



## Beverly Rhinehart

September 16, 1934 - April 30, 2020

Beverly “Bev” Rhinehart, beloved wife, mother, grandmother, cousin and friend, was the only child of Safronia “Soie” Richards and George Canon Richards, a record merchant. Born in Brooklyn on September 16, 1934, young Beverly was raised in Harlem by her mother Soie, not far from her favorite aunt and uncle, Vera “Singie” and Raymond Adams, during a fabled time in the neighborhood’s history. Beverly graduated from Evander Childs High School in 1952 and studied fashion at the Fashion Institute of Technology where her oldest daughter and buddy Karen graduated.

Her love of fashion and textiles landed her a consultancy with the New York City Department of Cultural Affairs, where she produced a television segment on careers in the ready-to-wear industry for the Harlem Cultural Festival, which was broadcast by WNEW-TV. Beverly, always enthusiastic and upbeat, moved onto the Monsanto Corporation where she helped establish the company’s first archive and library in addition to arranging fashion shows and creating publicity materials.

In 1978, Beverly married Pete, her husband of over forty years, and embarked on a new adventure as the wife of an AT&T executive. Together she made a new life with Pete traveling the world, raising Robyn, their youngest daughter, and finding new interests with one being interior design. As many family and friends will attest, interior design was a favorite of Bev, who left behind an

array of stylishly decorated houses scattered across New Jersey, New York, and Florida.

A life-long volunteer, Beverly devoted her free time to helping socially conscious organizations, including the League of Women Voters, Jack & Jill of America, Inc. (Morris and Bergen/Passaic County Chapters), and The Doll League, Inc. (Metropolitan Chapter). Bev also lent her time and talent to The Women's Club of Englewood and The Jessie Banks Foundation both located in New Jersey. In 1997, Beverly joined the Englewood Woman's Club, servicing as a member of the Education and Public Issues Committees. She also served on the Executive Board of the Club. An "awesome storyteller," Beverly was the director of the Jessie Banks Foundation's annual golf event and children's scholarship fund. In "true Bev form," she aided the organizations in setting a high standard of excellence.

Beverly is survived by her husband, Naseby "Pete" Rhinehart, Jr., her daughters; Robyn Rhinehart-Williams and Vivian Rhinehart; sons-in-laws Arnold Marshe and Justin McLaughlin Williams, and her three grandsons; Douglas, Jaylen, Miles and Langston. Her oldest daughter, Karen Kendle Marshe, predeceased Beverly in 2012.

"Unique in her class, style and grace," Beverly will always be remembered as a dedicated and generous person, who touched the lives of many family, friends and colleagues with her warmth, wit and humor. As we reflect on "the legendary Beverly," whose loving spirit is now stilled, we thank God for the gift that she was to everyone. "The social queen bee," has left us with wonderful memories to cherish!

In lieu of flowers, the Rhinehart family respectfully requests that donations be sent to the [www.jessiebanksfoundation.org](http://www.jessiebanksfoundation.org).



# Tribute Wall



“ Beverly Rhinehart

November 27, 2022 at 05:57 PM



“ It is a profound pleasure to have considered Beverly a friend. She was truly unique \u2026 a force to be reckoned with, admired, and loved. Her joy of life and caring for others was contagious. That, along with her wicked sense of humor and thirst for knowledge, made time spent with Bev a true adventure. Heaven has indeed gained a most special angel. I rejoice in the knowledge that she no longer suffers and was greeted by her beloved Karen and other loved ones. Thanks for the memories!Robinette (Robbie) RobinsonMamaroneck, New York.

Robinette A. Robinson - May 10, 2020 at 04:20 PM



“ Bev will always hold a special place in our hearts and memories. What a fun and social party animal. She knew all the great Broadway plays, restaurants and clubs to take us to when we visited them. She always introduced us to her many friends and relatives. She was just exciting & fun to be with. She was so good for my brother. Pete needed the enlightenment that only Bev could bring into his life. We will miss her warm smile. Shirley & Sid Rhinehart

Sidney Rhinehart - May 10, 2020 at 03:01 PM



“ To the Rhinehart's may your heart and soul find peace and comfort. J.E. Valentine

Jenia E. Valentine - May 10, 2020 at 01:34 PM

JS

“ Vivian, Mr. Rhinehart, Robyn, and family, I was so sorry to hear of Beverly's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. Much love, Judy Sterio

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**Judy Sterio** - May 10, 2020 at 01:31 PM

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“ I've come to realize that nothing in life prepares us for losing someone we love...nothing. Beverly was a role model to us in so many ways. Thank you for sharing your beautiful family with us. It was so difficult losing Karen and now you. My deepest condolences to Pete, Vivian, Robin, and the entire family. Rest in peace Mrs. RHINEHART! LOVE Melba & Tomas Alexander.

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**Melba Alexander** - May 09, 2020 at 11:38 PM

DM

“ Grandma, I miss you so very much. May your spirit rest in Heaven with God. Love you! Love Douglas

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**Douglas marshe** - May 09, 2020 at 11:27 PM

GS

“ Barry and I will truly miss our Matriach of our crew. So much Class, so much elegance, so much wisdom to share. We will miss your stories. No one tells information like Beverly Rhinehart. PETE we mourn with you in the loss of your beloved wife We will keep you in our prayers. Robyn, Vivian, Arnold, Justin, Douglas, Jaylin, Miles, Langston, Maryann, Kaye, Sharon, Connie, Bridgette and all others extended family members and friends,, be encouraged knowing to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. Sorrowful Gary Smith & Barry Moton

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**Gary Smith** - May 09, 2020 at 10:45 PM

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“ *Our deepest sympathies to the entire Rhinehart family. RIP cousin Beverly, RIP. The Edmonds (Connor) family in Connecticut*

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**Frank Edmonds** - May 07, 2020 at 07:17 PM