobile

## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2010 1:41 PM, CDT

Hi from Mason City!

What a gift to have CaringBridge! Katy, you, Ralph and Jack have done a wonderful job keeping everyone informed and keeping everything in such an upbeat, positive attitude. The Al-Anon messages have been so uplifting. Thank you.

Bev, you're keeping everyone on their toes! I am glad that a good surgeon has bee found and that you will have the surgery asap. Then you can move on to good healing! And Fred, I know this is not easy for you either, but it's just what we do for our spouse/ family, right? Keep up your strength---use your bands! :)

Elle is home today. She is studying as we watch the Hawks play at Indiana. (we're down 9-13 right now, 4th quarter, so we better get it going soon!)

Know we are sending loving light and healing to all of you.

Cheryl and all

Yea! At least we just got another field goal....but down by one!

Cheryl Schurtz

## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2010 2:28 PM, EDT

Dear Bev,

Well, it seems you are being thrown challenges right and left! Bill and I are thinking and praying for you. We'll all be glad when they get that mass out of your throat. Well, I guess convalescing in FL could be nicer than the cold, wintry north. Will you be in the same hospital where Celene Dion had her babies? Please heal well and recover quickly so you can get back to important things like fun, polo and parties! We'll be in Wellington in a few weeks, so we'll be sure to come visit. Hope you'll be out of the hospital by then. Good luck on your upcoming surgery.

Please give Fred a big hug from us. It's hard being the caregiver, too. But you two are so brave and "there" for each other, I know things will go as best they can. Janet

Janet Richardson-Pearson

#### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2010 3:35 PM, CDT

Hi Bev,

Gary and I love you and think of you often. A golf friend just left who rescued 3 baby Chi-tsu's(I cant spell it right...my first attempt was shit-zoo, but I know that wont fly. They are soo cute and Devon...ruth Leigh's bichon, who is here LOVES them both. so the W family pet saga!

love, Barbara

Barbara Weltner

Sent from CaringBridge Mobile

#### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2010 5:04 PM, EDT

Hi Fred and Bev - Del and Barbara here - just want you to know we are thinking of you and actually know what you are currently going through. My father had a complete laryngectomy (sp.) - Del thinks it was around 1993 - and he handled it very well - never was able to speak again, but he just didn't want to learn how to use any of the gizmos that were then available. So - he seemed quite happy to carry a notepad around with him and write notes when he needed to - also became very good at pantomiming(sp.) what he wanted to communicate.

I'm sure modern science has come up with many new devices, etc. to aid in the communication process since the early 90's, but my dad was not a very verbal guy to begin with, so probably didn't miss the talking bit as much as we women might:) Also - you might like to know that he still enjoyed his bi-weekly poker games out in Sun City, CA where he and my mom lived at that time - AND - REALLY continued to enjoy his bourbon - suppose gin/vodka could be substituted as needed for medicinal purposes, of course!!

Hugs to you both and please let us know if and when we can be of help w/o getting in the way:) Keep up the good spirits and know that there are so many of us out here who care and keep you in our prayers!! Love, Barbara

Barbara Williamson

## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2010 5:06 PM, CDT

Dear Bev and Fred, We are thinking of you and your wonderfully supportive family and praying for all of you. He will give you the strength you need as you go thru this together. Mary Lou and Dan McEachran

Dan McEachran

## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2010 10:20 PM, CDT

Hi my friend....following your progress via the web. I think about you daily and want you to know that everyone who knows you is doing the same. Your spirit. energy and positive outlook are a part of your personality! Sending you my love.....Maudette

Maudette Devenow

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2010 8:41 AM, EST

#### Dearest Bev and Family,

We send strength and prayers to guide you thru your surgeries, present and future.

We celebrated Sam's 70th birthday last night with our Baltimore gang who flew in for the ocassion as well as Sam's son and our daughter-in-law to be and his daughter. We are "over the moon" happy to additionally learn that they are expecting!

We miss you Bev and hold you in our hearts. Thank you for including us in your CarePages. It means a lot.

All love,

Mare

\*I really love the AlAnon saying at the end of each update. They are beautiful. TY

Maryellen Bereson

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2010 4:41 PM, CST

Bev and Fred,

Your Katy is doing a fantastic job of keeping everyone updated and we share the info with our Des Moines crew and the Laavegs.

Hope your surgery goes A-O.K. there in Wellington. Glad you and Fred won't have to make the long trip to Minneapolis. You have enough on your plate as it is.

You are in our prayers as we await the next word on your progress.

Love,

Barb & Hank

henry kinney

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2010 7:16 PM, CST

#### Beverly,

This can be scary with the trach...Karl had to get a longer trach 2 weeks ago too... hard to breath and needed a longer one as well... hang in there and that will get easier for you. We are pleased to hear you have a specialist near by....and by your home...must be a "meant to be" situation. Be strong, Bev... still in our daily prayers .hugs, Jennifer Langhart

Jennifer Langhart

## MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2010 9:53 AM, MST

Navigating life's obstructions can be very difficult. Rita and my thoughts and prayers are with you and Fred, Bev. Good luck in your next medical "adventures." Sterling

Sterling Laaveg

## **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2010 11:57 AM, CST**

Many thanks to Fred, for Sunday's update.

Our thoughts and hopes with you. Always. We'll stay in touch.

Love.

Fay and Hank Shapiro

Fay Shapiro

## MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2010 2:37 PM, CST

dear bev ,fred, katy and all, you are in our thoughts and prayers!! we are most anxious to help in any way that we can! just give a shout, as your plans jell! we are thrilled about fred too, but not surprised. bev is blessed to have such a remarkkable daughter & family around her!! she has gteat friends that will fill in the gaps as needed, especially when you must head for home!! love art and margaret

margaret vercillo

#### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2010 9:17 PM, MST

Hi Bev, Fred & family,

Thank you for keeping us updated! I am sorry to hear of all the new obstacles thrown at you, Bev. I do know that attitude has a lot to do in cancer cases and I know for a fact that you meet each day with a surprising "smiling" attitude. Keep it up. Remember life is what happens when you have other plans and right now you were meant to be where you are and getting the best care you can. May the Lord give you strength as you meet each day.

You have such a supportive family and friends. I continue to hold you up in prayer and loving thoughts. Rita

Rita Laaveg

## TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2010 6:18 PM, CST

Bev & Fred -

Please know that you have been and will continue to to be in my thoughts! Sending good energy your direction!!

Love,

Elle

Elleson Schurtz

## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2010 8:50 AM, EST

Hi Bev,

Hope you had a good night. Your friends in Palm Beach Polo are all thinking of you. Sharon Witry asked about you yesterday. We are glad that you will be able to have your surgery locally and then to spend time in your home to recuperate.

Much love, John and Karen

karen spadaccini

## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2010 7:03 PM, CST

hi bev.just want you to know beth.s r parochial school prays for you every friday. her class prays you every day! she says the prayers of children do good things. all here and their are many pray and have you in their thoughts. love, art, marg and our family

margaret vercillo

## THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2010 11:23 AM, EST

Dear Kochs,

We did not have access to the internet while on our trip, so we are just now getting caught up. Sorry to hear about all the events, but it sounds like things are falling into place now. So glad to know Bev is not in pain. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and please let us know if there is anything we can do.

