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Rebecca “Becky” Ann (Bragg) Neff went to be with the Lord on February 25, 2026, at the age of 83, following an unexpected passing.

Born in Cambridge, Ohio, to Ernest and Helen Bragg, Becky was the second of three children. She was a devoted daughter, wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, and friend whose gentle spirit touched countless lives.

She is survived by her daughter, Kristina (Adam) Renner; her cherished granddaughters, Elizabeth and Catherine; her sister, Sandra Gray; and numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband of 48 years, Arthur “Art” Neff; her parents; and her brother, Arthur Bragg.

Becky graduated from Cambridge High School in 1960. As a child, she loved playing the piano. She spent countless hours at the keys, practicing with determination and joy. During high school, she discovered her remarkable gift for typing at exceptional speed. She worked for Ohio Power for many years before becoming a typist for The Daily Jeffersonian newspaper. Her skills later took her west to Idaho, where she continued her work in newspapers. In Dallas, she typed contracts for multiple oil and gas companies. Her extraordinary speed of 137 words per minute earned her the title of United States Typing Contest Champion in 1979.

In 1973, Becky married Art Neff, who was serving as an officer in the United States Air Force. Together they embraced a life of adventure, traveling the world through assignments in Virginia, Greece, Texas, California, Panama, and Ohio.

As an officer’s wife, Becky adapted with grace to the frequent moves that came every few years while forming lifelong friendships across the globe. During their time in Panama, while Art served as base commander, Becky hosted and attended official social functions and built meaningful relationships with the families stationed there while offering warmth and connection in a role that touched many.



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The Air Force gave their family the opportunity to see the world, and Becky embraced every moment. She visited all 50 states, most countries in Central and South America, and much of western, southern, and northern Europe. She especially loved the mountains. The majesty of the Grand Tetons and the beauty of the Austrian Alps were among her favorite places.

Being a mother was one of Becky's greatest joys. She was an active and devoted presence throughout Kristina's childhood by serving as a homeroom mother, leading her Girl Scout troop, and participating in the school PTO. She volunteered at countless school events and activities. Becky happily embraced the role of chauffeur as well, driving Kristina to lessons, practices, and games, and cherishing the time they spent together along the way.

Her only joy greater than being a mother was becoming Grandma Mimi to Elizabeth and Catherine. She adored spending time with her granddaughters by baking cookies together, browsing craft aisles for their next project, or simply sitting and talking. Those moments with them were among the happiest of her life.

Becky had a lifelong love of reading and often finished two or three books a week. She rarely went anywhere without a book in hand. She also enjoyed sewing, scrapbooking, and capturing photos of her family and the beauty she found in nature. Becky loved playing the piano, a passion that began in childhood and stayed with her throughout her life.

Becky took great pride in creating a beautifully decorated home. It was the place where memories were made and holidays were celebrated. Christmas was her favorite season, and she delighted in filling the house with themed Christmas trees. At one point, she had nine themed Christmas trees, each thoughtfully arranged and adorned with ornaments she had collected from around the world.

Becky was an outstanding cook and baker. Each Christmas, she made at least twelve different kinds of Christmas cookies and shared them with family and friends. Her diamond-shaped Texas sheet cake became a favorite at gatherings. Becky believed holidays were meant to be celebrated with abundance, and the importance of having too much food was a value she embraced wholeheartedly. She always had a homemade dessert ready for anyone who might stop by. She also made the best homemade popcorn, something she often popped for friends and family before they set off on a long trip.



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Becky and Art shared a passion for caring for their yard, tending to it with pride and joy. Their home became known for its lush hostas and beautiful flowers, creating a landscape that looked like it belonged in a magazine or a park. They also enjoyed volunteering at the Bellbrook United Methodist Church, where they attended regularly, as well as the Bellbrook Museum and Historical Society. Becky had a special love for butterflies. For those who loved her, butterflies will forever carry a deeper meaning. When you see one flutter past, may it remind you of her gentle spirit, her kindness, and the way she brought light into the lives around her. In those small, graceful wings, may you feel her presence and the enduring love she leaves behind.

A graveside service will be held at 1 pm on Saturday, March 14, at Kimbolton Cemetery in Kimbolton. A celebration of life gathering for family and friends will be held on Friday, March 20, from 5 - 7 p.m. at Conner & Koch Funeral Home in Bellbrook. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in her honor to the Bellbrook United Methodist Church, 47 East Franklin Street, Bellbrook, OH 45305. Condolences at <https://www.connerandkoch.com>.




Events

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Graveside Service

 **Saturday**, March 14, 2026

 1:00 PM ET

 **Kimbolton Cemetery**
Kimbolton OH

Celebration of Life Gathering

 **Friday**, March 20, 2026

 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM ET

 **Conner & Koch Funeral Home**
92 W. Franklin St., Bellbrook OH 45305



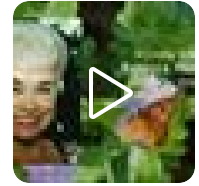


Tribute Wall

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Conner & Koch Funeral Home shared a **Video**.



March 19 at 6:52 PM



Marie Davis posted:

Becky and I liked to go to lunch together and just have a gab fest. She always had stories about their moving experiences or about one of the countries where they lived. And yes, like the wonderful Grandmother that she was, there were always stories about those two beautiful granddaughters and a picture or two to share. Rest in Peace, Marie

March 20 at 1:42 AM



Marie Davis lit a candle in honor of Rebecca.

Becky & I liked to go to lunch and spend a couple hours just talking. She was a good story teller - and could always find a story in one of her adventures with Art. When Art was base Commander in Panama, she made sure that the wives of non-commissioned officers received the recognition they deserved. It impressed me. Becky was a fair, loving woman who was my good friend. And yes, she loved her granddaughters - almost always sharing a story and a picture about them. Rest in peace. Marie Davis



March 20 at 1:35 AM



Katie Reynolds posted:

Becky was my back yard buddy. We'd meet in her shade garden often during the warm months for her to give me a lesson or two on dividing plants and to catch up on life. We would do more talking than work. I'll miss not taking care of our yards together but especially miss the long talks about life and faith and her beautiful smile. Praying that you are enjoying a well deserved rest and a heavenly yard without weeds!

March 4 at 2:34 PM



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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Rebecca by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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