



Beata Michalik

July 9, 1965 - December 6, 2024

Celebration Announcement

A Celebration of Life for Bea Michalik will be held at Cardwell Hill Cellars from 3-7pm on June 22nd, 2025 (24241 Cardwell Hill Dr, Philomath, OR). Friends and family are invited to join together and celebrate Bea. Bea's husband Bill and daughter Olivia also look forward to the opportunity to thank everyone who provided love and companionship during Bea's life, as well as support and community during her illness.

Music was important in Bea's life, so local favorite performers "Summer of Love" will play. In addition, Bea was a long time member of Jubilate!, the Corvallis Women's Choir. Choir members have accepted an invitation to share some songs. Those who wish to share memories and thoughts will also have that opportunity.

Food and beverages will be provided. Spouses and family are welcome.

Family friend Jana Cowan is organizing a hike to precede the celebration. The hike will take place from Fitton Green to Cardwell Hill (about 4 miles). Please email Jana (janacowan7@gmail.com) to be included in the details for the hike.

For both the hike and the party, parking may be limited, so car-pooling is

recommended. Limited shuttle services to/from the Benton County Fairgrounds parking lot is being arranged. Please contact Bill Bogley at bogleyw@yahoo.com for further information.

Beata Anna Michalik passed away at home in Corvallis, Oregon on Friday, December 6, 2024. Bea was born in Warsaw, Poland on July 9, 1965. In 1979, she moved with her mother to Frankfurt in (West) Germany, where she later completed her Diplom in Mathematics (equivalent to Masters degree) at the J. W. Goethe Universitat in 1993. Later that year, Bea moved to Corvallis and married William A. Bogley.

In addition to being a devoted mother of two, Bea was very active in the Corvallis community, including leadership roles with the da Vinci Days Children's Village, the Franklin School Parent Teacher Organization, and Jubilate!, the Corvallis Women's Choir. She also spent many joyful hours on court at the Timberhill Tennis Club and in city league volleyball. Bea worked as an Instructor of Mathematics at Linn-Benton Community College for many years, including a term as President of the Part-Time Faculty Association. During her tenure as president, Bea oversaw renewal of the PTFA contract with the college and also served on the LBCC presidential search committee. Bea also founded an annual faculty orientation and professional development program for incoming faculty at LBCC.

Bea was passionate about animal rights. Her Thanksgiving save-the-turkey letters to the editor of the Corvallis Gazette-Times were part of the local

cultural landscape.

Bea was diagnosed with ALS in January 2022, by which time she was unable to continue teaching, singing, or playing tennis. While at home during the past 2+ years, Bea had many lively and faithful visitors, which gave her joy as she navigated life with ALS.

Family connections were a priority for Bea, and she kept these strong over the years via multiple trips and extended stays in both Warsaw and Frankfurt, as well as seasonal holidays in East Leland, Michigan. Bea was preceded in death by her father Janusz Michalik (Warsaw) and her mother Janina Greiner (Frankfurt). Bea's ashes will be laid to rest in a family plot at historic Brodno Cemetery in Warsaw. Bea is survived by her husband William Bogley and children Ian and Olivia Bogley (Corvallis), her sister Paulina Michalik and step-mother Krystyna Michalik (Warsaw), and her aunt Lena Axmacher (Frankfurt).

Gifts in Bea's memory can be sent to PETA (peta.org) or to ALS Northwest (alsnorthwest.org).

Information Regarding Bea's Funeral in Warsaw, Poland

Bea's funeral took place at Brodno Cemetery in Warsaw on Thursday, February 13, 2025. Among the friends and family present were a number of

childhood friends of Bea's father, Misio. I requested that they be invited because Misio was widely loved and because everyone knew that Misio and Bea were very dear to each other.

Olivia and I flew to Europe during the previous week, spending the first five days of our trip near Frankfurt am Main, which is where Bea lived when I met her in 1991. We stayed with Bea's school friend Britta and her partner Martin in Mainz. We had a lovely sunny Sunday afternoon walk along the Rhine River in scenic Eltville, and were joined there by Elisabeth Retsch, who was a very close friend of Bea's. With Elisabeth we shared memories of holidays taken together, plus photos from long ago. It was so good to remember the happiness of those days when we were all young, free, and healthy.

Olivia and I also joined Bea's friend Ruth Busch and her family for a delightful dinner of German "pancakes" in nearby Taunus. Ruth and her husband Wolfgang were also friends of Bea from those earlier days. Both Ruth and Elisabeth attended the wedding when Bea and I were married in Corvallis in 1993.

