



Sylvetta "Vet" Bedell

February 17, 1943 - April 15, 2025

Sylvetta "Vet" Bedell, age 82, passed peacefully from her earthly home to her heavenly home on April 15, 2025. She was born on February 17, 1943, at home near Senath, Missouri, to Sylvester Kimbrow, Sr. and Alice Evelyn (Gurley) Kimbrow.

On May 6, 2007, Vet married the love of her life, Michael Bedell. Over their 18 years together, they shared a passion for travel and missions, taking 14 meaningful trips, many of which were centered on serving others. Vet was deeply devoted to her faith and found great joy in serving her church—founding and managing the church library, leading women's Bible studies, and caring for infants in the nursery.

A lifelong learner and historian at heart, she spent over 17,000 hours in the past 17 years meticulously researching her family's ancestry—a passion she pursued with heart and dedication. Before retiring in 2004, Vet held the position of Regional Vice President at Travelers Insurance, capping a distinguished career in the insurance industry.

She was preceded in death by her parents and is lovingly remembered by her husband Michael; her bonus daughter Michelle Franklin (Bryan) of Rogers, AR; and four cherished bonus grandchildren: Blake Bolay (Devan), Thomas Bolay, Eddie Franklin, and Abby Franklin. She is also survived by her sister

and lifelong best friend, Patricia Branum of Siloam Springs, AR; and four devoted brothers: Charles (Shirley) Kimbrow of Alabama, George (Kay) Kimbrow of Mississippi, Dennis "Claude" (Chis) Kimbrow of Florida, and Sylvester "Dink" (Marilyn) Kimbrow of Oklahoma. Aunt Eppie adored her thirteen nieces and nephews as though they were her own and also took great pride in her nineteen great, and twelve great-great nieces and nephews.

A time for visitation will be held Saturday, April 19, at Sager Creek Community Church, 1600 Cheri Whitlock Drive, Siloam Springs, AR, from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., followed by a memorial service at 11:00 a.m. To sign the online guestbook, please visit: www.wassonfuneralhome.com

For friends and family unable to attend, the services will be lived-streamed at the following link: <https://boxcast.tv/view/memorial-service-for-sylvetta-vet-bed-ell-f8swm33goonumutzif5n> . You may send flowers to Sager Creek Community Church or donate to Gideon International at: <https://www.sendtheword.org/>

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 19. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Sager Creek Community Church
1600 Cheri Whitlock Dr.
Siloam Springs, AR 72761

Memorial Service

APR 19. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

RR

“ Beautiful, loving service. Such an outpouring of love and remembrance- you folks did Sylvetta proud. I knew you would.

ROBERT RODEN - April 19, 2025 at 01:28 PM

DS

“ Debbie Smith lit a candle in memory of Sylvetta Bedell



Debbie Smith - April 19, 2025 at 10:24 AM



“ Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Sylvetta "Vet" Bedell.



April 18, 2025 at 04:40 PM

MK

“ Vet was a mentor/coworker of mine during our time at Travelers. They do not make them like Vet anymore, she genuinely wanted to help you succeed in your role within the company. We do not realize what Vet had to deal with early in her career – she paved the way for my generation. Her first task in her career working as the only female in the office was to go terminate an agency, which at the time she did not know the men had attempted too, and they were unsuccessful. As she was leaving the office they said, “don’t come back without the Travelers company plaque”! To their surprise she came back to the office with the plaque in tow. Job well done Vet. Little did they know the agency principal threw the plaque out the backdoor in a dumpster and said, “go get it if you want it,” which she did! She earned their respect in the office that day and was treated as an equal moving forward. She knew no fear. I cannot thank her enough for what she did for me. I am so happy she got to enjoy her retirement years with Mike. Fly your wings Vet, we miss you.

Marie Kennedy - April 18, 2025 at 12:00 PM

BC

“ I was so blessed with our conversations while serving together at the welcome center. Vet is such a special lady. I praise God for the opportunity to know her.



Brenda Cain - April 18, 2025 at 10:22 AM

GR

“ Garry Rackley and Tommie Roberts planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sylvetta "Vet" Bedell.

Garry Rackley and Tommie Roberts - April 18, 2025 at 09:59 AM

GR

“ Garry Rackley and Tommie Roberts purchased the Healing Tears - All Pink for the family of Sylvetta "Vet" Bedell.



Garry Rackley and Tommie Roberts - April 18, 2025 at 09:59 AM

TF

“ The Roberts, Jackson and Ross Families purchased the Simply Lily for the family of Sylvetta "Vet" Bedell.



The Roberts, Jackson and Ross Families - April 18, 2025 at 09:38 AM

RS

“ The very best God loving person I ever knew, I know she is in heaven for she loved The Lord so much.

Ron Stephens - April 18, 2025 at 08:59 AM

RT

“ Vet was my manager at Travelers, but she was more than that. She was my mentor, friend, voice of reason, confidante, protector. Vet made a huge impact on my life as she helped me with my faith walk through her hard questions and gentle teachings. She modeled faith! When I think of Vet, these words come to mind: tenacious, spicy, quick-witted, faithful, loving, intelligent and so much more. If I could hug you, Vet, one last time, I would tell you that I love you and am so thankful God put you in my path. I will miss you, my dear friend!

Renae Tidwell - April 18, 2025 at 07:57 AM

TF

“ The Roden and McDonald Families purchased the Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- All Red for the family of Sylvetta "Vet" Bedell.



The Roden and McDonald Families - April 17, 2025 at 09:36 PM



“ Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Sylvetta "Vet" Bedell.



April 17, 2025 at 03:21 PM



“ *Yellow & White Large Sympathy Vase Arrangement was purchased for the family of Sylvetta "Vet" Bedell.*



April 17, 2025 at 02:41 PM