



Beverly Jean Barnes

April 14, 1959 - April 22, 2025

With deep sorrow and overwhelming love, we share that Beverly Jean Barnes, 66, of Ocala, FL, went home to be with the Lord on April 22, 2025. A devoted Christian, Beverly loved God fiercely, and we take comfort in knowing that she is now at peace in His presence—joyfully reunited with her baby girl, Nichole Ellen Barnes, whom she had longed to see again.

Born in Bucyrus, Ohio, on April 14, 1959, Beverly grew up in Lake Worth, FL, where she developed her lifelong love for the beach. She later spent over 30 years in Webster, FL, raising her family, before making Ocala her home for the last 12 years.

Beverly was a strong, witty, and fiercely loving woman. She began her professional life as a hair stylist but transitioned into waitressing before starting a long and successful career at the Florida Department of Transportation (DOT). She worked her way up from inspector to respected Supervisor, becoming a vital resource to her team, the Florida Highway Patrol, and her leadership. Beverly not only built a reputation as a hard worker and problem solver, but she also built lasting friendships with her beloved DOT family.

She was married for more than 35 years to her late husband, Curtis Barnes, and together they shared a life full of laughter, love, and enduring

commitment. Beverly was a devoted mother to her daughter Teresa Lynn Cook, and a proud “Grammy” to her grandcats—and soon, her first granddaughter, Emmalynn Nichole, due this August. Though she didn’t get to meet her in person, Emmalynn was already deeply loved.

Beverly had a sharp sense of humor, a generous heart, and an unshakable sense of loyalty. She was a lover of crossword puzzles, singing competitions (especially The Voice—go Blake!), fire and medical dramas, Gator football, Joe Montana (and therefore the 49ers and Chiefs), salty snacks, good drinks, and holiday cheer—especially Christmas. She was a watermelon connoisseur, a top-tier gift giver, and a passionate reader who passed her love of books and travel to her daughter.

She is survived by her daughter Teresa Cook (Emerson), her sisters Terry Gold and Cindy Boren, and countless dear friends, colleagues, and extended family members. She was preceded in death by her infant daughter Nichole Ellen Barnes, her husband Curtis Barnes, her siblings Ann Drawdy, Steve Boren, and Jim Boren, and her parents Jean and Art Stuckert.

A Celebration of Life gathering will be held Friday, May 9, 2025, at Roberts of Ocala (606 SW 2nd Ave, Ocala, FL 34471). The gathering will begin at 1:00 p.m. with a service to follow at 2:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you honor Beverly’s biggest joy—her upcoming granddaughter—by showering Emmalynn Nichole with love and gifts. Beverly may not be able to spoil her in person, but she’ll live on through every cherished memory and loving gesture. The baby registry can be found at <https://my.babylist.com/babygirlcook2025>.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Gathering

MAY 9. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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Celebration of Life Service

MAY 9. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Roberts of Ocala Funerals and Cremations created a Tribute Video in memory of Beverly Jean Barnes*



Roberts of Ocala Funerals and Cremations - May 08, 2025 at 03:44 PM

SH

“ 😇 *RIP Beverly*

I'm glad I had the opportunity to meet and talk with you through our career together with DOT. Job well done, Now God needed another flower for his garden to grow in his garden of memories. May the Joy, kindness, knowledge you provided and your smile stay with us all. Blessings to all at this time of grief and loss. May a whisper come across letting you know that you're ok 🙏
Sylvia H

Sylvia Hill - May 09, 2025 at 09:10 AM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Beverly Jean Barnes.*



May 08, 2025 at 10:14 AM

JF

“ *Ms. Beverly, Thank you for your kindness and support over the years. You are truly missed.* ”

Jennifer Fread - May 07, 2025 at 01:36 AM

MW

“ It is surreal doing this right now. Ms.Beverly (boss lady) was SO amazing to so many people, for so many reasons... I worked with Ms.Bev frequently, and we would always talk, and when I say talk, I mean for HOURS at a time, almost daily!! and I was ALWAYS in trouble for that with my boss, but she was the BIGGEST boss, so I was able to slide and get away with it. Every now and again, Ms. Beverly would share little “goodies” with everyone. I cleaned for her so once in awhile I would luck out on what she was giving to her “girls” in her weigh station... It could be little nail polishes, lip sticks, hand sanitizers, whatever else she had.. One morning during one of our 3 hour “chats”, I told her (because we shared ALOT of stories) about when I was a young girl, and my beautiful Grammy , who was a Rockette back in the day, used to have a special drawer for me filled with little make up things (Avon sample lipsticks was one thing I remember) different kinds of blush, eyeshadow, pretty barrettes, little girlie things, and how I used to LOVE my little drawer, where I loved to play dress up... Within the next couple weeks, she called me in her office. She told me that she had went and cleaned out her makeup and toiletries and packed it up in a big beautiful carry bag.. I couldn't WAIT to get home to look through it! It was SERIOUSLY a big deal to me, like it was Christmas time!! I had been feeling low, and this just sent me to the moon!!! I couldn't BELIEVE all the wonderful things that I received!! (I still have a little of the stuff left!)