Love to all, Ann Campion

Ann Campion

## THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2010 2:57 PM, CST

Hello Bev, I have not seen any updates for a few days, I will hope that things are progressing and that you are getting your next surgery lined up. We keep you in our thoughts and prayers. Love, Cathy and Brad

Cathy Isaak

## THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2010 3:14 PM, CST

Dear,Bev my loving pen pal

I pray for you every day and you are always in my heart. i would also like to send my love to Katy you are a loving, hard working daughter and i admire you for that.

Love lives forever,

Charlie Flippen

P.S Fred God bless you, you are also in our thoughts and prayers!

Charlie

henry kinney

Sent from CaringBridge Mobile

Hi Bev
Hank & I have kept Charlie appraised of the
latest from Katy. He asks about you every day. If anyone can keep an upbeat attitude
it is you. We await the lastest on your progress. Our best to you too Fred. So glad
Bev.
Love, Barb & Hank
henry kinney
Sent from CaringBridge Mobile
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2010 3:28 PM, CST
Hi Bev
Hank & I have kept Charlie appraised of the
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henry kinney

Sent from CaringBridge Mobile

#### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2010 7:28 AM, EST

Dear Bev---we kept up with your progress while we were in Florida last week---Barb McGovern and Margaret told us of your operation, and the probable path you will take in the near future. You know how dear you and Fred are to us, so you can be sure we will say our prayers for you both. Much love, Jo and Ralph

Jo and Ralph Alfenito

## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2010 3:41 PM, CST

Bev and Fred, Hated getting home from our trip and learning that things have not perfecctly smoothly. Hopefully it will be better frpm here on out. So many people are thinking of you and saying prayers. You've been such a good friend to everyone that you deserve to have all our love and concern - which you do. Wish we were in FL so we could offer some kind of help.

Our best wishes, Carol and Herb

carol and herb williams

#### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2010 4:10 PM, MST

Bev,

My heart aches for you. I'm so sad that you have had to endure these setbacks and pray that you'll come back to us. Please know that you are loved by so many. Your grandson, Baxter, sends his love to his favorite funny lady.

Fred, Katy & Fritz,

So glad you're all there together for Bev. I know she feels the love surrounding her. Please continue to be strong and hopeful. We love you!

Debbie Koch

## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2010 5:15 PM, PST

Hello Bev, Fred, Katy and Fritz,

My thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this difficult time. I'm sending all the love and positive thoughts I can muster all the way from San Francisco, as I reminisce about fun times had by all at the Outing Club.

God Bless,

Brook Baker

Brook Baker

## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2010 5:43 PM, CST

Dear Bev,

Katy is doing such a wonderful job keeping us all updated and keeping the prayers going for you. You have been the epitome of strength, love and hope for your family. You should feel very proud of all you have accomplished raising a wonderful family!

We are praying for all of you and know that God is holding you close in His care. God bless you all!

Janine and Harry Alcorn

Janine Alcorn

Sent from CaringBridge iPhone app

#### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2010 6:01 PM, EST

Still thinking of you and wishing you the best. Love, Marsha Calise

marsha calise

#### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2010 6:08 PM, CST

Bev, Fred, Katy and Fritz plus the whole family

Bob and I are so sorry for the recent chain of events. Gosh can't we get a break here? There is such a feeling of helplessness so prayers are about all we have to offer and good positive thoughts. Katy give your Dad a big hug and your Mom too from both of us. Love and hugs The Schukei's

Elizabeth Schukei

#### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2010 6:27 PM, EST

Dear Bev, Fred and Family,

Bill and I are so sorry to hear of Bev's setbacks. Things like this shouldn't happen to nice people. Our hearts go out to you during this difficult time. If it helps at all, you certainly have lots of love and prayers coming your way. We all hope for the best.

Kind Regards, Janet Richardson-Pearson and Bill Pearson (neighbors from Golf Brook Dr.)

Janet Richardson-Pearson

## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2010 7:16 PM, CST

Bev we're pulling for you, Mary & Bob Lichty

Robert Lichty

#### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2010 7:47 PM, EST

Dear Fred Katy and Fritz:

We just read the latest entry in Bev's journal. How does one find the right words to share with all of you our sadness, surprise and deep concern for the latest setback.

She is always in our thoughts and as we read and re-read the update particularly the parts about her leaving Good Sam and the affection shown...her upbeat attitude and her always in-order calendar took us back 20 years ago when we went on a cruise to the amazon and bev organized a surprise birthday party for Fedon with 25 "close"! friends made over a 3 day period! There is no one like Bev

We can all learn from her upbeat attitude in the face of adversity. I always felt she must have read The Power of Positive Thinking at a young age as she has always been a person whose "glass is half-full"

We are close by and will lend a hand anytime.

With love, friendship and great concern

Fedon and Pat

Fedon Petrides

## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2010 7:57 PM, CST

Dear Bev and Family, You are all so strong. And how wonderful for Bev to have you all...and all of us......pulling and praying for her. Love, Mary Lou and Dan McEachran

Dan McEachran

## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2010 8:02 PM, CST

Dear Katy, Fritz and Fred and BEVERLY,

Thank the Lord, Katy, that you were present during the most recent setback, as it will turn out that your immediate intervention, has saved the day. I know the Doctors will bring her back from the edge.

I just spoke to Barbara, and gave her the update. She passes along her best thoughts & prayers, and apologizes for being so electronically out-of-touch, please know that I will continue to keep her informed.

Our love and good thoughts to you all in this difficult time. Give Bev's hand a squeeze for me.

Love Meg, Grant and Barry

Barry Baker

## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2010 8:31 PM, CST

OUR HEARTS, MINDS, AND PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU .. ALL.

**FAY AND HANK** 

Henry Shapiro

## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2010 9:04 PM, EST

Hi and of course we were shocked to get Katy,s email. So thankfull she has informed us all. WE have been sending lots of prayers and today I was at mass and remembered you all, not knowing the lastest problem for you all. We will continue our prayers and if we can help[ we are close] please let us know. Love and Hugs to all Patti and Richard Sulentic

patricia sulentic

## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2010 10:20 PM, EST

Dearest Kochs,

What a rollercoaster! I am so sorry to hear the latest news, but prayer things will turn around for Bev. As we all know, she is a very strong woman.

Katy, I cannot imagine what it must have been like for you, what an incredible daughter you are. As always, my prayers are with you all, and please know if there is anything I can do to help let me know. My love to you all,

Ann Williams Campion

Ann Campion

## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2010 10:24 PM, CST

To each of you, PLEASE know, that we are thinking of you all and praying continually. We are soo very sorry and sad to hear about all of this and care deeply. Please let Bev know that we love her and know she is just taking a little "power nap", and will soon be planning more parties. Take care, Fred, Katy and Fritz and tell Bev we send lots of good thoughts. Our love, Gary and Sandy

Sandy and Gary Blodgett

#### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2010 7:14 AM, EST

Fred, Katy, and Fritz,

I am so sad to hear all the update on Bev, but I am glad to hear from all of you. Katy, you definitely have your Mother's writing skills. You are doing a great job in explaining what is going on. I know Fred and Bev are so happy to have both you and Fritz by their side. We are here for all of you and just want to give you a big hug. Hang in there.

