



# Brenda Joy Birn Knowles

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# **Brenda Joy Birn Knowles**

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**B**renda Joy Birn Knowles, 66 of Apollo Beach, Florida, passed away at home on January 6, 2014 after a brief struggle with cancer. A memorial service to celebrate her life will be held at 3pm on January 18th at Ruskin United Methodist Church. After the service, friends and family will be welcomed to her daughter's home.

Brenda was born in Eustis, FL, on June 30, 1947. She graduated from Eustis High School, continued her education at Appalachian State University and the University of South Florida in Tampa. She then began her first career as a homemaker and raising three children. She was a devoted mother, sister and daughter, and gave everything she had to those she loved and especially her children.

In 1989, Brenda began working at the Shopper Observer News in Ruskin and continued there until her death. She started working at the Observer part time as a classified clerk, eventually advancing to be Publisher and Editor. She enjoyed her work immensely and had a never-ending passion for creating a newspaper that was relevant to the community and focused on the positive. While she was Publisher, the Observer won several industry awards. She truly enjoyed being a part of the South Shore community and volunteered on several boards and committees.

Her love for her work was only second to the love for her family. She is survived by her sisters Debbie Heath and Sandy and Roy Hawkins; son, Brian Scott and Shannon Knowles; daughters Brandy and Mike Evans and Chelsey and Mark Giurbino; ten grandchildren: Brooke, Avery, Allie, Brayden, Emerson, and Jace Knowles, Nick, Shelby and Mira Evans, and Madison Giurbino.

Brenda is preceded in death by her parents June and Warren Birn and brother-in-law Roy Heath.



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In lieu of flowers, Brenda would prefer that you make a donation to LifePath Hospice, Memorial Gift, 12470 Telecom Dr., Suite 400, Temple Terrace, FL 33637.

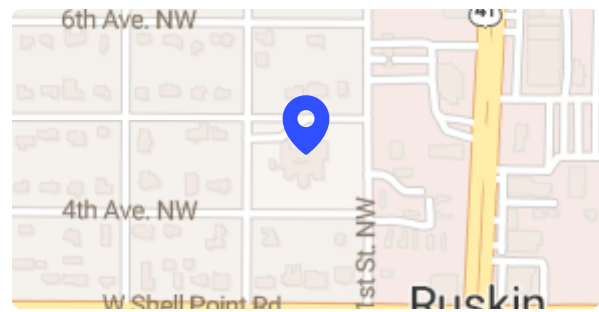


### Memorial Ceremony

 **Saturday**, January 18, 2014

 3:00 PM ET

 **Ruskin United Methodist Church**  
105 4th Ave N.W., Ruskin FL





## Tribute Wall

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LW

**Linda Alberson Wiley** posted:

My heart goes out to Brenda's family and her friends. Brenda and I had many fun times and lots of memories growing up . I know she will be missed dearly.

January 16 at 5:37 AM

JS

**Jaye Mulholland Spencer** lit a candle in honor of Brenda.

Brenda and I grew up together since we were born. We were always beach buddies, with our families taking us along on beach vacations. We had some wonderful times together. Blessing from me and Jimmy go out to all of her family.

January 11 at 7:33 AM



DW

**Diane Greene Williams** lit a candle in honor of Brenda.

January 10 at 4:51 PM



JC

**Judith Carter** posted:

To Brenda's Family, Although I haven't seen Brenda much in our adult lives, I have many wonderful memories of time spent with Brenda and her family. We spent many hours laughing and having fun at our family homes in Eustis, our camp in the Ocala National Forest and the beach. I always felt Brenda's parents were right on when they gave her the middle name of Joy. Brenda truly brought joy to life and touched so many of us with her smile and quick laugh. Reading was her passion and it didn't surprise me when I learned she was working in the newspaper industry. With fond memories, Judy Carter

January 10 at 4:29 AM

SW

**Sallie Dillard Wallace** posted:

There are many good memories of Brenda growing up. She had a sweet smile and a laugh that spread joy. She will be missed. Sallie Dillard Wallace

January 9 at 4:46 PM



# **Memories only last if you share them**

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



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