



Dr. Beverly Ellen Chaignaud

December 20, 1948 - January 3, 2020

Dr. Beverly Ellen Chaignaud passed away on Friday, January 3, 2020. She was born on December 20, 1948 in Bogalusa, LA to John Edward and Elaine (McKee) Chaignaud.

Beverly is survived by her parents Ed and Elaine; her sisters Renée Chaignaud Burford (Joe) and Anne Chaignaud Cowger (David); her niece and nephews Katherine Cowger, Jeff Burford (Jacquelyn), Brian Burford, John Burford (Casey), Sean Cowger, and Chris Cowger. She is also survived by her great-nephew Benjamin Burford and great-nieces Natalie Burford and Lilly Grant.

Beverly is preceded in death by her maternal grandparents Dewey and Ellen McKee and her paternal grandparents Jean and Annie Chaignaud.

Beverly was raised in New Orleans, LA and graduated from Cabrini High School and Loyola University. Upon graduation from Loyola, she taught art at Cabrini High for many years. She later earned her Doctorate of Medicine from Tulane University School of Medicine. Following graduation, Dr. Chaignaud completed her residency in General Surgery at the University of Mississippi Medical Center. She then completed a Pediatric Surgery Fellowship at Children's Mercy Hospital in Kansas City. Most recently, she was the Director of the Burn Unit at University of Alabama Children's Hospital.

Bev was truly a humble servant. Her dedication to her patients and their families, her colleagues, and most especially to her family was unmatched.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend the Funeral Mass at St. John of the Cross Catholic Church, 61030 Brier Lake Dr., Lacombe, LA 70445 on Monday, January 13, 2020 at 11:00 AM with visitation at the church on Monday beginning at 9:30 AM. Interment will follow the services in St. Joseph Abbey Cemetery, Saint Benedict, LA. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in memory of Dr. Beverly Chaignaud may be made to Cabrini High School, New Orleans or to Camp Conquest, a summer camp program designed to respond to the needs of pediatric burn survivors. Donations may be mailed to Camp

Conquest, 1919 Oxmoor Road #253, Homewood, AL 35209, or can be made at <https://www.kidscampconquest.com/> or <https://cabrinihigh.com/donate>.

Cemetery

St. Joseph Abbey Cemetery

75376 River Rd.

Benedict, LA,

Events

JAN **Visitation** 09:30AM - 11:00AM

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St. John of the Cross Catholic Church

61030 Brier Lake Dr., Lacombe, LA, US, 70445

JAN **Funeral Mass** 11:00AM

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St. John of the Cross Catholic Church

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Comments



“ I’m a former pathologist at COA and friend of Beverly. She was an angel on earth in every way possible. I loved her kind, compassionate, sweet gentle spirit. In addition, the care she provided her patients was second to none! I’m blessed our paths crossed and I miss our lunches on the patio. My prayers and my heart goes out to her family and friends as God brought His angel home.

Dr. Dava Sue Cleveland - January 17 at 11:21 AM



“ Bev was an art teacher at Cabrini when I was initially a counselor and then Principal. She was such a fine role model....had a goal of becoming a physician....a late call to medicine. I am the med alumni director at Tulane School of Medicine and had the blessing of visiting with her in Birmingham twice over the past year. Such a gentle and kind and compassionate woman. She was so dedicated to her patients. She will be missed greatly. My deepest condolences to her family at this very difficult time. Bev and all of you are in my thoughts and prayers.
Sincerely,
Cynthia Hayes

Cynthia Hayes - January 14 at 04:29 PM



“ Dr.Chaignaud always greeted me with a smile and a hello, how are you? I will truly miss seeing her ray of sunshine through the halls of Children's of AI. My prayers are with you her Loved Ones.

Susie Reese - January 14 at 04:06 PM



“ Thank you for sharing Bev with us at COA. She was my partner, my colleague, my Surgical Sister, but mostly she was my friend. Bev, I miss you.

