



## Beverly Thomas

December 31, 1969 - May 1, 2014

Obituary of Beverly Thomas Beverly K. Thomas, 70, of Ocala, FL passed away peacefully at Shands Medical Center in Gainesville, FL on Thursday, May 1, 2014. She was the wife of Phillip T. Thomas for 35 years. Beverly was born in Morgantown, WV in 1943 and was the daughter of James Harry Gaston and Ethel Dorsey Dent, both deceased. She is survived by her children Mara (Jack) Harrington of Fairfax, VA; Herbert "Klaus" (Lisa) Heesch of New York, NY; Traci (Robbie) Orme of Ocala, FL; and Catherine (Rick) Balius of Ocala, FL. Known by her 6 grand-children as "Noni", she cherished spending time with each of them: Jeremiah Harrington 19; Finley Heesch 8; Jessica George 27; Hayleigh Orme 22; Austin Orme 16 and Erin Balius 6 Beverly lead life to the fullest enjoying family, friends and her grandchildren. After leaving Marion County Schools, FDLRS grant program, she went onto the heart transplant list at Shands Medical Center, University of Florida. In 2007, Beverly became a heart transplant recipient and celebrated the renewal of life every day and appreciation for the Organ Donation Program. She had the opportunity to travel internationally with her husband, Phillip and had plans to travel to Maine and out west. For those who knew Beverly they appreciated her gift of talking and love of meeting new people. Her greatest past-time was shopping. Bev has blessed us all in many ways, but mostly with her smiles and love and joy of living. A memorial service will be held Saturday, May 3rd at 4:00pm at Roberts Funeral Homes at 606 SW 2nd Avenue, Ocala, FL 34471. The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the American Heart

Association in lieu of flowers. Expressions of sympathy can be made online at:  
[www.robertsfuneralhomes.com](http://www.robertsfuneralhomes.com).

# Tribute Wall



“ *Beverly Thomas*

June 20, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Bev will be missed she was one of the first people we meet when purchasing our place in RHV. She was always a pleasure to see and talk to and will be sadly missed. RIP and you and your family are in our prayers. Dominick*

**Dominick Ruggiero** - May 04, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Bev's visits to her cabin next door will be missed. We had a lot of good times. Hugs to Philip during this sad time.*

**Vera Anderson** - May 04, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *We were shocked to hear of your loss. Please know how very sorry we and that our thoughts and prayers are with you. May God Bless and keep her .. she was a very special person and will be missed.*

**Linda and Jim Sweet** - May 04, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Prayers with your family. We will miss seeing Bev wave as she passed our house in Ritter's Hidden Valley.*

**Louise & Ed Willard** - May 03, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ *Bev was a wonderful friend and a hero of mine. Whenever things got rough, I would think of her and her courage and joy of life. She will be missed. My sympathies to all her family.*

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**Joan Sigafos** - May 03, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ *I am smiling as I am crying. Bev touched my life in so many ways. She was a joy to be around. She exuded happiness, love, and fun to anyone who met her. Her knowledge of working with students was as vast as the ocean. She had a "heart" that was always thinking of others. I have so many funny stories and memories that I will continue to share and enjoy. Philip, Mara, Klaus, Cathy and Tracy, I know you and your family will have a big void but I pray that her spirit will continue to make you smile and laugh!!*

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**Cindy Leannah** - May 02, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LA

“ *We always enjoyed talking to Beverly during family holiday gatherings. She enjoyed traveling and sharing about her adventures abroad. Such a sweet lady.... She will be greatly missed. Love & Prayers, Phil & Linda Anderson*

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**Linda Anderson** - May 02, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ *Mara and Klaus your mom was special in all ways. I remember her giving me a job as a babysitter for both of you during the summer. My love and prayers go to both of you and your families. RIP Bev we know your watching and smiling down to us from heaven.*

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**Michael Downes** - May 02, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TD

“ Thanks for giving me the opportunity to meet you over the years your spirit will live in your children and people forever God bless from the Downes family Tony, Sherry, Connie and Shawn.

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**Tony Downes** - May 02, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DE

“ Mara, Jack and family, This so beautifully expresses the kindness Beverly always shared with those she met. I enjoyed each time I met her and fondly remember her sweet kind voice. My family is thinking of you and sending our love. Dawn, Al, Aliana and Davin Espinoza

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**Dawn Espinoza** - May 02, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ On behalf of our staff at Roberts Funeral Homes, I would like to extend my deepest condolences to the entire family during this difficult time.

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**Todd McBride** - May 02, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ Our love is with you all.

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**Rich and Eva Marie Arnold & Family** - May 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ The connections Bev made with all educators, parent and children was vast. As I travelled about six districts her colleagues always talked about specific ideas she would suggest and worked with our children. There is no one to compare to her kind nature and seasoned wealth of knowledge.

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**Donita Burke Higgins** - May 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ Bev was a friend, mentor, and just a hoot to be around. She encouraged me in my quest to become an educator, a better mom, and a better friend. I look at my special dragonfly on my wall daily and am reminded of her love and kindness. Heaven has welcomed home a prize and she will be missed by all here. My prayers go out to Phillip, Mara, Clouse, Jack and Jeremiah. May God give you the peace you need to navigate the waters of grief as you celebrate her life. Peace and Blessings to you all. Michele

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**Michele Anwyll** - May 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ Without Bev's strong unwavering support, I could not have achieved the success I obtained. She stood strong in her support of my team and decisions when it seemed my teaching career was finished. So many wonderful years ... She got it. I owe my career to her nourishing support. I smile at our memories as a tear tries to leave my eye. a true mentor of mine

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**Kennrth U. Campbell** - May 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ Cathy and family, Thinking of y'all at this time and wishing you strength and peace. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. We pray that God will give you peace that excels all thought. Lovingly, John & Tracy Davis and Jim Altman

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**Tracy Altman Davis** - May 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM