

Beryl Ness

Beryl Buchanan Ness died in her sleep at her home in Mill Valley, California on June 5. She has been struggling with cancer since last October.

Beryl is survived by her husband, Mike Ness, with whom she celebrated their 30th anniversary last year. Beryl and Mike have two children, both in their early 20s; Spencer, who is a senior studying Physics at the University of California, and Scarlett, who runs her own business.

Beryl was born in Gainesville on December 17, 1966. Both her parents were students at the University of Florida at the time. Her mother, Mauri, woke her husband, Buck, early in the morning. and said, "It's time". They raced to the hospital and dropped Mauri at the entrance. When Buck finally found a parking place, he managed to get to the delivery room, where he found Beryl already in Mauri's arms.

After graduation, the Buchanans moved to Suffern, New York. On their first day, Beryl walked next door with her pet rabbit. The girl next door also had a rabbit, and before long, Suffern had a large rabbit population.

Beryl maintained a close friendship with several girls in Suffern, and early this year, she had a reunion in Las Vegas with three of the women, all in their late 50s. It was wonderful to have a friendship that lasted fifty years.

Beryl was a graduate of Tulane, where she majored in computer studies. She and Mike were both successful in the computer business in California.

The world is a lesser place without Beryl.

