

## This Issue of PRED is dedicated in loving memory to

## **BEVERLY JEANNE CAPELL**

October 12 1931 - June 20, 2020

Our much loved mother and one of the founding partners of PRED passed away Saturday, June 20th in Cedar Park, Texas at the tender age of 88.

Beverly Jeanne Elmore was born in Waterloo, Iowa on October 12, 1931. Of twelve children born to their parents, Jesse and Lilly Belle Elmore, eight survived infancy. In addition to her parents, her brothers, Claude, Floyd, Lloyd, Paul and Dale, and sisters, Delores and Marlys all preceeded her in death. She is survived by her four children, Laurie Kadlec and husband Craig of Robins, Iowa; Mark Lingard and wife Estela of Cedar Park, Texas; Kermit Lingard and wife Shelley of Berryville, Arkansas and Kimberlee Nelson and husband Roger of Cedar Rapids, Iowa. She is also survived by nine grandchildren, eleven great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild.

Mom grew up during the great depression and when speaking of it, would often say "there was nothing really "great" about it", though her parents were able to find work and the family gardened and sold eggs to help out friends and neighbors who found themselves in worse straits.

Beverly married Merritt William Lingard in 1951 and set about raising their four children. In 1969, Beverly and Merritt were divorced. In 1971, Beverly met and married John R. Capell, another founding partner of PRED, and her husband, until his death in 2004. With her marriage to John, a son and daughter in-law were added to Mom's brood. Kent and Meliisa Egy of Blue Springs, Missouri then added daughters Julie and Christy, who added two children a piece. Kent passed away in the Fall of 2019.

As the fates would have it, Beverly, John and Merritt developed a great friendship and co-ventured the startup of Professional Real Estate Delivery Service, later to be referred to as simply PRED. In the early days of PRED, though Mom and John could not do the heavy lifting at the print shop, they would deliver our weekly issues and never missed a yard sale along the way.

Mom made many, many friends along her life's pathway and maintained lifelong friendships. She experienced the joy and heartache life offers as so many of them passed on before her.

Beverly was, in many ways, a walking miracle. She survived polio as a youngster and in her thirties survived life-threatening cancer and followed that up with triple bypass heart surgery in 1974. As the years passed, she developed other maladies, (aside from raising four wildlings) including diabetes.

As a result of her heart condition, Mom retired from Quaker Oats, where among the diferent jobs she held there, worked in the lab while Quaker was introducing new cereal product lines. She was a taste-tester, which delighted her kids, as she was able to bring home samples As a union steward at Quaker, Beverly was instrumental in securing better wages and working conditions for Quaker employees.

Our mother loved to travel and ended up seeing much of the world. She loved boating and camping and in the last twenty years has made many road trips with her daughters Laurie and Kim and has had an opportunity to reunite with her nieces Jody, Suzanne and Mimi. One of the last of these road trips found her learning pole dancing at the Bunny Ranch in Reno, Nevada, where, at the age of 85, was the toast of the house and was offered a job. She said she would have made an excellent "Madame".

Mom had a heart as big as Texas and had a generous spirit that saw no bounds. Her laughter was contagious and through all of life's ups and downs, she managed a smile and words of encouragement to anyone feeling low.

Politically, Mom was a lifelong Democrat and worked actively with the Mondale campaign in the 1980's. It was her great joy to meet and shake the hand of Lyndon Johnson in 1968.

There is so much to say when telling the story of this extraordinary woman, daughter, sister, mother, aunt and friend. Her presence will be missed, but she will live on in our hearts and minds always.

A private family service was held on June 23rd and due to Covid19 restrictions, a celebration of Beverly's life will be held at a later date.















