



## Mrs. Cecilia Anne Burdick

December 2, 1941 - July 22, 2018

Cecilia Anne Burdick, 76, of Aurora, Colorado and formerly Plant City, Florida, born on December 2, 1941, entered into eternal rest on July 22, 2018.

Cecilia loved her family. She devoted most of her life to raising her children while following her husband around the globe during his military service. She touched innumerable lives at the jobs and volunteer opportunities that she chose through her time here on earth. After landing in colorful Colorado, she helped to care for many of her grandchildren. Always having an open home full of memories and amazing smells from the kitchen. Keeping home close to heart, she joined her husband as they traveled back and forth between Colorado in the winter and their hometown of Plant City, Florida in the summer. Her love for her family kept her busy, communicating with much of her extended family and being the glue that held it all together. Her daily phone conversations with her siblings; older sister Christine (Cameron) Cahow of Orlando, Florida, older brother James Cameron of Opp, Alabama, and her younger sister Beverly (Cameron) Allen of Sylacauga, Alabama. Keeping tabs on her loved ones and giving love in monthly letters, daily phone calls, or intermittent Facebook posts was a true blessing to everyone. Her love for God could be seen through the week while she folded bulletins on Wednesdays, made soup on Fridays, or greeted on Sundays at Bethel Lutheran Church in Aurora, Colorado. Her giving heart and loving demeanor will be greatly missed, but never forgotten.

She was preceded in death by her parents Clark and Vivian Cameron and her grandsons Ryan Christopher and Garrett Michael Ridlen. Cecilia raised three wonderful children: Alicia (Burdick)(husband Steve) Ridlen, David Burdick(wife Paulia), and Melanie (Burdick) (husband Chuck) Lawhorn. Her many grandchildren, by age: Lindsay Ridlen, Koda Lawhorn;spouse Alisha, Shannon (Ridlen) Ashburn;spouse Whitney, Christian Burdick, Taryn Lawhorn, Kelsey Ridlen, Sarah Burdick, and Samuel Burdick.

A private viewing will be held on Wednesday, July 25 at Hopewell Funeral Home, 6005 S County Road 39, Plant City, Florida. A memorial service will be held in Aurora, Colorado at Bethel Lutheran Church at a time to be further disclosed. Expressions of condolence at [www.HopewellFuneral.com](http://www.HopewellFuneral.com).

# Tribute Wall

DH

“ Larry and I send our condolences to Ceci's entire family as well as to her many, many friends. She has been the light to so many at Bethel with her beautiful smile, sparkling eyes and love for everyone. She has always been there to lend a helping hand whenever and wherever she was needed. We looked forward to Fridays and folding the bulletins because we knew Ceci would be there to liven up the chatter with her quick wit and "funny" Southern accent - boy, did we tease her about that, but did she give it back!! Our table for folding bulletins & putting together the newsletters has an empty chair that will be impossible to fill. Larry was always anxious to see Ceci so that he could harass her and, I think, she saved some of her zingers just for him! As Ceci was going to the door each week she and I would always hug and we would tell each other "I love you" - and we do!! Thanks for sharing this wonderful lady with us. I love you Ceci ! Donna & Larry Hudson

Donna Hudson - August 01, 2018 at 04:17 PM

WS

“ My deepest sympathy to Cici's family. Her beautiful, open smile was always a joy to behold. Her giving and loving spirit was a gift from God to us all. She will be missed but never forgotten.



Willi Sanow - July 27, 2018 at 02:51 AM

AB

Thank you so much. My mom was kind to everyone she met.

Alicia Ann Burdick-Ridlen - July 27, 2018 at 05:49 PM

JM

“ I believe it was 1977 when the Burdick family moved across the street from my family. Alicia and I became quick friends, there were many nights all the kids on our block were out in the yard of Luther and Cecilia playing a game, talking, or just sitting around laughing. I remember when the Burdick kids were called home Cecilia would lean out the door and whistle for them, she had the loudest whistle ever, I can still hear it in my mind. We all called her Mrs. Burdick, and thanked her as she handed out a fresh baked cookie, a glass of something cold to drink or a pop-cycle. In so many ways she became my second mom, I completely adored her. She always knew how to make you laugh, and could always find the sunshine in every situation. As our families grew, and all the kids got married and had children of their own, we still kept in touch. Every year I received a Christmas card from her with a kind note. Cecilia you were a delight, your smile lit up every room, that sweet laugh made you laugh in return, and a warm hug always made your feel loved. Your faith in our Lord was strong, you believed, and you did your best to spread the gospel. Heaven gained an angel, you will spend your time watching down over the ones who loved you so. Your kids and grand kids will carry on your light and spread the love that you taught them.

Julie Miller

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**Julie Miller** - July 26, 2018 at 06:24 PM

AB

Julie, we could hear that whistle clear down in the field. Great memory.

