



## Lucille Blethyn

November 13, 1951 - December 14, 2008

LUCILLE (BECKSTROM) BLETHYN STURGEON BAY, WI - Lucille Blethyn age 57 of Sturgeon Bay, WI., died Sunday, December 14, 2008 as a result of complications related to an on-going illness, at St. Vincent Hospital in Green Bay, WI. She was born on November 13, 1951 in Norway, MI., the daughter of the late Ernest and Anita (Cantrill) Beckstrom. Lucille married Geoffrey Blethyn on August 4, 1994 in Norway, Michigan Luci was a wonderful wife and caring mother and grandmother. Her siblings often refer to her as "the good one" and "Nita's favorite." Luci's entire working career was with the United States Government and she had the opportunity to live in England for 11 years. While there, she was able to realize her passion for antiquing, visiting England's beautiful gardens (Luci was an avid gardener), and traveling extensively. Luci and her husband Geoffrey travelled throughout England, Wales, Scotland, Ireland and most of Europe. Her State-side relatives loved visiting her because she always made every visit special, whether it was taking them to Paris, Rome, Holland, Belgium or Germany, or viewing the White Cliffs of Dover. Luci will be greatly missed by her family and numerous friends throughout the world. Luci is survived by her husband Geoffrey; children John (Lea) Nanney, Rebecca (Shaun) Keeling, Jamie Blethyn and Neil (Randa) Blethyn; grandchildren Alex Haen, Nathaniel Nanney, Lyla Blethyn, Adam and Benjamin Keeling, and Emma Nanney; Sisters Lois Zember of Menasha, WI., Betty Scott of Woodbridge, VA; brother William (June Maynard) Beckstrom of Norway; mother-in-law Elsie Blethyn; sisters-in-

law Joyce Blethyn and Ann Chisholm; uncle Ron (Peggy) Cantrill of Chicago, IL; aunt Alice (Wesley) Perket of Menasha, WI.; nieces Tracy (Mike) Doede, Melissa (Keith) Johnson, Cherish (Bill) Nelson, Rebecca (Shaun) Keeling; nephew Joe (Tracy) Zember, John (Lea) Nanney, Eric Maynard; along with numerous great nephews and nieces and cousins. Luci was preceded in death by her parents, Anita and Ernest Beckstrom, her grandparents, Irene and Roy Cantrill, and a special Aunt, Eleanor "Becky" Johnson. Visitation will be held on Wednesday, December 17 from 4-7 p.m. at the Miner-Ortman Funeral Home in Norway. Funeral Services will be held on Thursday, December 18 at 10 a.m. at Miner-Ortman Funeral Home with Rev. James Danielson, pastor of Evangelical Covenant Church officiating. Interment will follow at the Norway Township Cemetery.

# Tribute Wall

JF

“ Merry Christmas mom we love you.  
As we celebrate this season, our memories of you help us through.  
Jay, Lea, Alex, Nathaniel, & Emma Lucille

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**John Nanney Family** - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ To the family of our dear "Luci", please excuse this is so late, but Nancy and I just found out about Luci from an internet search. We had lost track of Luci and Geoffrey after she retired. I had talked to her a few weeks before she retired from many years of work with the Navy. I had the honor of knowing Luci while working in London at CINCUSNAVEUR from 1991 to 1994. Both my wife, Nancy, and I loved the time and friendship we shared with both Luci and Geoffrey. My wife Nancy, worked with Luci at ONREUR and she was so kind and supportive always. Please know that Luci will live on in both of our hearts and we wish all who knew Luci to cherish the special gifts she gave to all she touched. With loving condolences. Michael and Nancy Blaksley

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**Michael Blaksley** - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ Luci, you are missed so much. No words can express just how much you meant to all of us. You were truly an angel here on earth and I know you are keeping busy up there looking down and watching out for us all. We who were lucky enough to be touched by you feel that we have a guardian angel who continues to be a huge, important part of our lives. We will never forget. God bless your family and friends who will miss you forever but be better because we knew you. Love, Sherry and Bill

