



## Brenda Elaine Allen

May 27, 1947 - January 6, 2026

Brenda Elaine Allen died peacefully at home in Jacksonville, Florida on January 6, 2026, with loved ones by her side.

She was born on May 27, 1947, in Savannah, Georgia, to Aquilla Jackson Allen, Jr., of Savannah, Georgia and Helen Virginia Cox Allen, of Jacksonville, Florida. She was preceded in death by her brother, Aquilla Jackson Allen III. She is survived by her brother, James Ron Allen of Jacksonville; her sons, Richard James Johnston II and Gregory Michael Johnston; her daughter, Jennifer Ann Smith (Robert); her stepson, Michael Johnston (Denise); and her stepdaughter, Ann Wilcocks (Ron).

Brenda delighted in her grandchildren, Lindsay, Drew, Rachael Elaine, Madeline, Andrew, Owen, Gavin and Lillie Elaine as well as the many children she chose to claim as her own, welcoming them with equal warmth and generosity of spirit.

Fun was not optional in Brenda's world-it was a requirement. She had a way of pulling people into the moment, lighting up rooms with her laughter, her beauty, and a singing voice that lingered long after the song ended. Having traveled widely in her early years and continuing to explore the world with her family in later life, she carried a lifelong love of adventure and a refusal to take life too seriously, making time with her memorable and rarely quiet.

A private gathering to remember and celebrate her life will be held for family and close friends. In keeping with her wishes, the family requests no flowers or donations-just a raised glass, good music, and memories shared in her

honor.