Much love, John and Karen

karen spadaccini

## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2010 7:43 AM, CST

DEAR FRED, KATHY, AND FRITZ, ART AND I ARE SO SORRY TO LEARN ABOUT THE UFORTUNATE TURN OF EVENTS FOR BEV. WE STAND READY TO ASSIST IN ANY WAY WE CAN TO EASE YOUR BURDEN, WE APPRECIATE BEING INFORMED ABOUT HER MEDICAL STATUS. BEVERLY AND ALL OF YOU ARE IN OUR THOUUGHTS AND PRAYERS. LOVE, MARG AND ART

margaret vercillo

## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2010 8:22 AM, CST

Just read the latest update on Bev, and I can't tell you how sorry we are to hear about it. We just saw Jim and Joan Walker last evening, and they told us how wonderful Bev looked at Good Sam. Also how great her spirits were. We think about her everyday, and pray for a complete recovery. We only wish we were closer so we could help you all out. Hang in there Bev! We love you, and have had so many wonderful times together for the past fifty plus years. Will always remember the beautiful Baker twins at the University.

Again, many thanks for keeping us updated on Bev.

Sincerely, Jane and Sam Christensen

Jane Christensen

## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2010 8:30 AM, CST

Dear Katy,

Thank you so much for keeping us updated. We were so sad to read the latest news. We're sure having you and Fritz with her certainly helps. If we can do anything for you, please don't hesitate to call us. We continue to keep Bev in our prayers.

Fondly,

Bill and Barbara McGovern

Barbara McGovern

#### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2010 9:07 AM, CST

Thinking of you dear Bev. Sending you many hugs and much love. With great affection.....Maudette

Maudette Devenow

## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2010 9:21 AM, EST

Dearest Bev,

We are all praying for you.....I know exactly where you are. A dear friend had cardiac surgery there last year.....You are getting wonderful care , I'm sure.

Again, Family, if there is anything I can do to help out, please let me know.....753-9128

Katy, thank you so much for keeping us up to date.

Bless you all at this must difficult time, Alice Mueller

Alice Mueller

## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2010 11:04 AM, CST

Dear Fred, Katy & Fritz,

We were so very sorry to hear about Bev's illness. Margaret had been keeping us up to date so she has been in our prayers but now all of you are in them also. Please know if there is anything that we can do to help or that you need just give us a call.

May God be with all of you in this special time of need.

Bob & Vody

Robert & Vody Bushey

#### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2010 11:58 AM, CST

Dear Kochs...we just returned from a week away to this sad news. We send you thoughts and prayers and our very best wishes for strength. Katy and Fritz--I'm so glad you're there together to lean on eachother and provide comfort to your dear mom and dad. Take good care...we love you all!

Robin

Robin Anderson

#### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2010 12:00 PM, EST

Dear Bev

Randy and I are hoping and praying for you. Hang in there dear friend, and keep fighting!

You have a wonderful family, and your daughter has certainly inherited your writing skills, along with many more of your special qualities.

We love you, and hope to be able to visit with you soon.

Lots of love, Elke

Elke Browning

## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2010 12:01 PM, CST

Dear Bev,

This latest turn of events leaves us so sad for all that you are having to endure. I wishing that the swipe of a magic wand would just make it all go away. We are so thankful for Katie keeping us informed and for the fact that you have such loyal family and friends for support. It's a tribute to your wonderful energy and

spirit that so many people care about you. Please come back to us. You and all your family are in our prayers.

All our Love,

Ron and Dianna

Dianna Moeller

## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2010 12:10 PM, CST

To all of the Koch Family;

Our thoughts and prayers go out to all of you. Beverly is such a wonderful and classy Lady and is just due for an overlong nap and will be back with everyone soon. Give her (and Fred) a big hug from us. God bless all of you.

Monda & Brent Linderman (Bob and Elizabeth Schukei's Daughter & Son-in-Law)

Monda Linderman

## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2010 12:57 PM, CST

Dear Fred, Bev and family

We were saddened to hear of your unfortunate turn of events. Please know that you are in our hearts and prayers. We appreciate Katy's updates.

Love

Paul and Marsha Gordon

marsha gordon

#### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2010 5:08 PM, EST

Dearest Bev, Fred, Katy and Fritz,

I arrived home just a couple of hours ago and was so distressed to hear about what has gone on since I left for the cruise. Poor Bev, it all doesn't sound very good, but knowing Bev she will be on Dancing with the Stars next season!!!! Please know that I am thinking of you all and that Bev is in my prayers. I will stay tuned.

Much love, Nance xoxoxo

Nancy Richardson

#### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2010 5:32 PM, CST

Thank you for keeping your guestbook up to date! So glad you are all together there in Fl. Your attitude is fantastic and something from which the rest of us can learn.

Give Bev's hand a squeeze for us. We send our love to you ALL!

Barb & Hank

henry kinney

#### **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2010 10:56 AM, CST**

Dear ones,

Reading of the changes that have recently occurred saddens us deeply. Katy and Fritz, we are so grateful you are with your parents at this time, as you all need one another. Continue to know that we care about each of you and we send you our thoughts of love and comfort, especially during this very difficult time.

Steve and Cheryl

Cheryl Schurtz

#### **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2010 11:29 AM, CST**

Dear Fred, Katy and Fritz,

Thinking of you -keep talking to Bev-she can hear you and feel you there. Take care of yourselves. Love, Margaret

Margaret Brush Osmundson

### **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2010 1:25 PM, CST**

sending a hug

sandy and rob reiss

sandra reiss

Sent from CaringBridge Mobile

#### **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2010 1:40 PM, CST**

I'm thinking about all of you during this time. Take care.

-Stu

stu schurtz

#### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2010 3:08 PM, CST

Bev,

Rita and I send our thoughts and prayers for recovery from this setback. Sterling

Sterling Laaveg

Sent from CaringBridge Mobile

#### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2010 3:40 PM, CST

Haven't heard from you for a couple of days. Hope things are improving. You are all vry much in our hearts and minds. love, Fay and Hank,

Fay Shapiro

#### **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2010 7:57 PM, CST**

Sorry to hear about this setback...Will be keeping all of you in my thoughts and prayers.

Love,

Spencer Anderson

Spencer Anderson

## **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2010 9:32 PM, CST**

Dear Bev,

I will continue to keep you and your family in my prayers. I am so glad Fred, Katy and Fritz can be there with you. I know you can feel their presence and love.

