



## Dr. Carol Sue Bevier

October 17, 1934 - March 31, 2022

Dr. Carol Sue Bevier, 87, passed away March 31, 2022 at Citizens Memorial Hospital in Bolivar.

Carol was born October 17, 1934 in Brookfield, MO. She graduated from Brookfield High School in 1952 and entered Central Missouri State College in Warrensburg, MO. She received a bachelor's degree in music education in 1956. Carol began her first teaching position at Bolivar R-1 Schools, grades 1 through 12. She conducted two girls Glee Clubs, two boys Glee Clubs and a mixed chorus. Carol started a master's of music degree program at Northwestern University in Evanston, IL. which she completed in 1966. She applied for a position at the college after completing her master's degree and was offered a teaching position in the music department. Carol had applied for entrance into the doctoral program in musicology at North Texas State University in Denton, Texas. She was accepted into the program and began courses in 1967. Carol took several students groups on European excursions. For several years she and fellow professors took students to various countries including England, Belgium, Germany, France, Italy, Austria and Switzerland. They visited art museums, churches, cathedrals, castles and attended various concerts. Carol retired from SBU in 2000. Carol is preceded in death by her parents, Clarence and Virginia (Diemer) Bevier and a brother, William Herbert Bevier. Survivors include nieces and nephews, Jerry Bevier, Niota, IL, Meri Jenkins, Carthage, IL, Kerry Bevier, Denmark, IA, Jena McManus, Bozeman, MT, Andy Bevier, Nauvoo, IL, and Joe Bevier, Bozeman, MT. Visitation will be

held 1:00 PM to 1:30 PM Saturday, April 30, 2022 at the Butler Funeral Home in Bolivar, MO. Memorial services will be held 1:30 PM Saturday, April 30, 2022 at the Funeral Home. Inurnment will take place in her birth city of Brookfield, MO. A memorial in lieu of flowers will be established to provide and install a memorial plaque at SBU and support the scholarship established in her name at the SBU music department.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

APR 30. 1:30 PM (CT)

Butler Funeral Home - Bolivar  
407 E. Broadway  
Bolivar, MO 65613  
(417) 326-5233  
<https://butlerfuneralhome.com/>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Dr. Carol Sue Bevier*

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October 05, 2023 at 05:18 AM



“ *Dr. Carol Sue Bevier*

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January 26, 2023 at 04:15 PM



“ *Dr. Carol Bevier was unforgettable. She was widely respected for her knowledge and teaching ability. In addition, she put up with the crazy antics of her students with cheerfulness and humor. She was one in a million, and will be greatly missed.*

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**Sally Hook** - April 29, 2022 at 10:49 AM

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“ Dr. Bevier had the sweetest nature with students. I hope you will find joy in my story. 12 girls were selected to be a part of Dr. Bevier’s Bel Cantos. We traveled to several churches in the area to perform during church services. On one overnight trip we stayed with Pam Woods home north off of highway 13. We were parceled out between bedrooms, sleeping bags, etc. Not far in the future was one of Dr. Bevier’s famously complicated music history tests. We girls were whispering back & forth between bedrooms about the test. Loud mouth me said, “I bet she even wants to know what color Beethoven’s shorts are?” Dr Bevier overhears and says in a loud voice, “They’re pink, Deby, they’re pink!” The whole house cracked up laughing! One of the gals then later bought a pair of white boxers and dyed them pink for her. That’s the wonderful, compassionate and funny personage of Dr. Bevier. I shall never forget her kindness, incredible mind and talent or the pink shorts story. Thank you for the memories.

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**Deborah Duzan** - April 29, 2022 at 05:05 AM

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“ Miss Bevier Was My Mentor.  
A Wonderful Teacher and Musician, She  
and Kay McColm Accompanied Contest  
Musicians and groups, plus Her Demanding the Best in Each of Us  
Made Us All Better and Produced Results for Her  
Program

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**Bill Jones BHS 1959-63** - April 04, 2022 at 07:40 PM

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“ Dr. Bevier was one of the first teachers I met during welcome week at SBU back in 1971. She was so friendly and I will never forget her sincere smile and her sweet laugh. I learned more from her than any other teacher I ever had for Music History. My class notes helped so much in Masters studies. The opportunities and memories in Bel Cantos will never be forgotten. Lastly, she never forgot us until much later in her life. She remembered me at homecoming and she also taught some of my children. What a blessing she was in my life not only in my education but also my spiritual life. Thank you dear lady. You left a great legacy.

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**MarciaBurgher** - March 31, 2022 at 07:01 PM

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*Dr. Bevier was my middle school music teacher & she fostered my life-long love of music. I have tremendous respect for her legacy of kindness & beauty. She is one who will never be replicated & she gave more to others than we could ever repay her. May you be playing concerts in heaven for everyone.*

*Janice Gabriel Leslie*

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**Janice Leslie** - April 07, 2022 at 02:58 PM

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*Dr Bevier was a wonderful teacher and mentor. Her music history class was the toughest class I ever took at any level, but she was always so interested in the material and in us. Your test might have a good grade on it, but it was still covered with red ink as she continued to teach and broaden your thoughts on how you might have answered the question more completely. We had so much fun as we traveled together Bel Cantos. She let us see a side of her that we didn't always get to see in the classroom. She was always interested in her students and took time to listen to our latest issues. She remembered us through the years and we remembered her as well. She was a wonderful teacher, friend and guide.*

*Susan Houston, SBU class of 73*

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**Susan Houston** - April 29, 2022 at 12:37 AM