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**Sherry and Bill Snyder** - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ *Happy Mother's Day Mom*

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**john lea nathaniel emma alex** - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LN

“ *Luci was my mother in law and a best friend. For 7 years I was blessed to have her in my life. Her words of wisdom helped me become a better person. The values she gave me will be carried down to my children. I miss her dearly daily. As I watch John with our children I miss her more, I want to call her and share with her how great of a daddy he is and that comes from what he received growing up. Our son Nathaniel says he misses her the mostest, and Emma Lucille our daughter is named after her Gramma Luci, and I see Luci in her already. We love you Luci and you are missed dearly. Rest in Peace. Love ya,*

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**Lea Nanney** - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CA

“ *My heart broke as I read the news that Luci had gone on to a brighter place that she will surely make even brighter. Luci was an amazing woman and I will never forget her. I only knew her for a short time, but that brief time made such an impact. I met Luci while I was in London in 2006. She gave me wonderful advice and support while I was going through a very difficult time. I only hope that I can be half as caring, self-less, considerate, giving and humble as she was.*

*My deepest condolences  
Christie Ansley*

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**Christie Ansley** - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MS

“*Luci was very dear to me. She was my supervisor in London from 1991 to 1997. She was always there for me when I needed a friend. Even though we havent seen each other since then she kept in touch with me by phone and email. She will always be in my heart. My prayers and thoughts are with Geoff and their family. "We go!" Love ya, Luci.*

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**Michael Shear** - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JN

“*What a dark cloud has definately fallen over our family, but MY MOM truly was a fantastic women taken way to soon. She fought as long and as hard as she could even buying us a precious few years. Enough time to see her daughter and son married with two very happy familys. For myself and my sister we have lost a Mother and a Father all on the same day and that is quite tough, but the memory of that everlasting smile and unconditional caring is what keeps us going. My mother had so many friends and great collegues throughout this great world of our and I can truly say she carred about each and everyone she ever came into contact with no matter how brief the meeting. The family appreciates all the condolences Im sure she would have been humbled by the response been shown. THANK YOU ALL SO VERY MUCH! HER LOVING SON JOHN nANNEY*

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**John C. Nanney** - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ It goes without saying that a true angel left this earth. I worked with Lucy for many years at the navy office. She truly was a selfless person and was always in there organizing social events for the office and doing what needed to be done in a very professional way. My prayers and thoughts go out to her family. I guess the good Lord needed her up in heaven. God bless and keep her family. She will truly be missed.

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**Bonnie Maggle** - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ Dear Geoff and Lucy's family:  
When I recieved this sad news my heart was broken. I have known Lucy for many years. She had disappeared from my life when she moved to London, but I never stopped thinking of her. All of a sudden she popped back into my life and also introduced me to the love of her life, Geoffrey. I was so excited to be able to pick them as my new neighbors when I sold them their new home. She gave that wonderful smile to everyone she met and I was looking forward to my new reconnection with her and Geoffrey. I respect her for her accomplishments as a woman and I loved her as a friend. I am truly saddened.

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**Sue Shortall** - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ I can truly say that my life was enriched by knowing Luci. She was an angel on earth. My heart goes out to her family.

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**Dan Polecheck** - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TV

“ Our sincerest condolences regarding your loss. Luci was our mother's (Joddy Conery Baker) best friend, a friendship she cherished throughout her lifetime. Despite the geographic distance, the two remained close. Luci and mom's adventures in DC were stories we never tired of hearing. These special friends, and selfless individuals have touched the lives of so many, and our time with both was cut way too short. Please know that you are and will remain in our thoughts and prayers.