Love,

Jenni Hummel

jenni hummel

### **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2010 10:05 PM, CST**

Dear Koch family- so sorry to hear the latest "update" and only hope that things will get better for all of you SOON! Much love from the Barr family- call if I can be of any service to you.

fred barr

# MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2010 11:12 AM, EST

Dear Bev.,

I am so sad to hear of the ordeal you are going through. You looked so cheerful and confident when we met at the Club over Lunch just a few weeks ago.

I send you mu love as well as to Fred and your devoted family.  $\ensuremath{\mathsf{I}}$ 

Jose.

Jose Masters

# **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2010 11:26 AM, EST**

Dear Katy, Fred and Fritz,

Thank you for phoning this AM with the dreaded news. I had not yet left for the medical center, so appreciated the heads up.

I just want to tell all of you how sorry I am to get the news of Bev's passing. I considered her a dear friend and will miss her terribly.

Please let me know if there is anything I can do to ease these days for you, anything.

My prayers are with you all.

Love, Nance

Nancy Richardson

# MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2010 11:58 AM, MST

A truly spectacular person. We will miss you.

Rob & Anna Protzman

Rob Protzman

#### **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2010 12:01 PM, CST**

I am so so sad to hear this news. Beverly was such fun...She held court whenver at the Outing Club and was always putting a smile on her face no matter what. It won't b the same without her there...Our deepest condolances to you all at this difficult time.

I love the picture...what a gal! With great sympathy, Jennifer and Karl Langhart

Jennifer Langhart

## MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2010 12:01 PM, CST

Koch Family--

I am so sad...the Outing Club just won't be the same. Our entire family adored Bev. She was so great to Teal and Spencer; they think of her as almost another grandma--and given the distance that separated them from their actual grandparents, they actually had a closer relationship with Bev.

I'm sure she is already planning a fabulous party in heaven!

The only thing that brings me comfort is that she is at peace. Please know you are all in our thoughts and prayers.

God Speed.

With love, Robin

Robin Anderson

#### **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2010 12:09 PM, CST**

Bev will certainly be missed! My condolences to Fred and the rest of the Koch family. The Outing Club certainly will not be the same. I am just glad she lived such a happy and eventful life. She was always ready to party and loved life at the lake. I'm glad she went peacefully. Bev -- you will be missed, but always fondly remembered.

Love, Spencer

Spencer Anderson

### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2010 12:16 PM, CST

We are all very sad here in Chicago, Bev would have us at her place in Clear Lake and Florida and what a hostess and cook and dancer! We will miss her dearly and we send our love and prayers to Fred, Katy and Fritz. She was some gal, love The Bakers Meg, Barry, Grant

meg baker

## **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2010 12:35 PM, CST**

Fred, Katy, and Fritz,

I was so sorry to hear the news about Aunt Bev and have sent word to my Mom in Kentucky. You have all been in our prayers the last few weeks and remain so today. Please never forget God's promise for eternal salvation and the many people who care deeply about your family.

will connect with you all soon Love

Joe Koch and everyone from Bob Koch's family

Joe Koch

### **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2010 12:36 PM, CST**

I am so sorry for your loss. Bev was truly one of a kind - and kind to all in so many wonderful ways. God bless your family.

fred barr

## MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2010 12:53 PM, MST

This is a very sad day. The OC will not be the same. Our thoughts and prayers are with each of you. We wish you comfort and peace. Sterling & Rita.

Sterling Laaveg

## **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2010 12:54 PM, EST**

My very sincere condoleances. Bev will be so much missed by her many friends.

Please keep me informed of any memorial service here in Florida.

Fondly,

Jose Masters.

Marie Jose Masters

### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2010 1:07 PM, CST

Dear Fred, Fritz and Katy

We were so sorry to hear about Bev. She will certainly be missed. One of a kind. Her parties were legendary and now the parties will be "heavenly". We'll be sure to hoist a martini in her honor!!! Our thoughts and prayers are with you in this difficult time.

Fondly,

Bill and Barbara McGovern

Barbara McGovern

### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2010 1:26 PM, CST

To the Kochs and Campbells,

I think today is the first day Bev has made me sad. She always, always made me smile--or laugh. She was kind and generous to everyone in my family.

I'll never forget the way she roamed the porches at the Outing Club, checking to see who was there. And if she missed you one trip, she wanted to know during the next trip where you had been. I always reported truthfully to her because she didn't gossip. What I always saw in her was a person trying to figure out how she could help. Sometimes the helpee didn't want help, but, no matter, Bev's intentions were kind. That was clear. I'll love her forever.

With a sad heart and teary eyes, love to all, Mary Ellen

Mary Ellen Salinas

## MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2010 1:46 PM, CST

Fred, Katy, and Fritz,

I am so sad to hear your news. The Outing Club will never be the same! Bev always had a smile, a hug, and a drink for everyone! Bev led a full life and passed peacefully. How lucky was she. She will be sadly missed by all her OC family.

Love,

Jenni Hummel

jenni hummel

### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2010 2:04 PM, CST

To Fred, Katy and Fritz.....Such sad news but we feel God was thinking of you three and Bev and just let her go to sleep. we both know what it is to lose a lifelong partner. Know you are in our prayers. Gib and Jan

Jan Glasson

### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2010 2:11 PM, EST

Dear Fred, Katy and Fritz---Our hearts are heavy with the loss of beautiful Bev. Katy, you have done a tip top job as communicator with difficult messages. Fritz, although we've never met you and Katy, we had heard glowingly of you both in many conversations with Fred and Bev. Fred, get ready for our hugs when we return to Florida. You are thought of with love, especially at this time. Jo and Ralph

Jo and Ralph Alfenito

### **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2010 2:13 PM, CST**

Very sad to get the news. She is , of course, in a better place and pain free now. We will all miss our "Bev". We have many, many great memories of Bev. She loved to come down and kibitz when we played any kind of game. She was especially fond of Father Mike. Rest in peace, Bev. Cathy and Brad

Cathy Isaak

#### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2010 2:35 PM, CST

The summers at the OC will never be the same without Bev. She always had a big smile and was always interested in what others were doing. We loved it when Bev would walk down the porch in the evening just to say hello (and to find out "Where's Eric?) She will be missed, but she is in a good place now. Blessings to Fred, Katie, Fritz, and the rest of the family.

Steven Schurtz

# MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2010 2:42 PM, EST

To know Bev was to love her; you simply could not. Our hearts are heavy with the sad news and only relieved that in the end, she left us peacefully. Fred, Fritz, Katie and families we send you deep condolences at this sad, sad time. May you stay strong with all of the wonderful and positives memories of a lifetime. Surely, she is planning a party at this very moment in heaven.