Elizabeth Beierle - January 13 at 06:10 PM



“ Please accept my most sincere sympathy for the loss of your beloved. I was one of her students at Cabrini and to this day I am grateful to her for instilling in me a love and appreciation of the arts . It’s comes as no surprise that her dreams blossomed into the field of medicine. I know that her family , students and patients have suffered a great loss . Praying for comfort and healing



“ Dear Ed and Elaine,

You are in our thoughts and prayers in the death of your beloved daughter. Although we never had the pleasure of meeting her, it was obvious she was respected and loved. Dr.Beverly will be missed for years to all who knew her. However, I'm sure she left many precious memories that will never die. That is God's gift to you!

May you feel God's comforting presence. We love you. We will see you Monday.

Lovingly, Don and Beth Core Crow

Beth Crow - January 11 at 05:31 PM



“ “Ms. Chaignaud” was a beautiful person inside and out. I first knew her as a talented and thoughtful art teacher when I was a student at Cabrini, then became reacquainted years later after she had further developed those artistic skills and generous spirit into a surgeon. What an inspiring, gentle lady who undoubtedly touched many people's lives.

Nadine LeBlanc Saunders - January 11 at 03:44 PM



“ Bev was the kindest most compassionate caring selfless person I have ever had the privilege of knowing! She wasn't just my sons doctor she was my dear friend! She has overseen all of Lonnie's care for 11 years because she loved him so much!! If it wasn't for Beverly Lonnie would not be here today! She has performed 100'S of surgeries on him and answered every call no matter the time day or night!! “There's my buddy” she would say as he rolled around the corner in his wheelchair at the hospital!! Dinner at Chuy's just won't be the same without her, she has been there for so many of the special events in Lonnie's life. From all her amazing care to our long talks about life we cannot imagine life without her!! Her smile and kind quiet way about her is unmatched! She was a brilliant doctor and surgeon and the most special person! We are praying for her dear family as they walk this difficult road of grief! And for all those lives that she has touched May she always be remembered!
Tanya and Lonnie McCaw and our whole family.

Tanya Roesink McCaw - January 11 at 02:52 PM



“ Bev went out of her way to make me feel welcome when I was a new teacher at Cabrini. She was never too busy to lend a hand, to give support, or to just listen. She was kind and compassionate and will surely be missed by all.

Ann Smart - January 11 at 02:22 PM



“ I am a cousin of Dr. Chaignaud's mother and am devastated at the sudden loss of this wonderful, caring physician and loving family member. My late husband, James Abell, and I knew and loved Beverly's maternal and paternal grandparents, as well as her dear parents, and are fervently praying that our precious Holy Spirit will help to heal the hearts of them and of each family member and friend who also loved her.

What an enormous loss is the passing of this very valuable member of the community and of the medical institutions and patients whom she so ably served!

Most sincerely, Mary Core Abell, Dallas, TX 75231

Mary Core Abell - January 11 at 01:31 PM



“ Amina Bhatia & Courtney Ellis (Atlanta) purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Dr. Beverly Ellen Chaignaud.



Amina Bhatia & Courtney Ellis (Atlanta) - January 11 at 12:30 PM



“ What a beautiful dedicated woman! She will be missed.
Lynn Suprean

Lynn Suprean - January 11 at 11:28 AM



“ Children's of Alabama Main Hospital CRNAs purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Dr. Beverly Ellen Chaignaud.



Children's of Alabama Main Hospital CRNAs - January 10 at 11:14 PM



“ Smith Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Dr. Beverly Ellen Chaignaud.



Smith Family - January 10 at 09:34 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Dr. Beverly Ellen Chaignaud.



January 10 at 04:38 PM



“ Pediatric Anesthesia Associates purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Dr. Beverly Ellen Chaignaud.



Pediatric Anesthesia Associates - January 10 at 04:25 PM



“ Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Dr. Beverly Ellen Chaignaud.



January 10 at 03:34 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Dr. Beverly Ellen Chaignaud.



