



Beth Eastman

January 1, 2021

Darcy Beth Eastman (nee Menz) – Cape May lost yet another legend. Beth passed away suddenly on January 1, 2021 as we ushered in the new year. Longtime proprietor of the Inn of Cape May and Aleathea's Restaurant, Beth embodied true grit, hard work and dedication, carrying forward the values her family instilled in her from a young age. Beth is survived by her beloved daughter, Keri Eastman Gindville; son-in-law, Terk Gindville; her amazing granddaughter, Ivy Gindville; her step grandson, Gavin Gindville; her sister, Thea Peterson; her brother, Duck Menz (Carol); her nieces and nephews, Tai (Julie), Ami (Aaron), Phillip, Cody (Ryan), Tori (soon-to-be nephew, Sean); great niece, Piper and great nephew, Henry. Beth was predeceased by her mom and dad, Bob and Doris Menz. Beth was the epitome of the ethics that her parents and grandparents modeled, one of hard work and determination. To all who knew her, she had a huge heart of gold, which she often tried to hide. To those brave enough to attempt a hug, they would eventually find her enjoying it. Over the years as "head honcho" of the Inn and restaurant, she literally worked around the clock, making sure the guests could relax and enjoy their stay. Over the 40 plus years as a Cape May hotelier, Beth gained many repeat customers who would quickly become part of her extended family. She often played the role of mom, grandmom, sister, aunt and friend to hundreds of employees. Often known as a taskmaster, she did so to provide a secure work environment and an enjoyable experience for both guests and her co-workers. To say she will be greatly missed is an understatement. The family will have big shoes to fill as they strive to continue to keep Beth's legacy alive. A "walk-through" visitation will be held at Aleathea's Restaurant, 7 Ocean Street, Cape May on Saturday, January 16, 2021 between the hours of 11 am and 1 pm. A Time of Sharing for Beth's immediate family and close friends to share their thoughts and memories will take place at Aleathea's following the visitation, beginning at 1 pm. Due to COVID, the "Time of Sharing" ceremony after the visitation is strictly by invitation only. We want everyone to be safe. Masks and social distancing will be required and observed. In lieu of flowers, the family asks to consider donations in Beth's memory to: New Vitae Wellness Foundation, 5201 St. Joseph's Rd, Limeport, PA 18060 - This longtime business is known as Tri-County to our Inn of Cape May family and these donations will be applied to their Cape May Scholarships for residents who wouldn't normally be able to come each year. Another

suggestion for donations is the Cape May Community Food Closet at the Presbyterian Church, 500 Hughes St., Cape May.

Events

JAN 16 **Walk-Through Visitation** 11:00AM - 01:00PM

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Aleathea's

7 Ocean Street, Cape May, NJ, US, 08204

JAN 16 **Family Ceremony (by invitation only)** 01:00PM

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Aleathea's

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Comments



“ An external video has been added.



Spilker Funeral Home - January 15 at 04:02 PM



“ Beautiful beyond words. Heart whelming, memorable and cherished memories of a person who gave so much. Beth will be eternally missed.

Love, Lori & Bill

Lori Frank - January 15 at 08:57 PM



“ SO TOUCHING
WE'LL MISS YOU BETH YOU ALWAYS PUT UP WITH OUR SHENANIGANS AT THE INN
LOVE THE O'MALLEY AND CORINCHOCK FAMILIES
RIP BETH

LIZ CORINCHOCK - January 26 at 07:30 PM



“ Beth you where wee Angel Mary Ann love you and we all did RIP Beth and we all love cape may you will be sadly miss to the day we all meet again

Seamus keown - January 17 at 05:10 PM



“ Dear Kery, Thea, Duck, and Family, Lee and I are so very, very sorry for your loss and can't believe Beth is gone. She always had time to say "hi" when I dropped by her office, and eventually got used to my hugs. Beth was kind, generous, fun, and sharp as a tack. I truly admired her, respected her, and loved her. She will be missed by many - ever so many. The ways in which she helped East Lynne Theater Company and other local organizations were astounding - always going above and beyond and seeing to every detail. Her heart was huge. It was a priviledge know her and we'll never forget Beth. - with love, Gayle Stahlhuth and Lee O'Connor

Gayle Stahlhuth - January 16 at 11:16 AM



“ Neal and I have been coming to the Inn of Cape May for 15+ years. Visiting the Inn 5-6 times per year.