We also visited Lena Axmacher, the sister of Bea's mother. Lena shared many stories about her sister and about her own journey from Poland to the West in 1968. Bea's mother Nina joined Lena in Frankfurt, then in West Germany, in 1978, and Bea followed the following year, just before martial law was declared in Poland in response to the Solidarity strikes and uprising. Today we stay in touch with Lena through our good friend Ilona Krzykawske here in Corvallis. Ilona spent countless hours with Bea during her illness and was present when she died. On that day, as so often before, Ilona connected Bea and Lena with a phone call, with Ilona doing the talking on our end, though Lena is pretty capable of carrying both ends of a lively conversation on her own! It was after speaking with Lena one last time on the morning of December 6 that Bea finally decided it was time. She passed shortly after

Ilona disconnected the call. By now, Olivia and I are also Lena's closest remaining family. Here we understand the depth of our family connection to both Frankfurt and Warsaw. Even now that Bea is gone, we have family there.

The trip from Frankfurt to Warsaw was uneventful, which was a bit surprising, since I was carrying Bea's ashes in my carry-on luggage. I'd heard that the German authorities are very strict about possession of human remains, so I was ready to brave the bureaucratic storm! I had armed myself with official paperwork in three languages. As it happened, no one questioned our special cargo and everything went smoothly. All of that hard-won paperwork proved unnecessary!

Warsaw felt more like coming home than ever. Our small apartment on Arabska Street in the Saska Kepa neighborhood of Warsaw was clean and inviting, thanks to Ania, a Ukrainian friend of the family who takes care of it and sometimes stays there. When war broke out in Ukraine in 2022, Ania stayed at Arabska with one of her twin daughters and her two children as they took refuge from the fighting around Kyiv. Ania remains in Warsaw, but her daughter and grandchildren have returned to be with husband and father in Kyiv.

As always, winter in Poland is very cold, but the family welcome was very warm from Krystyna (Bea's step-mother), Paulina (Bea's half-sister), and Malga (Bea's cousin). Olivia loves being in Warsaw, and as usual spent many happy hours with her cousins Misha and Nella, who are the teenage daughters of Paulina and her partner Rafal. I spoke at length with Krystyna about life and Bea. Like me, Krystyna was also recently released from a long-term caregiving role when she lost her mother Evgenia, who passed away at age 98 last spring. Krystyna and I are close friends and we have opened our hearts to each other. Her lovely dog Aster is a constant companion; the two of them are local celebrities. Krystyna has infectious warmth, a bright smile, and

cosmopolitan style. Aster is sleek and smart. In the evenings I would sometimes take him for his evening walk around the neighborhood. He even tolerated the leash when I was with him; he knows that I love Krystyna like a mother, so that makes me ok with him.

We also had incredibly warm visits with cousin Malga and and her husband Piotrek. Malga and Paulina have done everything for us in Warsaw. They took care of all the business when Bea's mother Janina died in October of 2022. They continue to help us now with probate issues since Bea is gone.

The funeral itself was well attended by family and friends. It was a secular service conducted entirely in Polish, with the exception of my eulogy. Bea's sister Paulina was kind enough to translate for me in real time. We laughed and cried. This was the same room where the service was held for Bea's father in 2014. Then, sisters Bea and Paulina were the chief mourners. Following the service, we processed behind a hearse bearing Bea's ashes to the gravesite. As we arrived at the gravesite, a trumpeter played Taps, then Amazing Grace. It was moving and peaceful. Bea lies with her father and his parents, which is according to her wishes. Brodno is a massive cemetery, with approximately 1.5 million souls buried there. The address of the grave is 34 G-2-1 for any who may wish to visit while in Warsaw. It was too cold to engrave the stone in February, but that has since been done.

Following the interment, Olivia and I hosted a meal for family and friends at a restaurant in Saska Kepa. It was a happy affair. Bea would have been delighted to see the generations there, all these important people in her life.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUN **22**. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (PT)

Cardwell Hill Cellars
24241 Cardwell Hill Drive
Philomath, OR 97370

Tribute Wall

JH

“ I met Bea in Frankfurt in the Fall of 1992. I was doing a post-doc. Wolfgang Metzler, one of my research mentor, was Bea’s Diplom advisor. Wolfgang thought it would be a good idea to involve me in Bea’s thesis work. This lead to much shared head scratching and hours of mental struggle around the term “ill defined”. Despite the seriousness of the matter our meetings were filled with humorous lamentations and laughter. Bea did sort things out and graduated in 1993. Almost ten years later our paths recrossed in Corvallis in 2001 where I held a visiting position, this time around to work with Bill. I remember a beautiful Oregon fall, and time spent in Bill and Bea’s home, also occupied with the children and rescued animals. I shared with Bea a European background, a complicated love for mathematics, and an uncomplicated love for animals.