January 10 at 12:03 PM



“ Dr. Bev Chaignaud was the shining example of what it means to serve. She set the bar high - not just for the surgeons but for all of us at Children's. She was a skilled clinician and surgeon, but it was never just about the surgery - it was about the patients. We have heard story after story about how she touched so many lives - she was all heart and soul. Somehow Dr. Chaignaud remained resilient. Even at 4:00 in the morning - she seemed to remember why she was walking the halls of Children's. She always seemed honored to do so. In the Emergency Department, we never wondered if Dr. Chaignaud cared about her patients, we always knew she did. Dr. Chaignaud was ageless - but most of all, she was selfless. We are going to miss Dr. Chaignaud the physician - our friend and colleague so much! What a privilege to have worked with her!

Michele Nichols
Pediatric Emergency Medicine

Michele Nichols - January 09 at 11:39 PM



“ Dr Chaignaud was a class act. There was never any doubt that her patients came first. She was one of my favorite doctors as she treated everyone with respect. I don't believe Dr Chaignaud ever had a bad day, at least she never showed it. You will be missed, Dr Chaignaud. Know that you are loved.

Pam Clark
Retired COA

pam Clark - January 10 at 04:04 PM



“ Bev had the gift of making us each feel as if we were the most important person in the world. Her interest, compassion, love, humility and peacefulness touched all who knew her. She was all heart! No matter how busy life got, she always remembered to check in on patients, family and friends. What an angel she was on earth--and continues to be in heaven. We will miss her! God bless her and comfort her family.
Mike and Karen Gibbs and Jackie Borchgrevink

Karen Gibbs - January 09 at 10:31 PM



“ Bev was an amazing friend and an inspiration to everyone who ever met her. She was a role model for professionalism and kindness.
She will be so greatly missed.
Kathy Monroe

kathy monroe - January 09 at 07:35 PM



“ The Emergency Dept of Childrens of Alabama purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Dr. Beverly Ellen Chaignaud.



The Emergency Dept of Childrens of Alabama - January 09 at 07:33 PM



“ Renee,
I am so sorry to hear about the death of your beloved sister. Prayers for you and your entire family.
sincerely, Mary Ann Haynie

mary Ann Haynie - January 09 at 07:25 PM



“ So shocking to hear of this news. I worked with Beverly for many years in the Burn Unit at Children's. Beverly was a gentle soul who often spoke of her family, she respected our nursing opinion and actually listened to us as we cared for her patients. She loved her patients, often calling late nights or early mornings to check on them. I will treasure her family praline recipe that she shared with me when she

found out my husband loved them. We make them every year at Christmas. May the Good of comfort wrap His arms around family and friends and cover you with peace that only He can give.

Wendy Pirkle - January 09 at 04:53 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Dr. Beverly Ellen Chaignaud.



January 09 at 03:17 PM



“ Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers during this trying and painful time. But GOD is able to guide, comfort, and strengthen you through this. Look to Him for all your needs.

Don & Sharon Thomas - January 09 at 02:54 PM



“ Staci Sisco lit a candle in memory of Dr. Beverly Ellen Chaignaud



Staci Sisco - January 09 at 02:52 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with Dr. Chaignaud's family, friends, and co-workers. She was a blessing to all she met, an example to follow, and will be greatly missed by all.



Betsy Blackburn - January 09 at 01:37 PM



“ Lillie Williams lit a candle in memory of Dr. Beverly Ellen Chaignaud



Lillie Williams - January 09 at 11:57 AM



“ Niraj Soni lit a candle in memory of Dr. Beverly Ellen Chaignaud



Niraj Soni - January 09 at 11:11 AM



“ We have lost a truly holy and remarkable woman. Our prayers and condolences go to Mr. and Mrs. Chaignaud, Renee and Anne. Beverly was not only an Alumna and teacher of Art at Cabrini High School; she was a faithful and dear friend of so many Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, especially the late Sister Christine Perazzoli. Bev gave us so much beautiful example with her loyalty to family and friends, her compassion and gentleness. We know that Beverly was welcomed to heaven and now enjoys the embrace of eternal Love.
Sister Catherine Garry, MSC



“ Cindi Seidel lit a candle in memory of Dr. Beverly Ellen Chaignaud



Cindi Seidel - January 09 at 08:49 AM



“ I worked with Beverly from the time of her arrival at Children's until I retired a few years ago. She was such a compassionate person- the patients were her first and most important priority. When I think of the words kind, gentle, compassionate, intelligent, and patient, it is Beverly that I picture. Rest in peace, Beverly. You will be missed and remembered by more people than you could ever have imagined.