Beth along with the staff have become great friends of ours over the years. I enjoyed bursting into Beth's office upon our arrival to give her that Big Hug. We were always greeted with a " Welcome Home" by Beth and her staff. For me, coming back to the Inn is like coming home. Beth was the center of that.

Our hearts go out to Keri, Terk and to all of Beth's family and also to the entire staff of the Inn. Everyone has suffered a loss .

Cape May will never be the same.

I will remember Beth when I hear the seagulls cry, smell the ocean air, feel the warmth of the summer sun, the coolness of the ocean breeze , while I sit in a rocker on the porch sipping on a glass of wine. Let's raise our glasses, "Here's to Beth"

P.s. "Heaven just became a nicer place" sincerely, Mike Snyder



Michael Snyder - January 16 at 08:25 AM



“ Beth , an active presence in the Cape May community . She was such a valuable member of the Board of Directors at the Marquis de Lafayette hotel and was the face of Aleathea's restaurant, my favorite dining place in all of Cape May . Dennis and I and sometimes our dog Gonzo loved their porch-side service. Despite so many changes for many of us over the years, Beth was a constant . She never failed to come up and chat despite how busy she was with coordinating dinners, running around managing parties and events. She was probably the most amazingly talented , calm, understated person ever . Heaven has gained an ANGEL . She is now dining at the table with Our Lord .



Toni Gifford - January 15 at 07:56 PM



“ Dear Keri , Terk , Ivy and all of Beth’s family , we were so sorry to learn of her sudden passing. She was always so kind to Steve and I. We especially loved to share a hug with her (which she always cringed at lol). She was one of the hardest working people we have known! We pray that over time her memories will bring you comfort. It was an honor to have know her.
Tizzy and Steve

Tizzy - January 15 at 07:03 AM



“ Wow Beth.....I have more memories then can fit here. She was my alien mother and I already miss her more then I can express in words. She taught me so much about the kind of person and mother I wanted to be. Beth had a gift to see the best in everyone. She would push just enough to motivate but also show her disappointment just enough when you didn't do the right thing to make you strive to better yourself. Beth gave everyone limitless chances because she truly believed everyone deserved them! I hope all who knew her always remember her Kindness and generously and spread the love!

jodi elia - January 12 at 11:09 PM



“ That's beatiful!

Bonnie - January 14 at 11:46 AM



“ To all our friends who are more like family at the Inn of Cape May- may God bless you all and give you peace & comfort only He can provide. Our hearts are broken to hear of Beth's passing and we send our love, hugs & deepest condolences. She will truly be missed. Keri & fam, Dawn, Patty, Connie, Brandi & everyone else, we love you & hope to see you this spring. Hang in there & be well.
-Andrea, Chris, Cameron & Eva Capuano XO



Andrea Capuano - January 12 at 08:40 AM



“ It was a pleasure and an honor to have Beth and her Dad as a client for over 35 years. I will miss her and her funny antidotes. My prayers to her family especially her daughter Keri. May God bless.



James DeFeo - January 11 at 07:25 PM



“ Dan & Dottie Coakley lit a candle in memory of Beth Eastman



Dan & Dottie Coakley - January 11 at 04:57 PM



“ To say we’re going to “miss” Beth, doesn’t define the depth of the word. Beth has left a deep footprint in our hearts, within our soles and in our lives. The foundation of Beth’s integrity, stamina, friendships and devotion, can be seen all around, within her family, friends and the Inn. The laughter, the games and that look, are all frozen within our memories. Beth is now standing over us, looking down, glasses propped on top of her head, relaxed, stress free with her all familiar smile, from the gratitude and an overflowing heart from all the love we’re sending her. We share our thoughts and prayers with her family. May all the tears we shed, bring a new Star above, whose forever shining light will be our Beth!

Forever in our hearts and extremely missed.

Love, Lori (Troublemaker) and Bill.