Jens Harlander - June 14, 2025 at 03:54 PM

BB

“ 1 file added to the album Burial



Bill Bogley - May 28, 2025 at 07:39 PM

IN

“ We are so sorry to hear this news. We wish her loving and kind husband and all who cared for Bea, lots of strength and good memories. Look after yourselves. Animals need all the friends they can get, and Bea was certainly one of the best. From all of us here at People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA), our condolences. *Ingrid Newkirk, founder, PETA*

Ingrid Newkirk - January 09, 2025 at 05:08 PM

RB

“ I met Bea at the age of 20 when we worked together as hostesses at the International Automobile Fair in Frankfurt, Germany. This was the beginning of our friendship. We celebrated her marriage in November 1993 in Oregon, I visited her when I had flights to Portland, or we met whenever she returned to Frankfurt. Our last foto was taken in September 2019 in Warsaw, Poland.
Bea, I miss you ♥ Ruth Busch, Germany



Ruth Busch - January 09, 2025 at 09:25 AM

SB

“ *Bea was an awesome Irish Dance mom. We loved her very much. With love and sympathy, Susan and Steve Brennan*

Susan Brennan - December 28, 2024 at 12:41 PM

TS

“ I loved knowing Bea through Timberhill Tennis Club. She always had a smile on her face. She is a loss to so many people. ❤️

Tammy Skubinna - December 19, 2024 at 10:49 PM

BB

“ 26 files added to the album Family



Bill Bogley - December 18, 2024 at 06:10 PM

“ My dear friend passed away a week ago. She leaves a hole in my life, in so many lives. Because Bea, with her passion and strength and stubbornness, was able to override not being able to speak. She kept together, and even fostered, new friend groups with her love of being around all of us. And with her love of games!

She hiked with us for years before I learned, on an especially grueling hike up Mt. Marion, that she actually didn't like to hike. I was incredulous!! She was a member of what I saw as my core group of hiking friends. She only came hiking to be close with her friends. And similarly, she kept her door open for us to visit and play games and talk with her, up until just a few days before her death. She wanted us all to be together. Fierce, opinionated, caring, charismatic, intentional. She is so missed. ❤️

So photogenic! Beautiful. But she did not lead with her physical beauty. It was her passion and humor and love that made a lasting impression. Sharks, Bea, I miss you!

Bea was a key part of several communities, including Jubilate and LBCC. When her voice started betraying her, she managed to contribute to Jubi by running some of the technical aspects. She worked with students at LBCC and at OSU as long as she possibly could. She loved her students!

Bea, I'll always wish we had more time to dance, sing, walk, eat dessert, travel, create, share our love of nature, and just have time together. Yes, even more time to play games!! You were a real friend. I understand your journey did not go the way you believed and hoped it would. But thank you for keeping us close throughout. You gave us so much for so long. Rest well now.





Elizabeth Pearce - December 16, 2024 at 07:10 AM

“ Dear LBCC Community,

It is with deep sadness that I share news of the passing of our former colleague and friend, Bea Michalik, who died peacefully at home on Friday, December 6th, surrounded by family and friends.

Bea was a dedicated mathematics instructor at LBCC who made lasting contributions to our college community. She served as President of the Part-Time Faculty Association, where she not only led contract negotiations but also initiated and implemented a faculty orientation program focused on meaningful teaching discussions and professional development—a testament to her deep commitment to educational excellence. Her dedication to LBCC extended to serving on our presidential search committee, helping shape the future leadership of our institution.

Born in Warsaw, Poland, and educated at JW Goethe Universitat in Frankfurt, Germany, Bea brought a global perspective to our campus when she moved to Corvallis in 1993. Beyond her professional accomplishments, she was deeply involved in the local community through da Vinci Days, the Corvallis Women's Choir Jubilate!, and the Timberhill Tennis Club.

From the Part-Time Faculty Association:

"Bea Michalik was heavily involved in the Part-Time Faculty Association (PTFA) during her time teaching math at LBCC. She was the President of PTFA from Summer 2019 through Spring 2021. During this time Bea made crucial contributions to PTFA that has allowed the Association to grow into where we are today. Bea developed the first PTFA website and then collaborated with Tak Suyama and Mary Borman to develop the current PTFA website, that many PT faculty rely on. During contract negotiations in Fall 2019 while Bea was the President of PTFA, negotiations were stuck and not easily resolvable. Through Bea's leadership, the executive team decided to join Oregon Education Association (OEA), which is part of the National Education Association (NEA), to garner support

of the larger education association. With the help of OEA, negotiations were resolved and a contract was ratified at the end of Spring 2021. Bea held strong during a two year negotiation process that helped to support part-time faculty at LBCC. Bea was one of the many part-time faculty that have worked to create better working conditions for current part-time faculty. Her contributions to PTFA were admirable and have had long-lasting impacts."

In January 2022, Bea was diagnosed with ALS. Though the condition prevented her from continuing to teach here at LBCC, she went on to serve as the MSLC Coordinator at Oregon State University until her health no longer permitted. Her husband shares that throughout her journey with ALS, she was uplifted by regular visits from friends and colleagues, which brought her great joy and meaning.

Teaching was Bea's true passion. Her dedication to education and her students left an indelible mark on our mathematics department and the broader LBCC community. She will be deeply missed.

For those wishing to honor Bea's memory with a charitable gift, her family has shared that she was particularly passionate about supporting PETA (People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals). Additionally, the family expresses deep gratitude to ALS Northwest for their support throughout Bea's journey.

Our thoughts are with Bea's family during this difficult time. When we receive information about memorial services or her family's wishes, we will share those details with the campus community.