Geni Smith, RN

Geni Smith - January 09 at 01:19 AM



“ I will miss Beverly. She was a compassionate and kind person. She and I were both artist and dog lovers. She was great with her patients and dedicated beyond measure. I was devastated when I heard of her passing...May God give the family strength thru this period of sadness.

Sandra Clark - January 09 at 08:13 AM



“ As a friend of her sister Renee since high school, Bev always had a quiet, calm way and indulgent smile for the somewhat chaotic and disruptive teen that I was. She would give you her full attention when you had something to say, and she made you feel like what you said was worthwhile--even the silly conversation of a high school girl. I see the same things repeated in other tributes--quiet, calm, kind, caring, loving, selfless. She truly left a legacy of service to others. Her life has taught us the significance of the very small gesture. A warm smile. A friendly hello. Something we can all do to pass this legacy forward as a remembrance of her. She was our angel on earth and was only on loan to us until God called her home. God bless all the Chaignauds and their extended family who have been devastated by her loss. We will all have to step up and follow Bev's example of kindness, caring and love to help them through this tragic time. Rest in Peace, Bev. Thank you for touching my life in the most positive of ways. Love, Lorene

Lorene Materne - January 08 at 10:04 PM



“ I was devastated to hear of Beverlys passing. She was so kind to me and my sisters after our dad passed. Our yards met and she used to teach us art in a old shed! We loved being with her! She then goes back to school I think at 40 and becomes a fabulous doctor gibing it her all! She comes from a beautiful family her dad, mom and then her sisters Renee and Anne! I used to go over there and help her mom Ms Elaine with baby Anne. Their entire family is the sweetest most caring people! I last spoke with Bev in August of 2019 and she was just a jewel. She will be missed by so many from the neighborhood, Cabrini High and her UAB people. Love you tell my mom, dad, Billy and Susie they are missed ever day. Rest now Bev

Becky Patton - January 08 at 08:39 PM



“ Kelly Kimbrell Glass lit a candle in memory of Dr. Beverly Ellen Chaignaud



Kelly Kimbrell Glass - January 08 at 03:08 PM



“ Tonya sent a virtual gift in memory of Dr. Beverly Ellen Chaignaud



Tonya - January 08 at 12:04 PM



“ The few times i met her as she was caring for my son as of now, she was very soft spoken and showed she really cared and explained what would be done..just cant believe this happened ..you just never know the people you briefly meet only for moments or seconds can have such an impact



“ Angelina Kidd lit a candle in memory of Dr. Beverly Ellen Chaignaud



Angelina Kidd - January 08 at 11:35 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dr. Beverly Ellen Chaignaud.



January 08 at 10:58 AM



“ I was fortunate to be one of the first people to work with Dr. Chaignaud when she started at COA. She was the sweetest person and I enjoyed every minute with her. I left her department several years ago but I continued to see her almost every day. She will forever be missed. I sincerely wish comfort to the family in this time. Carleen Abercrombie

Carleen Abercrombie - January 08 at 08:38 AM



“ I am an xray tech at children's of Alabama. I would always see Dr. Beverly (as I liked to call her) in the halls of the hospital and in our department. She always would say hello. she always ask how my night was going. she never made me feel that I was less important than her just because she was the doctor. She respected me, and used my knowledge as an xray tech to help our pt's. Dr. Beverly cared deeply about all the children here, and would do everything she could to make sure that they were getting the best care. She was just a wonderful doctor and person and she will be deeply missed. Wendy Haithcock R.T. (R)

WENDY HAITHCOCK - January 08 at 07:27 AM



“ I was privileged to work with Dr. Chaignaud at COA these many years. She remembered faces and names and made teamwork seem effortless with her patient manner, her bright smile, and her "Just call me Bev" introduction. When she was on call I could always count on a nightly round or two just to check on the babies. I am saddened to hear of her death and will miss her greatly. Suzanne Alford