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**Alicia Ann Burdick-Ridlen** - July 27, 2018 at 05:50 PM



Melanie Lawhorn

Thank you Julie for the kind words. If one of the only things I have ever learned is that whistle I'll take it! Something we can pass down from generation to generation, the Cecilia Burdick whistle. What I wouldn't give to hear a good one from her now. <3

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**Melanie Lawhorn** - July 31, 2018 at 08:32 PM

JG

“ Always loved to read and receive comments from Momma Burdick. She was always so funny and kind. I remember Melanie and I trying to forge her signature for a detention notice in elementary school - she was not impressed!! RIP <3



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**Jodi Goodwin** - July 26, 2018 at 06:12 PM

JC

“ Cedar, memories are made to last forever and mine of you will surely last forever. Love you. Jim

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**Jim Cameron** - July 26, 2018 at 05:06 PM

SC

“ My sympathy goes out to the entire family of Ceci! She was such a delightful, lovely lady, always had a friendly smile and a good word to say. She will certainly be missed by all.  
Sylvia Cowan

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**Sylvia Cowan** - July 26, 2018 at 12:15 PM

DC

“ Luther & Family, we were saddened to read in the newspaper of the passing of Cecilia. In sympathy Denzel, Donnie, Travis, & families.

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**Denzel Curby** - July 26, 2018 at 08:29 AM

BA


“ *The wonderful smile, the dimples, the laugh, the twinkle in her eyes, the whistle she could do and I never learned how, are all with God now, I am sure she is talking and making all heavens angels laugh. My Sis will be missed by so many people, but most of all by her Husband Luther, Alicia, Melanie, David and all of her family she was truly close to. She kept her brother Jim, sister Christine and my self all informed in what each other was doing or feeling. Comfort in knowing she is with so many others that preceded her in death. Love you always C'Ann and always will.*

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**Beverly (Cameron) Allen** - July 26, 2018 at 08:17 AM

DF

“ *Aunt C'Ann was truly a wonderful person. Her love for her family, selflessness, and strength was an inspiration. No matter how many years went by, seeing her or talking to her on the phone was wonderful. She always made me smile and laugh. She had the biggest heart and I will miss her news about family and her life. My thoughts and prayers are with the entire Burdick and Cameron families.*

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**Dawn Fetgatter** - July 26, 2018 at 07:09 AM

 Erin  
Baschal

“ *Cici was a wonderful friend and I will miss her dearly. She was one of my first friends at Bethel and invited me to greet with her when I had only been there for a couple of months. She made me feel welcomed and loved. I will miss her hugs on Sunday mornings! My prayers are with all of her family members during this difficult time.*

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**Erin Baschal** - July 25, 2018 at 08:42 PM

AR

*Dr. Baschal, Mom adored you and spoke of you often. We enjoyed following your career through the years. Your kind words are greatly appreciated.*

Alicia Ridlen - July 30, 2018 at 02:12 AM

JF

“*CiCi was so Amazing!!!! She was a great friend who helped out so much at Church and never stopped. She did allot behind the scenes folding bulletins for years. Making sure the colors for the color packs for the kids where always put together and anytime we needed Soup CiCi was there with soup and help! She had a big heart and gave her love to all. I am so thankful and blessed she was my friend. She use to come to my Birthday Teas every year and we always had a great time. She will be so missed but NOT forgotten!*”

Joy Faciane - July 25, 2018 at 08:39 PM

 Debbie  
Diedrich-  
Anderson

“*Cici always greeted me at church with a smile and took the time to ask about me and my family every time she saw me. She was so positive and helpful. I will miss seeing her. May God bless her and her family.*”

Debbie Diedrich- Anderson - July 25, 2018 at 08:29 PM

CA

“ *Mrs. Burdick - We will never forget you. You blessed so many people with your thoughtfulness, kindness, and friendship on good old Nucla Street.*

*Mr. Burdick, Alicia, David, and Melanie we hope that you find comfort in your memories of her and know how much she was loved by everyone who knew her.*

*In Sympathy  
Caroline (Miller) and David Llewellyn*

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**Caroline** - July 25, 2018 at 01:59 PM

  
Melanie  
Lawhorn

“ *Melanie Lawhorn lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Cecilia Anne Burdick*



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**Melanie Lawhorn** - July 25, 2018 at 12:22 PM

  
Melanie  
Lawhorn

*Wow, this is the last place I thought I would post something for the most amazing woman God put in my life. So hard to know you are gone. You are forever my heart, my strength and my light. I love you Momma, now and always and especially to the moon and back. ~  
Melanie Kaye*

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**Melanie Lawhorn** - July 25, 2018 at 12:25 PM

AT

*God has another Angel in his arms you was an Angel here on earth but now you have your wings my dear friend.*

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**agnes turosky** - July 25, 2018 at 03:32 PM

GH

*Oh my, don't know where to start. CeAnn and I go way back to young children. Church at Southside, seeing family when I would go with my cousins Doris and Archie Gause to see "Grandpa and Grandma" Gause. So glad we were in touch here of late on FB. What a special lady she was. My love and prayers go out to Luther and the children and grandchildren. Just talking to CeAnn, you knew her love of God, family and friends.*

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**Ginger Houck** - July 25, 2018 at 04:25 PM