The next day, I bounced in like a puppy dog with a thank you card, still buzzing from the new fancy moisturizer I just put on that made me feel really pretty, and she just smiled graciously, accepted the card, and continued being the boss lady... like it was nothing.. she just smiled... But that's how Ms.Beverly was. Kind, generous, FUNNY funny sense of humor, loved her daughter and her cat more than anything

in the world...she was a real role model for young professional women that wanted to succeed in a male dominated field, and she did it with class and fairness... everything about her was business when it was time for business, and fun when it was Funtime... a real balanced and all around awesome person..

I truly am going to miss you Ms.Bev... you were truly very special, and one of the greats...

The world is much less interesting without you here... Say hi to

Sean and Captain for me 😊🙏

Love you 🤗 always will

Michelle Woodward - May 06, 2025 at 10:28 PM

SS

“ *She was my next door neighbor for years before I moved back home a year ago. She was my friend if anything went wrong in the apartment complex she would call me or we would be on the porch talking about it. She was so kind and absolutely loved her daughter Teresa. I was looking out the window one day and they were holding hands walking to the laundry room. All she talked about was her daughter and how proud she was. I still cry just thinking of her. I will miss you forever my friend 😭*

Sheila Smith - May 06, 2025 at 06:40 PM

GF

“ *Garretson Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Beverly Jean Barnes.*

Garretson Family - May 05, 2025 at 07:10 AM

GF

“ *Garretson Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Beverly Jean Barnes.*



Garretson Family - May 05, 2025 at 07:10 AM

KF

“ *Beverly a.k.a. Ethel,*

I know you may find it hard to believe coming from me, but I just don't know how to express how heartbroken I am! I'm simply numb. I will forever miss our morning talks and the laughter over all the goofiness and confusion I found a way to bring into every day.

Thank you so much for being my friend from the very start and always having my back!! I love you Ethel.....

*Love,
Kim Ficca a.k.a Lucy*

Kim Ficca - May 05, 2025 at 05:58 AM

TL

“ *Terry L. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Beverly Jean Barnes.*

Terry L. - May 04, 2025 at 11:50 AM

TL

“ Terry L. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Beverly Jean Barnes.



Terry L. - May 04, 2025 at 11:50 AM

WP

“ With Love - Christina, Lola & Enzo Pizza purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Beverly Jean Barnes.



With Love - Christina, Lola & Enzo Pizza - May 03, 2025 at 06:33 PM

JB

“ I can't believe this has happened. Bev was a good friend of my wife and me. I knew her back in the '70's when she worked for my wife as a beautician. We really had some good times going to concerts and hanging out together. So sorry Treasa, praying for you and family. Love ya gal.

James Barnes - May 03, 2025 at 11:01 AM

VC

“ Dear Beverly (Boss Lady);

You were a great Boss and taught me many of things. I was your pain in the backside LOL. I know that I drove you crazy, but we always had a great time together. I remember the day you gave me my 5-year award and pin. I was so excited to get it. I wore it with pride and the button came off the back and I lost it in the building somewhere and I cried to you about. I have your 5-year pin on my badge that you gave me. Everything you did and everything you said to me. made me a good employee and a great weight inspector. I sit and remember all the laughs we have had. I come to work and the first thing I do is look over to the SB side for your car, knowing you are not there but out of habit. Thanks for always been you and for being one GREAT Lady...

The day that you didn't come to work and the news was given to us, that you had gone to be with our heavenly Father was the hardest day to except. Now you can fly High with the Angels on wings of gold. You will forever be missed and loved.

Your Friend:
V. Carroll

Vivian Carroll - May 02, 2025 at 10:37 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Beverly Jean Barnes.



May 02, 2025 at 11:23 AM

RA

“ I'd like to take a moment to reflect on someone who meant a great deal to many of us, someone who was truly special, funny, dependable, and deeply respectful. That person was Beverly, and that's exactly how I'll always remember her.

I was fortunate to have had the opportunity to seek her guidance. Her warm and approachable nature, combined with the calm reassurance she offered, revealed a rare gift to make others feel genuinely cared for.

I will deeply miss her presence at every meeting, where I always looked forward to showing my appreciation. Beverly, I will miss you. We all will. May God, hold you close always. I will continue to pray for that.-- R. Pelaez / Martin

Rafael - May 02, 2025 at 10:52 AM

SG

“ Your mother was a beautiful soul. She was direct, truthful, and funny as hell. She was always appreciative of anything that was done on her behalf. She was just telling me about you (her daughter) and new grandbaby two weeks ago. Sometimes I wish the Lord would share his plans, because they are sure confusing to us mere humans. You were a genuine person who I had the luckiest opportunity to be a friend. I wish I had been a better one and had spent more time with you when I had the chance. You made this world a better place. - Sandy Gunn

Sandy Gunn - May 02, 2025 at 08:27 AM

CR

“ Beverly,

It's hard to put into words what your presence meant to me. You were so much more than just my boss—you were a mentor, a guide, and most of all, a friend. You believed in me even when I doubted myself, and your wisdom, strength, and kindness helped shape both my career and the person I've become.

You led with compassion, taught with patience, and gave generously of your time and heart. Our conversations, your advice, and even the laughs we shared will stay with me forever. Thank you for everything. I miss you more than words can express.

Rest peacefully—you made a difference, and you are deeply loved.

*With gratitude and love,
Crystal*

Would you like help personalizing this message further with any specific memories or qualities?

Crystal Ruziska - May 01, 2025 at 08:05 PM

TG

Beverly, Baby Sister. You were always so brave and loving. May you rest in peace in Heaven.

Terry Gold - May 04, 2025 at 11:56 AM