Lori Frank - January 11 at 02:19 PM



“ Dana Erskine lit a candle in memory of Beth Eastman



Dana Erskine - January 11 at 11:18 AM



“ Beth is a legacy to the hospitality trade of Cape May City. She imparted so many with a chance or opportunity to learn about hard work. She was the backbone of the Marquis and the Inn/ Alethea's , steady as she went throughout her long list of responsibilities. I am fortunate to have seen her recently, to have worked for her family, and to be in the company of a true leader and genuine mom and parent. My condolences to her entire family and her peers, all of whom have great memories of 40 years of dedication, fun, and adventure that Beth led .

Patrick Galloway - January 11 at 08:13 AM



“ My heart is heavy knowing of Beth' s passing. May the Menz family and friends find comfort in the days ahead. They will be difficult but the family will tackle it with the spirit of Beth' s legacy. God bless you all.

Elizabeth (Betty) Wund - January 13 at 09:40 PM



“ My heart broke when I learned the news of Beth’s passing! She gave me my first Cape May job. Such a strong lady and kind heart! You will be missed, Beth! Much love always! Ayeshah



Ayeshah - January 10 at 06:25 PM



“ I worked for Charlie (Avondale) and Beth (CM Inn) at the pool for the last four seasons. She was always nice to me, though I didn’t see her too much as she was always working. The Inn, her family and friends were her life. She will always be remembered, but never replaced. It will take more than one person to replace her at the Inn. My sincere condolences to her family. Rest In Peace.

Rick

Rick - January 10 at 04:51 PM



“ I have been a friend of Beth's for 50 years. She was one of a kind and loyal as the day is long. I worked for the Menz family when Beth and I were in our teens. I got my hotel experience at the Marq. Beth and I had amazing times together. As we time went on my husband and I moved to Naples Florida. Beth has been coming to visit every year. This photo of her with a glass of wine on the beach I took not even a year ago on 8th street in Naples.

I am lucky to say I AM one that Beth never hesitated to hug. I will miss her wisdom, her humor her dedication to her family and friends more that you can imagine.

Beth..... Don't let those shrimp get you. (an inside joke) I will always love you girl <3

Bobbi Colanduno - January 10 at 02:44 PM



“ I was so sad ti hear of Beth’s passing. Beth was always kind and pleasant even while so hard at work taking care of everything. You are all in my thoughts and send my condolences. Rest easy Beth.

Patti - January 10 at 02:04 PM



“ Still having a hard time processing this. Beth was definitely my work mom. She was much more than my employer when working for The Menz Family at Top of the Marq & Aletheas.

She made you feel like a part of their family.

I will greatly miss her. Beth was so generous and one thing she listened and didn't judge. She was truly a blessing to know and a huge loss to this community.

Maureen Sandman - January 09 at 09:24 PM



“ I was so lucky to have had you in my life... you will be greatly missed

Dana Miller - January 09 at 08:09 PM



“ Beth asking me when we got to the Inn why I didn't send photos to her from the year before. And then saying, "Welcome back!"

Harry Beam - January 09 at 06:44 PM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



holli cappelli and doug wilson - January 09 at 06:42 PM



“ I was blessed to have you as a friend .. second mother and a boss . You truly were the best and we will miss you very much ! RIP



holli cappelli and doug wilson - January 09 at 06:34 PM



“ The loss of our "Odd Couple" cross country friend has left a huge void, The two (2) women were to have another road trip to Florida to help relieve the stress. God Bless

Joseph Gallagher - January 09 at 04:31 PM



“ I was so sorry and saddened to hear of Beth's passing. Beth was always kind and pleasant even while working so hard. Much love to her family. Rest easy Beth

Patti - January 09 at 05:03 PM



“ Love my Beffers. Best friend and cousin one could ever have. So many memories as kids on the boardwalk and adults on cruises, Florida and Cape May. I will miss her each and every day.



Faith - January 09 at 04:15 PM



“ My heart is heavy Beth gave me my first job in Cape May at the Gold Whale!! Then Aleatha's.
Every time there was a wedding, Beth would tell me, “ get on the dance floor Jackie and get this party started “ To the Family, I'm sending Love and Prayers

Jackie Yeager - January 11 at 05:59 AM



“ Saddened to hear of the tragic loss of Beth. My heart and prayers to Keri and the entire family, and family of friends. She will be greatly missed but never forgotten.

Julie Weber

Julia - January 11 at 02:04 PM