Always loved, never forgotten  $\,$  .  $\,$  . Bev, a friend forever Much love,

Mare (Maryellen Bereson)

Maryellen Bereson

#### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2010 2:45 PM, EST

Dear Fred, Katy and Fritz:

We stopped by to see Bev Saturday morning and gave Bev a tearful goodbye. Seeing the photo of her

saluting in today's journal brought to mind how Bev always said goodbye to us with her little sideways skip and arm flourish which she would continue as we drove away. I would always keep watching till we were out of sight. One time at the Outing Club she didn't go through her routine and we said we weren't leaving without her usual sendoff. We feel so sad losing our beautiful friend and want you to know what a caring, supporting family you were to Bev and her friends. May God give you peace in the days and weeks ahead. Love...Pat and Fedon

Fedon Petrides

## MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2010 3:04 PM, CST

We were sorry to hear of Bev's passing, and we want Fred, Fritz, Katy and family, to know that you are in our thoughts and prayers at this sad time. We have many fond memories through the fifty-five years we have known her. Bev and the Ladies of the Friday noon club bought Sam a car for his 50th birthday. A Nash Rambler, twenty-five years old, and worth maybe \$45.00. On the birthday invitation, Sam had asked for no gifts unless they were expensive! The ladies drove it right into our back yard party, through the bushes and all. It had a furry steering wheel cover and large dice hanging from the mirror. Bev sat on the front right fender, drink and cigarette in hand, dressed like a lady of the evening, with the famous Bev smile. I think she is smiling about it right now.

P. S. It cost Sam \$140.00 to have it hauled away.

We will miss her.

With love, Jane and Sam Christensen

Jane Christensen

### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2010 3:07 PM, EST

Dear, Kochs,

My tears won't stop. Bev was such a big part of my life growing up! I am, as I hope you are, comforted by the thought that it was a peaceful, painless end to what was a glorious life.

I will always remember all the summers I was lucky enough to spend time at the Outing Club. Bev always made me feel as if I was her second daughter, always ready to chat into the wee hours out on the porch, watch Katy and I perform our latest choreography to some Cher song, or listen while we performed a duet on the old piano. It was as if the Koch cottage was my home away from home all those summers!

Now, as a mother of teenagers, I realize she let us get away with murder! We could climb out the window of the second story bedroom and meet up with the OC boys out on the roof, we could sleep out in the boat all night, we could spend countless hours at the "carni" over the 4th, but we had better be dressed and ready for dinner when the bell rang! Bev made the OC like a slice of heaven for us all!

I think I inherited my love for entertaining from Bev...she is out matched when it comes to throwing a party! I will always remember how she paid attention to the smallest of details, how every party had to have a theme( I've stolen many of her ideas). She would always let Katy and me help out in some way, it was like attending a royal event everytime! Finally, when I was getting married she threw a spectacular party...Italian right down to the breadsticks!

I can only imagine the pain of your loss, but take some comfort that she has an entirely new set of parties to plan in heaven.

You are all in my thoughts and prayers. Katy, I know it will be a difficult day, but I will be thinking of you on your birthday Wed.

Love to all, especially Beev-er-ly!

Ann Williams Campion

Ann Campion

#### **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2010 3:25 PM, EST**

Dear Fred, Fritz, and Katy,

This is a sad day for John and me. We so much enjoyed Bev as a neighbor and friend. We had such good times together and will always remember her with great fondness. Cocktails on the porch with Fred and Bev were some of our favorite times together.

Fred, you have been a wonderful, loving husband, always supporting and taking care of Bev, right to the end! Your steadfast love for Bev was often evidenced by a twinkle in your eye when you spoke of her--even though she criticized your driving.

Though, who would have thought that Bev would leave us so suddenly, we are pleased that she did not suffer and did not have to endure a lengthy illness. Bev was such a trouper when it came to medical issues. She was brave, strong, and an inspiration to all of us.

Our deepest sympathy to Fred and all of the Koch family, Karen & John

karen spadaccini

# MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2010 3:31 PM, CST

Fred, Kathy and Fritz: I'm so saddened to hear the news of Bev's passing. Fred, I only have had the pleasure of meeting you and getting acquainted during the past 2 summers at the Outing Club and think so much of you both. Wish I had the opportunity to spend more time with Bev as I really liked her and always enjoyed our conversations. She had spunk and I liked that about her. She will be fondly remembered. Sincerest Sympathy, Julie McQuaid, Clear Lake.

Julie McQuaid

#### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2010 3:49 PM, CST

Fay and I met Bev and Fred when they moved in here to be our neighbors at Devonshire not so very long ago.

We watched her struggle, day to day, with all the hopefulness and vibrancy she seemed to bring to everything that touched her.

To know Beverly for a day, is to have known her forever. She was an open, loving person with a wonderful joy for life, and a great sense of humor.

Since you ask, one of the greatest "Beverly stories" we have heard (from Fred, as it happens) is called "Beverly and the Truck Driver". If you've not heard it before, ask Fred about it ... or call us at 561-622-4297 (we would not call YOU, at this time, uninvited to do so).

We loved Bev.

Fay and Hank

Henry Shapiro

## MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2010 3:59 PM, CST

Bev was the kind of person you always loved to tell people about, even if they'd never met her. I will never forget her laugh, her voice and her stories. Every summer I came home, a trip up the porch to hug Bev was the first order of business. Can't imagine the O.C. without her, but I will indeed carry her with me the rest of my life — and look forward to decades of telling my children and grandchildren about our sweet, larger-than-life Bev Koch. Fred, Katy and Fritz, our thoughts are surely with you.

Sarah (Protzman) and Robin Howlett

## MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2010 4:00 PM, EST

Dear Fred and Family

We are so sorry to hear about Bev's passing. She was admired and loved by everybody who knew her and we will miss her beautiful smile.

With our deepest sympathies.

Renate and Howard Gross

renate Gross

### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2010 4:00 PM, EST

Dear Fred & family, Bob and I arrived in FL today to hear the news about Beverly. We remember her as a woman who loved a party; one of the best was her anniversary party with Fred. What a fabulous evening! Bev was a gracious hostess and entertained her friends often. She was generous and loving and one of the special people in our lives. Our love to Fred and family. Mary & Bob Sullivan

bob sullivan

### **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2010 4:00 PM, CST**

Great photo, Katy ... (your wonderful writing style is evident - and you did your Mother proud here). That's also the Bev that I'll always remember, as well. I learned about Bev's passing from Bob Swanson earlier today, and I'm so sorry. Bev was truly "one of a kind" - and not only at the Outing Club. It's not at all hard to imagine that right about now, Bev is advising Saint Peter on how to make the Pearly Gates a little spiffier, the Angel's Wings more attractive, and - who knows? - it wouldn't surprise me if God's already found that his throne looks better, and is more comfortable, than it's been for thousands of years. Bev has been a special friend of mine since I was 10 years old, and she'll be missed by more friends than most people ever make in their entire, earthly life. Thanks for a beautiful tribute, Katy - and my best thoughts and heartfelt sympathy to all of you. R. I. P., Bev. Love from Todd. San Antonio, Texas

Todd Blodgett

### **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2010 4:06 PM, CST**

I really can't believe that she is gone. She has always been a very special part of our Florida Season either at Polo, tennis, bridge or special parties. She was always there with the biggest welcome & so glad to see you. She will be sadly missed but never forgotten! Please keep us posted as to when and where her service will be held.

Our deepest sympathy to you Fred, Fritz and Katie.