Suzanne Alford - January 08 at 01:41 AM



“ The compassion and caring that Dr. Chaignaud gave to her patients and their families was remarkable. She was so passionate about her work. It was inspiring to witness. She would always greet me with a smile and share a kind word with me. Often, she would show me updates on patients that we had cared for in the PICU where I work, on her phone. This was uplifting because one of the drawbacks for being a PICU nurse is that we rarely know how turn out. Or what their healing looks like. So I looked forward to her sharing. I will miss her! I pray for peace and comfort for the family in this trying time. May the Lord Bless and Keep you all!

Stanja Parham-Jones - January 07 at 11:58 PM



“ I will never forget seeing Dr. Chaignaud almost every day in the halls of COA. She cannot be replaced. She had a gift of calmness and kindness everywhere she went. I am heartbroken for the family, her patients and all of her coworkers at COA. Please accept my deepest sympathy.

Linda Lancaster, RN
Birmingham, Al



LINDA LANCASTER - January 07 at 10:22 PM



“ To the family of Dr. Chaignaud,
Words cannot fill the hole left in your lives at this time. Beverly positively impacted so many lives in so many ways, whether it was the kind smile that was ever present when passing in the hallways at Children's, or the compassionate, delicate, quality care she gave so many children and their caregivers, or the way she worked with her

colleagues and the team to always ensure children were receiving the best. Our lives at Children's were significantly blessed by her heart, experience, and talents. Thank you for sharing her with us and may the Lord surround you with His arms and comfort. -- Suzanne Respass

Suzanne - January 07 at 08:17 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Dr. Beverly Ellen Chaignaud.



January 07 at 07:37 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with your family at this time of sorrow.

Your friends from Annendell Subdivision

D J Palmisano - January 07 at 07:37 PM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Beverly Ellen Chaignaud.



January 07 at 05:42 PM



“ I worked with Dr. Chaignaud in surgery a couple of times at Children's and she was the most calm and patient in skin grafting. She was very careful about her work. I think about her occasionally as I am figuring out my own path in life. She's a pleasant soul and spirit. What a pleasure to have crossed paths with her. Blessings to the family and Peace to your hearts.



“ It was honored to work side by side with her and she taught me so much about burns when I worked at COA. She was a Very great surgeon who I learned so much from and she never was a selfish doctor who wanted it to be all about her. Fly high Dr. Chaignaud. Great General Surgeon .She taught me so much I enjoyed working with her. She was a pleasure to work with in Surgery.



Keisha King - January 07 at 05:11 PM



“ Children's of Alabama- Burn Unit purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Dr. Beverly Ellen Chaignaud.



Children's of Alabama- Burn Unit - January 07 at 04:58 PM



“ I did not personally know Dr Chaignaud. Our paths crossed many times as she walked in and out of the PICU. I remember her kind, soft, and gentle spirit, as well as the most sweet and gentle smile that anyone could give! In passing through the area, she always left a breeze of freshness and warmth. My prayer for your family is that the God of all comfort, will give to you the supernatural strength, comfort and courage, that you need in this hour.

Sarah Troy-Nettles
Children's of Alabama
PICU WRA

Sarah Troy-Nettles - January 07 at 04:49 PM



“ Sarah Troy-Nettles lit a candle in memory of Dr. Beverly Ellen Chaignaud



Sarah Troy-Nettles - January 07 at 04:19 PM



“ She was the sweetest kindest lady. Everytime she would come in the cafeteria she always had a kind word and a beautiful smile.

Christine Haynes Landreth - January 07 at 02:48 PM



“ Lila Lee lit a candle in memory of Dr. Beverly Ellen Chaignaud



Lila Lee - January 07 at 01:48 PM



“ Sincerest condolences for the family of this sweet and caring lady. If it wasn't for her dedication and love for her patients, we may not have our son today. She will forever be in our hearts. Prayers for her family in the upcoming days ahead.
The Morris family/Alabama

Jason Morris - January 07 at 12:53 PM



“ So sorry for your loss. My condolences. I thank my God every time I remember you. Phillipians 1:3. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Matthew 5:4.

