



Rev. Elizabeth Buckley Kuehl

April 21, 1952 - April 20, 2026

Elizabeth Buckley Kuehl, 73, passed away April 20, 2026 after a courageous battle with Corticobasal Degeneration (CBD). As usual, she handled this illness with class and dignity.

Memorial Services will be held at the Estero Community Church in Estero on Friday, April 24 at 11:00. A subsequent service and burial will be held in Cleveland Heights at a later date.

Elizabeth was born 04/21/1952 in Cleveland, Ohio to John and Ruth Buckley and raised in Cleveland Heights. She graduated from Regina High School in 1970. After graduating from Wellesley College in 1975, she went to work for General Reinsurance in New York City. She remained in the reinsurance area as an underwriter, broker and consultant until 2002, when she decided to become a Presbyterian minister and was accepted in the Harvard Divinity School where she received her Master of Divinity degree. In 2006, her first calling was in Auburndale, Florida. She faithfully and passionately served other churches in SW Florida.

In 2018, she retired and decided to return to one of her loves, golf. After joining The Forest Country Club in Ft Myers, Florida, she proceeded to enjoy life and many of the activities of the club. To learn how to play better, she was often seen playing by herself late in the afternoon. She later became president

of the Niners golfing group and served on the country clubs Golf Committee until her health deteriorated.

After meeting Phil Kuehl in 1987 at the Home Opener between the Cubs and the Cardinals, they were married in Chicago in May of 1988. They lived in various parts of the country before settling in SW Florida.

Preceded in death by, her parents, John and Ruth Buckley and her brother, Christopher Buckley.

She is survived by: her husband Phil, her siblings, John Buckley (the late Karen Buckley), Jim Buckley (Fran), Catherine Buckley, and her sister-in-law Priscilla Kosednar (Ron), plus numerous nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, please give to the charity of your choice.

To sign her guest register or to send online condolences, please visit www.shikanyfuneralhome.com

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home Family Owned and Operated since 1978.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

APR **24**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Estero Community Church
21115 Design Parc Lane
Estero, FL 33928

Tribute Wall

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April 22 at 11:15 AM



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