Love Vody & Bob

Robert & Vody Bushey

## **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2010 4:11 PM, CST**

Hi Fred, Fritz, Katy and the whole Koch family,

We are greatly saddened with this news. Bob and the family go way back to before Fritz and Katy, so many good memories, sharing family, living as neighbors, raising children. Many trips together to Vail, Maine, and many Friday nights in Waterloo at Koch's home, Schukei's, Swinehart's and other friends, not to mention the casseroles and Bev's Lasagna (yes she cooked).

On one trip to Portland, Maine everyone was ready to leave and Bev would not get up..Bob told Fred if he jumped in bed it might work-- Fred said do it as Fred watched Bob pulled back the covers and Bev flew out --- mission accomplished.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you all, much love during this difficult time.

Beverly we will miss our times together Love Bob and Elizabeth

Elizabeth Schukei

# MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2010 4:40 PM, EST

Dear Fred, Katy, and Fritz,

It's impossible to believe that we will not see Bev anymore, but her spirit, energy and love will always remain in the hearts of us all. Our love and thoughts are with you,

Alexandra and Bob Pozzo

## MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2010 5:14 PM, CST

Dear Fred, Katy and Fritz,

This has all happened so fast, it's hard to process. Without our queen Bev, the OC will never be the same. The picture will always be in our minds of Beverly in her corner of the dining room surveying her realm at mealtime and of her nightly strolls up and down the porch to check that all was well in the OC world....and who will make those wonderful marinated mushrooms now? She was a jewel and tonight the sky will be lit with a bright new star.

With sympathy and love to all your family, Ron and Dianna

Dianna Moeller

## MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2010 5:21 PM, CST

Fred, Katy and Fritz:

What a sad day! But what wonderful memories our two families have shared together. We are so fortunate that two wonderful women became such good friends - giving us the opportunity to grow up together.

Know that you are all in my prayers and that our memories of Bev will last forever.

We're lucky to have been a part of her life.

Mike Williams

Mike Williams

## MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2010 5:37 PM, CST

Bev! You will live forever. You are so profoundly in our hearts, our history and our future.

We well remember that summer 43 years ago when you arrived and you and Cynthia were carrying Fritz and Kurt. And now it is rewarding to see how all the stories from that day to this have fulfilled us, charmed us, made us laugh and made us cry. We have had the honor of holding you in our arms and the joy of having you hold us in yours.

What a friend you have been to us. As with all the remarkable people who have walked the porches in the past 100 plus years, your footsteps are forever imprinted and we will feel you with us.

We will have a chair for you at every party. It will be an honored place. And you will be there with us. Always. You have created a special spirit in us and we will carry your spirit forward.

To your family that remains here for us to care for, rest assured we will be there for them as you were always there for us.

So relax now on the grandest of all front porches, celebrate your love for others and the love we all have for you, fix a batch of mushrooms and a cool beverage and look into the most beautiful sunset in the world.

May God grant you gentle rest after a vibrant life well lived.

We love you Beverly and we ache today knowing how much and how long we will miss you.

And then we will have a huge celebration when we are joined together once again in His glory and grace.

Eric and Nancy

Eric and Nancy Protzman

#### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2010 5:59 PM, EST

We will certainly miss you **Bev.** Your parties were always creative and fun. We could count on you for making life interesting and you always knew what was happening. Our lives will not be the same without you in them.

God Bless and safe jouney,

Love Marsha and Peter Calise

marsha calise

## **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2010 6:04 PM, EST**

Fred, Katy, Fritz and all your Families,

Richard and I were so sorry to hear this afternoon of Bev,s passing. We have fond memories of a fun, loving, creative LADY.!

We pray the Lord will comfort you all with His Peace and Love.

Love, Patti and Richard Sulentic

patricia sulentic

#### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2010 7:02 PM, CST

We are very sad to hear of Bev's passing! We will really miss her at the lake in the summer. Mia always loved to come and visit and get treats out of the candy jar! All of you are in our thoughts and prayers.

Sincerely,

Angela, Rob, Mia, and Evy Thompson

angela thompson

#### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2010 7:06 PM, EST

Dear Fred and family: Alice and I were shocked to hear about Bev. We had been out of town and had no idea that she was so ill.

Bev Koch was truly unique in a thousand different ways and one had to know her well to love and appreciate her. Fred, I wish we could find the words, create the thought, explore the emotional depth, orchestrate the rhythmic patterns that would give genuine solace and be a gentle loving companion to your family's grief. We can wish you well (a hollow gesture), we can offer you our condolences (a funereal cliche), we can share your pain (how silly to think that even possible), but alas, we cannot protect you from your personal, catastrophic loss of a loved one. The loss we feel is deep and painful and the friendship we are feeling for you at this time is profound.

Alice and Marvin

Marvin Levy

# MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2010 7:35 PM, CST

Beverly's passing is a loss for all of us who knew and loved her. She is,though, a wonderful addition to Heaven. What a marvelous angel she will make.

Maudette Devenow

## MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2010 7:46 PM, CST

Dear Ones, Katy, Fritz, and Fred,

I am dazed & saddened to hear of Bev's passing, and have been numb since your message Katy. I spoke to Barb, who , of course, is also in shock. So many thoughts come pouring out, but thanks to you Katy for keeping us all informed in this most difficult time., and gain some comfort knowing just how wide a circle of friends your Mom had, and how many lives she touched. Fred, thank you for over a half-century of caring for my sister. Your immense devotion and patience, never went un-noticed!

Thanks again to Katy, Fritz, and Fred for being there to give her comfort; it is comforting to us all, knowing she was surrounded by love, and left without pain.

As long as I live, I will never forget her smile, and crazy parking-lot-dance, as I would drive away from a visit at the O.C., and often she would sing "So Long Its' Been Good To Know You". Well Sis, same to ya!

No doubt , St. Peter was holding the gates wide open this morning, and greeted her with a "How Do, Honna"

With Love, The Bakers Meg, Grant, and Barry

Barry Baker

#### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2010 8:07 PM, EST

Such terribly sad news and my heart goes out to you all. My deepest sympathy.

Bev was a truly gracious woman, elegant and fun. I felt honoured to dress her on occasion and we always had a laugh.

She will be greatly missed and always remembered.

From Ralph and Jay Silvera.

Diana "Jay" Silvera

# **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2010 8:58 PM, MST**

Oh Katy.....I have such a heavy heart tonite.. I will never forget our Beeverly laughs together...Remember when she would call your name up the stairs at the Outing Club while we were reading our Nancy Drew books or blabbing in your room? I would say " your mom is calling you!" and you were so absorbed in your book that I would respond to her! Remember how she encouraged us to play our piano duets together on the white piano (probably to the dismay of the O.C. cottage habitants) :-)!! ha! Remember her love for her dad and Daisy :-) I will continue to be reminded of the joyous times we shared together with Beev and Fred and you and Fritz. You are all a special part of my life. I will cry today and I will smile today. I am so sad for your loss.....never ever easy to lose someone we love so much. But, I will smile at our memories. Life is something else...