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**The Baker Family - Virginia** - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AR

“ Geoff,  
Anita and I are absolutely stunned by Luci's passing. Not only could I have not gotten along without her in London, she was a true friend indeed. We were blessed to have her in our lives. If there is anything we can do for you please let us know.  
Anita & Denny

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**Anita & Dennis Ryan** - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LK

“ Dear Lois, To you and your entire family, we extend our deepest sympathies in the loss of Lucy. The loss of one so dearly loved is painful. In time, some of that pain will be replaced with the wonderful memories and love Lucy left behind.  
Love,  
Linda and Dick Kluver

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**Linda and Dick Kluver** - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KR

“ *Luci was a dear friend. I really missed her when she moved back West, and now, what a tremendous loss. May the quiet places of your heart be filled with sweet echoes of Luci's love.*

*Sincerely,  
Karen*

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**Karen Ray** - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KD

“ *To Luci's family and friends: I am so sorry for your loss. Luci was a great person - kind, generous, knowledgeable, capable, smart, a friend, a great co-worker... I will miss her laugh and her smile. I worked with her since 2003, but the time that I spent with her was too short.*

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**Kathleen Dooley** - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PH

“ *This is for Geoff, Luci's children and family – I am so sorry to hear of Luci's untimely passing and my sincere condolences go to each of you. I like Vince DeKime have known Luci for a long time; I work in the HR Dept for the U.S Navy in London and I worked with Luci for the whole 11 years she was in London. She was a work colleague and a friend. I can honestly say that Luci was one of those special people that you do not meet up with in life very often, she cared about other people very much and she was a truly selfless person, this was evident the way she battled through major illness without complaint. I will miss Luci and I will always remember her and she will have many candles lit by me. God bless her and may she rest in peace. Pat Harris*

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**Pat Harris** - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ I was so sorry to hear of Luci's passing. She was such a wonderfully sweet lady! I have so many great memories spending time with her and the rest of the family growing up! My thoughts and prayers are with everyone during this difficult time. I hope everyone can find comfort in each other. I am so sorry that I can't be there to pay my respects in person.

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**Kelly (Conery) Cram** - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JV

“ Luci, was a tremendous friend and colleague to everyone that worked with her. She was always helpful and made everyone life better by her caring. I will miss her and always remember her.

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**Jose Vazquez** - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ I had the honor of knowing and working with Luci at the Office of Naval Research. She was a special lady and her friends here in Washington DC will sorely miss her. My condolences and prayers to her family.

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**Jeanne Podracky** - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Luci had just recently come into our lives when our daughter married Neil, her stepson. We could tell why she meant so much to Neil and Randa with her warm and loving personality-she fit right in with all us Southerners. Our hearts grieve for Geoff and his family as they have lost a true, bright, and shining star. God Bless.

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**The Antar Family** - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

VK

“ Dear Family and friends of Luci - My sincere condolences and sympathies to all of you for the passing of a wonderful person, Luci Blethyn. I would like you to know that I once wrote up the justification and citation for an award for Luci at work and I remember describing her life and career as an American success story. Luci was self-made, self-reliant and self-confident. She was also self-less. Luci and I met in March of 1993 when we were working in Edison House in London, UK; I have felt a special connection to her ever since the first day we met. Luci was always in the category of 'special person'; she had such energy, intelligence, warmth and purity of spirit. I have never met such a can-do, positive person in my life; she was a lover and supporter of the underdog in life and in the workplace. She was devoted to helping her colleagues and friends at work develop and advance and she had a special place in her heart particularly for mentoring other bright women who chose careers with the U.S. Government. Even when Luci was battling her serious illness, she was inspirational in her attitude and her refusal to feel sorry for herself - she simply continued with life which in her case meant continuing with giving, caring, working and loving other people. She truly was a special person and if success in life can be measured by the quality and depth of one's relationships and friendships then there is no doubt that Luci's life was truly was an American success story. Everyone who knew her was made to feel incredibly special and it was that singular ability that Luci had that connected her with people and ultimately, God. May she rest in peace. Vincent De Kime

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**Vincent De Kime** - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM