



Beverly Jackson

July 18, 2025

Beverly Jackson (Bruno) passed away on July 18, 2025, in North Providence, Rhode Island from complications stemming from a lifelong struggle with Multiple Sclerosis. The eldest of six children, Beverly was the daughter of James and Mary Bruno of Cumberland, Rhode Island, and a graduate of Cumberland High School and Rhode Island College.

Beverly's father, "Jim" Bruno was a career journalist for The Providence Journal and inspired Beverly in her pursuit of language arts and ultimately teaching. She is remembered as being a passionate educator, primarily within the Pawtucket, Rhode Island school system. Beloved by those in her classroom, she shared her love of reading with family, friends, students and colleagues and stimulated many curious minds over the years. After retiring, Beverly took great pleasure in spending time at local coffee shops, often striking up meaningful conversations with other patrons as well as the baristas, and her magnetic presence was always genuinely appreciated by those around her. Beverly raised four children, gifting each of them the curiosity and drive to be lifelong students and to be patient mentors in their own areas of interest and expertise. She was a beloved Nonni to seven grandchildren and helped to instill in them the same qualities of wonder, curiosity, intellectual pursuit, and compassion for others. Beverly was never one to seek the limelight, rather she was everybody's best supporter – taking pride in the success and accomplishments of her loved ones. Along those

lines, Beverly was widely known for her perfect recollection of birthdays and other special occasions for family and friends, always sending care packages and particularly greeting cards of love, support, congratulations, sympathy, or encouragement.

Beverly was a lifelong Rhode Island resident, although she greatly enjoyed every opportunity for travel, especially when the destination had beaches she could enjoy. Her children and grandchildren all have fond memories of the frequent trips to beaches around New England, Florida, and the Caribbean and Beverly could usually be found sitting in a chair with her feet in the water and a book under her nose.

She is survived by her ex-husband Maurice Jackson, who remained her closest friend, and her children Elias Anderson of Fallon, Nevada, Katherine Collin of Pomfret, Connecticut, Rebecca Swift of Delmar, New York, and Erica Bridge of North Kingstown, Rhode Island.

The family asks that in lieu of flowers, well-wishers consider a donation to Books Are Wings Rhode Island, at (401) 475-4882 or info@booksarewings.org.

Tribute Wall



“ Dear Family and Friends of Beverly, I met your Beverly only 6 months before her passing as her hospice companionship volunteer. I visited Beverly every Friday during those six months. I was honored and entertained to be by her side, despite the great difficulties she faced. She was so often more concerned about my own enjoyment rather than her comfort. Several times I reassured her, "I'm here for you, dear. No worries about me." Beverly shared stories with me about her younger years, loving the beach, having been a "head-turner" in her day. I gifted her a copy of "I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings" which I saw she enjoyed reading when her strength allowed. I brought her a Starbucks tall latte each time I visited, which she always drank down happily. There were some days when I visited that she slept and I didn't wish to disturb her. Those days, I would just sit quietly and be nearby. Beverly and I grew close, and over time when my visits ended she would say, "I love you," as I kissed her forehead and held her hand. Beverly spoke mostly to me about her daughters, her son, and her grandchildren. She loved you all deeply and greatly and held you in her heart every day. I will be forever grateful for having been Beverly Jackson's friend.

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