



## Ellen Kenduck

December 31, 1969 - February 21, 2015

Obituary of Ellen Kenduck Ellen Terry Kenduck, 73, of Dunnellon, Florida, passed away Saturday, with her loving family at her side. She is survived by her devoted husband of 45 years, Orrin, and daughter, Brenda Kenduck. To my friends, family, and my mother's friends that have kept in touch with mom through me and the use of Facebook, and for the inquiries about services. It is my father's wish not to have a funeral as we have endured and even more so, he has endured, a daily battle with my mother's illness, and chronic pain, day after day, year after year, all of his married life, and all of my life from my earliest memory. It is vital to me now to honor my father and his comfort as he remains in the nursing home and continues to battle his own ills, and grieve in his own way. Many of you know that my relationship with my father was rough from childhood, into early adulthood, and for those who didn't know, rough doesn't begin to describe just how rocky our relationship had once been. There was a shift in my 30's, as I have always been attached at the hip to my mother, distance slowly occurred as she became less healthy, and had less and less ability to communicate, and my dad became her voice for me and everyone, the one to call everyday, several times a day and protect my mother from his bed with his primary ability, communicating to me and everyone what mom needed and keeping tabs on her care daily and throughout each day calling me to tell me what she needed and that they loved me. For those who don't know my dad has been near death 4 times in the past 6 years, he has been on a respirator and I have been cornered by his doctor in ICU every time

telling me he wouldn't make it, and me telling them, he's on a mission to take care of my mother and he will not leave her without protection, and each time he survived when he should not have, my father is fierce and has been the most fierce protector of my mother, until this bittersweet end. Because we will not be having funeral services and typically words are said on the beloved that has parted, I'm choosing to use Facebook in honor of my mother to share with friends and family from far away. I have bought 2 cards today 1 for my dad and 1 for me. I didn't know if my dad would approve or what his reaction would be, as it is often not positive, but it's been my mission now to help my dad who has lost his only job in life and that's to protect my mother. He will not see my mother at her final resting place and so I bought a card for him to sign, or write a message to my mother if he chooses to give him the most opportunity for closure, possible. My mother will take both my dad's and my cards with her to her final resting place in the next day or so. Here is my card and my final thoughts for my mom, who yesterday left us behind, and took with her my dad's, and my hearts. Mom, I just want to let you know that I love you so much... Mom, you have always been and always will be so many wonderful things to me. You are my role model extraordinaire, you are my source of sage advice. You are my wise counsel for all the best things I've learned about life. You are my traveling companion, lovingly beside me on the way to all my tomorrows. You are my guardian angel with hidden wings. You are the best support system imaginable. You are wide-open arms, enfolding hugs, and the loveliest smiles I'll ever know. You are everything I admire in a person, and you are what unconditional love is to me. You are a brilliant, beautiful woman, and to have you for my mom... makes me feel blessed beyond belief. ~ Chris Gallatin Mom, I got this card as my final writing to you in case I couldn't hit all the notes on how much I love and why. But there's one thing that I've always said and thought when it comes to you and the kind of mother you are and have always been and that's a loving one. Good, bad, happy, angry, and during so many sad moments. I always knew that I was loved by you. You accomplished the one single thing no one else has, and that is you ALWAYS,

no matter what, made me feel loved by you. I always knew you loved me. I have to live with the guilt that you didn't always feel, or know, that I loved you as unconditionally as you've loved me. There's a difference, sometimes I think one that is hard to tell and see, the line between being selfish, and self preservation. I crossed that line way too many times as I sought to escape your ills, and my anger & powerlessness over being able to help care for you the way I promised you I would when I was a child. I used work to escape and still do, and wasn't providing the attention you wanted, needed, and deserved, but despite my own failure, fear, and cowardess of being there for you, I've loved you and when your heart stopped, so did mine. I love you. You were an angel in life and now beyond. I love you mom. Always, Brenda Marlene xoxoxoxo You are my guardian angel with hidden wings, no more ~ Brenda Marlene Kenduck

# Tribute Wall

BK

“ *Ellen Kenduck*

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**Brenda M Kenduck** - February 24, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ *Brenda I am so sorry about your mother she will always be with you all my love and prayers to you and your father*

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**Dara golden** - February 23, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ *Brenda, I do believe that your mother did know how much you loved her. In the years when I knew you, you were a very good daughter. Remember, it's a child's "job" to be a little rebellious. That's what helped you grow into an independent adult. I'm sure your mother was proud of the independent and caring woman you've become. My thoughts are with you. Claire*

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**Claire Salem** - February 23, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JZ

“ *Brenda, My deepest thoughts are with you, may you find strength and peace in this difficult time. Such a beautiful woman she was and will always be remembered that way. Now her beauty shines through in you. May she rest in peace. Love Jessica*

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**jessica zehel** - February 23, 2015 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ *so sorry sweetie... I know nothing I can say will take the pain you are feeling right now away... just know, I am keeping all of you in my heart and prayers... a brand new angel is born....*

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**maria elena liguori** - February 23, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *Ellen Kenduck*

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“ *Sorry to hear Brenda. Robert called the other day to let me know.  
Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Alan, Ann, & Maegann*

**Alan Friedberg** - February 23, 2015 at 12:00 AM