I love you dearly my friend. Giant hugs to you and Fritz and Fred...and a big one to Beev :-) xoxo

Mindy Breed

# MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2010 10:32 PM, CST

Dear Koch family

We are saddened to hear the news about our dear friend Bev. Today the outing club has lost our official greeter. She welcomed us from the beginning and encouraged our outing club adventure as we bought the Daisy Baker cottage years ago. When we moved to 19 and 20 she showered us with helpful hints and

notes. She was a friend to us, our children, and our grandchildren. She will be truly missed. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Paul and Marsha

marsha gordon

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2010 2:37 AM, CST

Beverly was a delight to me, my family, and everybody she met. I knew her from the Outing Club and enjoyed many good times talking to her after a sailboat race, and even went out to dinner with her and Fred a couple of times when I was visiting there. They are both delights to be around.

Beverly left an bright spot on my heart with her "warm blanket" effect. She also entertained us. She knew how to live life well and she made sure that we were all having a good time.

I will miss her greatly. She was a great person. My heart goes out to Fred, her family and friends. I pray that God will provide comfort and that your hearts will heal as you remember the great memories Beverly provided.

Jeff Annis

#### **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2010 6:34 AM, PST**

Oh my! Russ had just commented yesterday that he needed to check up on her progress. We are, of course, shocked and saddened by her loss. She set an example for all of us as she graciously handled her health issues.

It is somewhat comforting to know that Ellis Webster was involved in her care. Russ had great regard for him when he was in Mason City as a resident. The last time we saw him, he was hoping to finish out his career as prime minister of Anguilla. Guess he's not there yet.

You all are certainly in our thoughts and prayers. Bev's passing won't really sink in until her absence is felt on the porch and in the dining room at the Outing Club next summer.

Ann and Russ Schurtz and All from Cottage 11/12

Ann Schurtz

# TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2010 6:48 AM, CST

dear fred,katy and fritz, a story: bev and her new home at pbpcc. my 4 year old grand daughter and i visited to see the wonderful old elevator .it was such a joy for all of us. we then toured the home and upon leaving we showed the very rare wall paper to us in the bathroom near the front door bedroom. your mom told us it was a very rare print, and had only 5 copies of it in the state! as we left my grand daughter thanked your mother and told her she had the 5th most beautiful house she had seen in the whole world she and i had a greaat laugh over that remark together, it was such a fun time! our hearts feel broken over the death od bey! she was friend, love, care, for all of us! we will always remeber her and the light she brought to us! kathy, as you now knnow now,after two weeks, unbelieable, traaumatic for her and all of you! it was time to end it all!! she, and all of you are in our prayers and thoughts . you are all stronger now, and will grow back togther again in love peace and joy! you are in our prayers and thoughts! you know how to reach us, we will stand by fred when he returns! what a joyful place for beverly at the summer home. love marg and art

margaret vercillo

# **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2010 11:13 AM, EST**

Dear Fred, Katy, Fritz and family,

For me, "the era" began back in '92, when we had bought our first home in the Polo Club, and I met Bev on the tennis court...

Thereafter, there was never a dull moment during Season! Bev would call to play tennis, to see the Christmas decorations at Mailman Jon's, to go out to dinner, to invite us to a party... The list is endless. Bev was blessed with an inquisitive mind, an ability to plan and organize, and a wonderful sense of fashion. She embraced new friends, new ideas, new places, yet she was always loyal to the "old" ones as well. She managed to be a friend during good times and bad times; yet she would never allow one to dwell on the bad.

She will live on in you, Katy, and Fritz, and in your children and their offspring as well....

That thought surely helps you to bear her departure.

Randy and I can only imagine how difficult the last few weeks have been for you. And from Katy's journal entries we can see that, until the last minute, the positive attitude Bev lived by, was adhered to! Much love and sincere condolences,

Elke and Randy Browning, as well as Barry, Randy Jr. and their families

### Elke Browning

## **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2010 11:21 AM, CST**

It's hard to think of one memory. Outside of family I spent more time with Foots and Beave than anyone else growing up.

I keep hearing her say "Oh Fred!" and "Oh Fritz!" and I can hear her say "Oh Danny" when I would say something close to inappropriate. It had not hit me that she was gone until I got on this Guest Book, Thanks Katv.

Really fun to read to all the comments, I'm going to really miss her.

Dan Porter

### **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2010 11:45 AM, CST**

Fred, Katy and Fritz,

What a sad time this has been. It went so quickly in the end and I know you are thankful for that. Our prayers for Bev to recover were probably unrealistic . God obviously wanted her in a better place and that's where she is.

My mind is filled with memories - being neighbors, raising our children together, Herb and Fred being hunting comrades, Powderhorn, parties we hosted together, and especially the great times at Clear Lake - family times together there and of course the 44 years of houseparty. We will always remember it all.

We will continue to think of you and know you are comforting each other.

Our love and prayers, Carol and Herb

carol and herb williams

### **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2010 12:00 PM, CST**

Dear Fred, Katy, Fritz and Family

So many wonderful memories of the Outing Club...... 4th of July party, Sinfull valley parties, and the Koch, Woodkie, and Alcorn parities on the porch were all highlights of our time with Bev along with living next door. Bev was the other mother for all the kids, when the storms rolled across the lake, she made

sure we were all safe, and I can remember her stating "Frits get your lifejacket on"...... She also protected us from the kitchen staff when we were hungry late at night, thanks Bev. She will be missed by many but we all have great memories of her that will last a life time, as she was a very special person.

Harry Alcorn Jr.

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Harry Alcorn

### **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2010 12:35 PM, CST**

Dear Family,

While Bill and I have only known Bev and Fred a short time, we have always enjoyed her upbeat personality and her ability to have fun. My condolences to the whole family.

Janet Richardson-Pearson

Janet Richardson-Pearson

Sent from CaringBridge Mobile

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2010 1:44 PM, EST

To Mr. Koch and family: I will forever remember Mrs Koch as a fine lady always presenting herself and her home in a very neat way to her friends and relatives. This season was very important to her. By this time of the year, she was always preparing her home for the holydays and she was always very organized in every project she planned. May God give peace to Mr Koch and his family for the loss of such a great lady. She will be in my memory with a special affection.

Sincerely,

ELSA BUITRAGO AND FAMILY

Elsa Buitrago

#### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2010 5:39 PM, EST

Dear Fred,

Bev was a wonderful person. My prayers will be with you.

