



## Belinda Hollingsworth

February 23, 1933 - May 1, 2026

Belinda Thomas Hollingsworth, 93, of High Springs, Florida, passed away peacefully on May 1, 2026, surrounded by those who loved her.

Belinda lived a life defined by leadership, service, and a deep investment in people. She was a mentor to many, a steady presence in her community, and someone whose kindness and influence touched countless lives. She had a natural ability to connect with others—offering guidance, encouragement, and, when needed, clear direction. She was always “in charge” in the best way, with a confidence and care that people trusted and appreciated.

She had a lifelong love for her family, her work, the beach, and the art of presentation. Known for her keen eye and sense of aesthetics, Belinda became a trusted source of advice in fashion and style. She built a remarkable career in retail, owning and working in multiple clothing stores throughout her life, serving everyone from babies to men and women.

Belinda spent the majority of her career managing Ammalee’s Dress Shop in High Springs, at the time the longest-running women’s clothing store in the state of Florida. Customers traveled from across the state not just for the clothing, but for her insight, honesty, and expertise.

She never truly retired. After Amalee’s closed, Belinda brought new life to the

Haven Hospice Thrift Store, transforming it into a space that rivaled a luxury department store. At the age of 83, she continued her work at Bealls Outlet, later dedicating herself as a caregiver for her sister-in-law, and remained deeply invested in her family and loved ones through her final days—living alone and maintaining her independence until the very end, just as she had always lived—on her own terms.

Belinda was one of ten siblings and maintained strong, lifelong connections with her family. She was often a guiding presence and a mother figure to many of her nieces and nephews. Above all, she was a devoted mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother who loved her family deeply.

A dedicated member of First Baptist Church of High Springs since childhood, Belinda was baptized, married, and remained rooted in her faith and church community throughout her life.

She is survived by her children, Randy “Gator” Hollingsworth, Vicki Swick (Tibbs), and Jacob Hollingsworth; her grandchildren, Tibbs Swick Jr. (Amanda) and Amanda Olmert (Gannon); her sister, Kate Davis; six great-grandsons whom she loved dearly; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Clifton L. “C.L.” Thomas and Minnie Estelle Thomas; her husband, Johnny Hollingsworth; her siblings, Gladys Thomas, Berta Moore, Lonnis Crews, Glenn R. “Turk” Thomas, William E. “Karo” Thomas, L.C. Thomas, Donald Thomas, and Barbara Ann Bryan; and beloved nieces and nephews.

Belinda’s legacy is one of strength, generosity, and lasting impact. She leaves behind a family and community better because she was part of it.

The family would like to extend their sincere gratitude to Haven Hospice for

the compassionate care provided in her final days.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Haven Foundation, 4200 NW 90th Blvd, Gainesville, FL 32606, or online at <http://www.havenhospice.com/donate>.

A private service to celebrate and honor her life will be held at a later date.

Arrangements have been placed under the care of Rick Gooding Funeral Home Cross City Chapel, with locations in Cross City 352-498-5400 and Chiefland 352-493-0050. Please sign the online guest book at [rickgoodingfuneralhomes.com](http://rickgoodingfuneralhomes.com).

# Tribute Wall

JC

“ Have so many fond memories of the Thomas family through the years-so sad to hear of Belinda’s passing but know she enjoyed the many years God blessed her with. Prayers for Kate and the many family members left to share those memories. Jeannette Clemons

Jeannette Clemons - May 07 at 05:05 PM

PC

“ Kate, so sorry to hear this sad news. Belinda was truly an exceptional lady who will be missed by many. Sending love and prayers. 💖🙏 Pat Walker; Patsy Cook

Pat Walker:Patsy Cook - May 07 at 10:38 AM

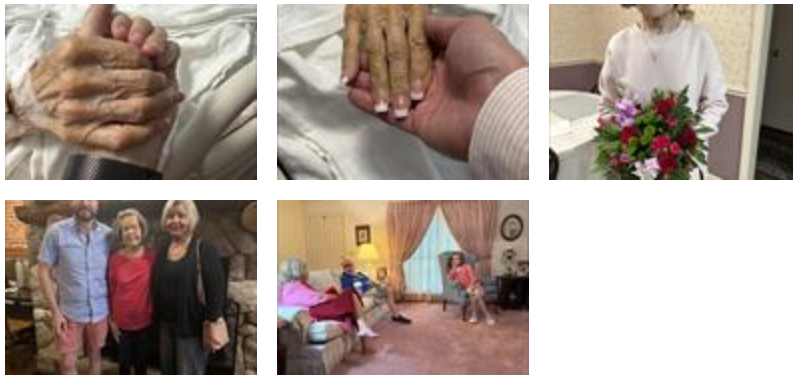
FH

“ She will certainly be missed in High Springs...she had years to share her love and talents with this special community. 🎵❤️🎵  
Fe’ Collar Hardee

Fe’ Collar Hardee - May 06 at 08:10 PM

JH

“ 35 files added to the album pictures



Jacob Hollingsworth - May 05 at 11:28 AM

DS

*Dear Jacob and Family, You are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time of your dear grandmother's passing. Thank you for sharing these special pictures and for all you support for your grandmother, especially during her last weeks. May God give you all comfort and peace. All your friends from S'moor.*

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**Debbie Sivnksty** - May 07 at 02:48 PM



“ *Marlene Hufford lit a candle in memory of Belinda Hollingsworth*



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**Marlene Hufford** - May 02 at 06:52 AM