



## Beverly Mills

December 11, 1937 - May 10, 2021

Beverly Mills, age 83, passed away on May 10, 2021. She was born on December 11, 1937, and was raised in Lodi by her mother Mae Tonini. Bev was preceded in death by her husband, Glen Mills in 1997. Bev and Glen moved to Woodland in the 1960s and made it their home. She worked with Glen as they owned and operated an automobile dealership in Woodland for many years. Later, she worked as a realtor and developed residential property. After Glen's death, she married Buster Giovannetti and they lived together happily for many years prior to his passing. Bev loved spending time in Lake Tahoe and Palm Springs with her friends and family. As the family matriarch, she instilled a strong work ethic and love of family. Bev is survived by her daughters Michele Mills (husband Craig Gorman) and Kelly Mills Evers (husband Geoff Evers). She was known as Nonnie to her grandchildren Stephanie, Ryan, Jack, Francesca, and Isabella; all of whom she loved and touched deeply. A private family gathering will be held laying her to rest at Monument Hill in Woodland. As an expression of sympathy memorial donations may be made to the Make a Wish Foundation.

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“ I knew Bev as a strong, spirited woman of principle. She was candid, direct, and wise. Bev knew the value of relationships and the importance of working to nourish and preserve them. She also knew the importance of "cutting slack" every now and then for the folks we value most.

I got to know Bev through her daughter Kelly. Kelly and I started working together at a Sacramento law firm in 1996, and we continued working together for about the next 20 years. We handled litigation, working as a team to prepare and take cases to trial. During those years, Kelly periodically invited me to family events, where I met and visited with Bev several times. Bev was always welcoming and engaging. One can feel an outsider when attending another's family gathering, but Bev always found me at these events, welcomed me, and made it clear she appreciated my presence. In conversation, she was direct and opinionated. She was shied away from sharing her opinions, something for which I was appreciative, as I always found her opinions informed and well-considered. I always learned something from our conversations.

Most of all though, I came to appreciate the times when Bev "had my back" - as well as the lessons I learned as I came to understand the reasons she "had my back." As noted above, Kelly and I worked together for nearly 20 years. During that time, there were moments when I would say or do something foolish that triggered (understandably so) Kelly's ire. I came to learn that Kelly would vent her frustrations to Bev, who (thankfully) calmed Kelly by reminding her of the mutual benefit Kelly and I derived from our shared workplace values - the values of hard work, teamwork, attention to detail, candor, mentoring, and valuing the work of others. Bev's example deepened my understanding of the importance of cultivating and nurturing one's relationships, and the fact that that process includes overlooking and forgiving your colleague's periodic foibles (as Kelly had overlooked and forgiven mine).

Thank you, Bev, for having my back. My life is richer for having known you.

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