



Victoria "Viki" Bowles Teas

September 29, 1947 - December 22, 2025

Victoria "Viki" Bowles Teas, 78, of Austin, Texas, passed away peacefully on December 22, 2025, after a long battle with ovarian cancer. Surrounded by her children and one of her grandsons, the room was filled with love.

Known to many as Viki, she was born on September 29, 1947, in Independence, Missouri to Victor Drumm Bowles and Margaret Davenport Bowles, and grew up in Kansas City, Missouri. She attended Notre Dame de Sion High School in Kansas City and later studied at the University of Arizona.

A woman of creativity, connection, and unmistakable flair, Viki lived a life defined by beauty and celebration. A licensed cosmetologist and salon owner, she later expanded her talents into wedding and event planning and became a licensed real estate agent-careers that reflected her warmth, artistry, and gift for making people feel special. If there was a moment worth celebrating, Viki knew how to make it shine.

She loved fashion-especially shoes-and enjoyed a buttery chardonnay with friends and family. Facing life with incredible strength, sass, and timeless style, Viki never met a stranger. She was exceptional at making everyone feel welcome and accepted. Above all, she was the heart of her family-full of love, humor and an unforgettable spirit.

Viki is survived by her children and their spouses: James Austin (Jennifer Austin), Brooke Barnett (Audrey Barnett), Bevin Barnett (Jonathan Rieboldt), and Ashley Barnett-Griffith (Chris Griffith); her sister, Bari Bowles Janke and her children; nine grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her partner, Michael Speciale and by her parents.

The family extends heartfelt gratitude to the wonderful staff at Texas Oncology and Hospice Austin's Christopher House for their compassionate care and support.

A Celebration of Life is being planned, and details will be shared soon. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Hospice Austin's Christopher House in Viki's memory at:

<https://www.hospiceaustin.org/get-involved/donate/donation-form/>

She will be deeply missed and forever loved.