Jerry Randolph Henderson - January 07 at 11:38 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dr. Beverly Ellen Chaignaud.



January 07 at 11:14 AM



“ I miss her! Dr. Chaignaud was an active and dedicated participant on several groups we both served on. She was always so thoughtful and encouraging. I really enjoyed working with her. She was truly a good hearted person and stood up for what she believed in. Family, I am sad for your loss and will be praying for you.

Melissa Bishop - January 07 at 10:57 AM



“ Mr and Mrs Chaignaud, Renee and Anne,
I was fortunate to know Bev as a friend of Renee, Holy Rosary and the neighborhood. It continued at Cabrini High School where Bev was my art teacher. What a challenge I was since I had no art talent but Bev always gave me a smile and encouraging words. Now she is smiling down on all of us.

I am holding Bev and you all in my great memories, thoughts and prayers. Fondly, Sylvia DiLeo Delsa

Sylvia DiLeo Delsa - January 07 at 02:56 PM



“ Bev was a wonderful artist and kind, generous person. I have known her for 53 years and she was always a kind and thoughtful soul. She took her sister, another friend and me on a trip to New York and that memory will always live in my heart. She was greatly loved and will be sorely missed by all who knew her!
Yvette Cuccia

Yvette Cuccia - January 07 at 10:04 AM



“ I am so sad about Beverly's passing. She taught me how to put on mascara when I was of age. I have many good memories of Beverly growing up. She was also my Art teacher at Cabrini. I am praying for the Chaignaud family. I pray God will comfort you all.

Emily Johnson Hall - January 07 at 10:02 AM



“ When I remember Dr. Chaignaud, the words kind and gentle come to mind. She was a tenacious patient advocate and devoted her time and practice to their care. She will forever live in the hearts of many.

Deb Wesley, CNO, Children's of Alabama - January 07 at 09:12 AM



“ I worked very close with Dr. Chaignaud at Childrens of Alabama. She was a wonderful person and always took time to say hello Linda how are you. How's the bed situation. She will dearly missed by the staff and her patients alike.RIP Dr. BEV.

Linda Honeycutt - January 07 at 06:23 AM



“ I worked closely with Dr. Ch

Linda Honeycutt - January 07 at 06:15 AM



“ Mr. Ed, Ms. Elaine, Renee and Anne,
Words cannot express how much our heart breaks for your family. All of you have been in our prayers and thoughts since we heard of this tragedy. Our deepest condolences for all of the Chaignaud family and also Bev's work family in Birmingham. May God hold you in his arms and give you strength to deal with this terrible loss.
Patty and Randy Ostendorf

Patty and Randy Ostendorf - January 06 at 09:21 PM



“ Dr. Bev was a phenomenal MD, she loved her job and her patients. You could see it the few times I was able to follow Dr. Melissa Peters to her unit. I know you all were very proud of her. Praying for God's peace and comfort for you all

vikki vodosia - January 06 at 10:27 PM



“ Beverly was one of the most compassionate individuals I have ever met. She shared her love of art and beauty with her students at Cabrini and showed them, through her actions, what it is to be a kind, generous, loving individual. She was my colleague at Cabrini, she was my fellow Faubourg St. John resident, but more, she was my friend. Although we did not stay in touch, she was often in my thoughts, and I was so proud of her becoming a doctor.
Beverly's smile brightened rooms and moods. She will never be forgotten and will be

cherished in the hearts of all who knew her - friends, students, patients.
My deepest condolences to Mr. and Mrs. Chaignaud, Anne, and the rest of the family.

I just can't tell you what a loss is felt by me and everyone else who crossed paths with Beverly. You are all in my prayers.

Jane Dabdoub Bartlett

Jane Dabdoub Bartlett - January 06 at 07:40 PM



“ I took 4 years of art from the most incredible teacher I ever had!! These years led to my career in a creative field! She taught me color, light ,shading and balance. And that beauty comes from many places and perspectives. Thank you for a lifetime of artistic accomplishments!

Janie koger laprairie - January 06 at 05:43 PM