Clark Hetherington

karen spadaccini

## TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2010 9:38 PM, CST

Dear Fred, Katy, and Fritz,

I just now signed on to get the update on Bev's treatment and "Oh!" what a surprise. I will miss Bev so much. Although I've only know her for the past 5 years, she has truly touched my heart. It was always so fun to check in with her when we'd arrive at the OC, and she was usually around to say goodbye and wish

you well whenever we left after the weekend. I have so many memories, but just her big smile is what I will remember the most. She was always good for a kiss on the cheek too! I know that Bev is in a better place now. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you and your families. Hang in there Fred! I'm really looking forward to seeing you in the spring. With love,

Mike Hummel

## **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2010 10:05 PM, CST**

Dear Katy, Fritz and Fred

So sorry to learn of Bev's death. We had a nice visit with her in Aug on the O C Porch when Sam and Luke were with us and I remember she was worrying about Fred losing weight. Somehow, we missed hearing of her recent illness

Your whole family has certainly made an important contribution to our family's life. Katy and Mindy will always be dear friends as will Fritz and Dan wherever they are. Your mother and I have been good friends for so many years! We spent hours and hours together on the O C dock making sure you didn't get sunburned, throw rocks or try to dunk someone smaller than you. We worried together whenever you were sailing and cheered when you did well. We enjoyed the O C porch with popcorn, homemade ice cream or just great conversations. Do you remember going to the island for a picnic supper with Blodgetts and Walters on Sunday nights?

Bev Bev

has always been a dear, dear friend and that is how I will always remember her. God bless each of you

Jewel Porter

## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2010 9:51 AM, EST

Dear Fred, and family,

We were so sorry to hear of Bev's death. Peter and I did not really get to know you as well as we would have liked before you moved, but we will always remember how cheerful and welcoming Bev was to us as the newer neighbors on the block. I know you all have wonderful memories of her as your wife and mother, and I hope these will bring some solace in the days to come.

Thinking of you all, as we know so many others are as well.

Edwina and Peter Sperling

Edwina Sperling

## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2010 12:41 PM, CST

Fred, Katy and Fritz,

We are all so very sad to learn of Bev's passing. We have lots of wonderful memories with your family.

Going back to the beginning..trips to Waterloo to the Koch home for dinners and parties...even special birthday parties for family members. Our singing with Dondino(arrangements made beforehand by Beverly) at one of her extraordinary parties was fun. No matter what size party she planned, it was always done to the fullest, and she made certain that everyone had a great time. Then of course everyone at the Outing Club knew...if Bev handled the arrangements for the party...it would be the best, and she never let us down.

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Lots of hours, days and years on the dock in the afternoon with our children. Many evening boat rides to the Ritz for onion rings, and maybe even the DQ. Many porch parties: popcorn, homemade ice cream, corn -on-the-cob, as Marie Alcorn brought the corn and we cooked it because we had the big pots and kitchen.

Seeing Jewel Porter's tribute in which she mentioned those long-ago, end-of-the-season excursions to the Woodford Island, nearly 40 years ago, surely brought back fond memories of those wonderful times: all the Kochs, Porters, Walters, Blodgetts and sometimes the Westlys together, as part of "The Outing Club extended family" of the early 1970s."

Bev was a beautiful special lady and will be greatly missed. We will cherish the fond memories.

Our annual welcoming Spring Mum will still be delivered to the Koch cottage for the Season Opening and SHE will know it.

We will all miss her.

Our love, Gary and Sandy and the rest of the Blodgetts

Sandy and Gary Blodgett

# WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2010 1:35 PM, GMT

Crayke and I are so sad to hear your news of Bev's passing. I will always remember her daily check-in as she made her way down the porch and out for a walk. She was truly one of a kind and the Outing Club will not be the same without her.

Email me and I will email you some photos of Bev from the International Party this summer. Her costume was fab and funny and they will make you smile.

Amy & Crayke Windsor

#### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2010 4:37 PM, CST

Dear Fred, Katy, and Fritz,

Every summer since your family came to the Outing Club you have been part of my summer, and Bill and I have know Beverly since high school. That is alot of years and so many memories. It is so hard to imagine that she won't be with us again next summer. We will miss her very much, but I do know that her memory will be with each and every one of us when we do return.

We were out of town when you started the Caring Bridge website for Beverly and only found my way there a couple days ago, but we will watch for further updates, memorials, services etc.

Our entire family is very sad about Beverly's death and we send our deepest sympathy to all of you.

With love and friendship

Pat Baehr

#### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2010 7:55 AM, EST

Dear Fred and Family,

We will miss Bev as a friend and neighbor. Her flair and zest for life will long be in our memories. The "early days" at Polo saw us all on the tennis courts. Her ladies' tennis tournament always ended each year with a pizza party at her home. Then we moved to Golf Brook and were neighbors for six years with friendly waves and chats. And we can still see her swirling on the dance floor at her 50th wedding celebration. That is the way we want to remember Bev. Our prayers and love go to all of you at this time. Loretta & Charlie Granito

#### Loretta Granito

#### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2010 7:19 PM, CST

Dear Katy, Fred, and Fritz,

Hillary just called me tonight and told me the sad news. I am so sorry! We are thinking of you during this hard time. I remember the last time I saw Bev and Fred was at Katy and Ralph's 4th of July party a few years ago. She was always upbeat and lively to talk to, not to mention a real beauty.

My love to you all, Robin Corton Bellamy

robin bellamy

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2010 11:42 PM, EST

Fred, Katy & Fritz,

Thursday. I have just learned this evening, via Dave Greene in Iowa, of Bev's death. A big sigh here. A caring friend during my years in Iowa, a welcome face to see when I visited WPB from Miami. Old friends are special! And they always will remain a part of our lives.

Just the other day, I was looking through some old pictures and found about four from when I had my wisdom teeth pulled in W'loo. I stayed overnight with Bev making me soup and Fred keeping me awake with conversation. Who was it that sang, "That's what friends are for?"

I'm down the road, should you want me to drive up. Do know that I feel a loss myself, thus ache for yours.

Love, Jim Kvetko

James Kvetko

#### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2010 11:27 AM, CST

Dear Katy, Fred and Fritz,

My mother called last night and told me your sad news. Please know I am thinking of you. Seeing Bev in her element at Clear Lake just 3 months ago makes this all the more of a shock. She was her usual gracious hostess and looked good.

Katy, I would love to talk to you, feel free to give me a call any time. 267 984 1443. Reading your story was heart wrenching and I am so sorry you had to go through that.

with love, Hillary

Hillary McAndrews

## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2010 11:50 AM, EST

Hi Katy,

Several friends have asked me for an address to write to Fred. Can you help us with that.

Hugs,

Karen

karen spadaccini

#### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2010 4:59 PM, CST

Fred, Katy, Fritz-----I was truly shocked to learn that I had lost my long-time dear "pal!" We often referred to each other that way, as we deeply knew our love and loyalty for each other.

Such great memories-----You'll smile to know that I still have a photo of her on her knees leaning over a plastic laundry basket stirring a huge salad with her hands in preparation for a party we shared about 50 years ago. Fred, do you remember that we served our guests dinner in brown paper sacks! Who would have thought that of one of Waterloo's most outstanding hostesses!

I will greatly miss her!

May God grant you all much comfort and strength as you feel his love through family and friends.

With our love, Nancy and Craig Shirey

Nancy Shirey

#### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2010 3:16 PM, CST

Katy and family: I just want you to know how I remember Bev being there for me during lunches the day and following days after my Dad was taken to the hospital after his accident almost 40 years ago this January. Dave Young

**David Young** 

## THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2010 3:30 PM, CST

dear Katy

I am sorry about bev i love her,I love you to.

Charlie

henry kinney

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