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Merry Morris, 64

Lakeland - Merry Morris was born on December 17, 1950 in Pawtucket, RI, to parents Robert and Hazel Brennan (both deceased). She was the oldest of five children, Jeanne Becker of Galesburg, IL; Daniel Brennan of Lakeland, FL; Nancy Ale of Silver Spring, MD; and David Brennan of Clarksburg, MD.

Merry met and married Daniel Johnson while working as a nurse in California and subsequently welcomed daughter Kara (Severit) of Lakeland in 1976, daughter Nicole (Peters) of Lakeland in 1978 and son Sean (Johnson) of Lakeland in 1982. After a divorce, she moved with her children to Florida in 1991. She remarried two more times, but was single at the time of her passing. She had 5 grandchildren that she enjoyed spending time with: Jordan Hollifield (20), Alanna Peters (8), Jase Severit (6), Mykah Johnson (3), and Brayden Johnson (deceased), all of Lakeland.

Merry obtained her A.S. in Nursing from Rhode Island Junior College in 1972 and immediately moved to California to pursue her nursing career. After marrying and moving to Idaho, she continued her education and graduated with her Masters in Nursing from Idaho State University in 1977. She worked in the nursing field for a total of 24 years, holding positions in the ICU, Delivery Room, Nursery, Home Health, and Administration. Her true passion, however, was her career in real estate, begun in the 1980's in Ledyard, CT. After moving to Lakeland, FL in 1991 and working in the nursing field for several years, she returned to real estate in 1996. She worked for Century 21, Re/Max Paramount Properties, and Keller Williams until she retired in 2008. Upon her retirement, she volunteered as a nurse at Lakeland Volunteers in Medicine for several years.

Merry always had an adventurous spirit, and loved traveling with family and friends whenever possible. She visited Hawaii several times, most of the Caribbean islands, the Bahamas, Mexico, France, Scotland, Ireland, England, and Holland. She also



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made numerous trips within the continental US to places like Alaska, Washington, California, Louisiana, Illinois, and most of the eastern states. On her various trips, she liked to try anything-she rode horses, went kayaking and snorkeling, white water rafting, and even rode an airplane glider. She was a huge animal lover, and always had at least one dog to nurture, most recently her Black Lab/Rottweiler mix, Bucky (8), and loved to go take him to the park for walks.

Merry passed away at her home on April 10, 2015. She is survived by her siblings, children and four of her grandchildren. Her service will be held on Friday, April 17, 2015 at 1:00 PM at Gentry-Morrison Funeral Home at 3350 Mall Hill Rd., Lakeland, FL. The burial will take place in Serenity Gardens immediately following the service. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association at <http://www.alz.org/join> the cause donate.asp.




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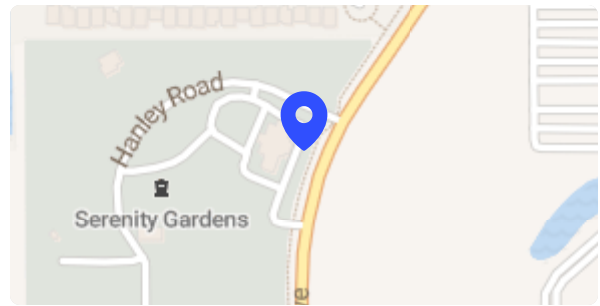
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Cemetery Details

 **Serenity Gardens - Cemetery**
3350 Mall Hill Drive, Lakeland FL 33810

 **863-853-5959**





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Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes shared a **Tribute Video**.



April 15 at 10:25 AM



Lynda Zielinski posted:

I'm sorry to hear of the loss of your mom. I regret that Merry and I had drifted apart as our life's paths took us in different directions. I remember how proud she was of each of you and how she tried to make your futures secure and worry free. I have many fond memories of our outings and adventures from inline hockey to dinners and concerts. Merry had a special glow and wit that will be missed. My sincere sympathy extends to you. Lynda Zielinski

April 18 at 2:07 AM

KA Kara August 26 at 8:03 AM
I miss you everyday.

KA Kara April 18 at 1:06 PM
Thank you Lynda. She considered you a great friend.



Deb Alonzo posted:

Kara: I'm so sorry for the loss of your mother. God bless you. With all our love, Debbie and Daniela Alonzo.

April 16 at 1:40 AM



Mary Jane McCall posted:

I always enjoyed chatting with Merry when we worked together at Re/Max. We discussed children and grandchildren, traveling, shopping and lots of other interests we both had. Kara, Nicki, and Sean, I hope the good times shown on the video and precious memories will linger in your mind as you spend time together these next few days remembering your mother. Mary Jane McCall

April 15 at 5:33 PM



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SB

Susan Beresid lit a candle in honor of Merry.

Merry Morris she always seemed like a very happy person and very talkative.

April 15 at 3:04 PM



CA

Chelsea Ale lit a candle in honor of Merry.

I used to love going to visit Merry and hanging out with her puppies and swimming in her pool. She was always very welcoming to my family and I and we will miss her all very much!!

April 15 at 2:59 PM



KG

Kelly And Steve Graham lit a candle in honor of Merry.

April 15 at 2:34 PM



KG

Kelly And Steve Graham April 15 at 2:37 PM

Thinking of you and your family at this time, sending prayers of comfort .

BS

Brian Stephens posted:

Merry was always nice to work with and had a funny sense of humor. I will be praying for God's peace upon the family.Brian

April 15 at 8:38 AM

LM

Leigh Messer lit a candle in honor of Merry.

April 15 at 7:32 AM





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Shellie Smith lit a candle in honor of Merry.



April 15 at 4:14 AM



Shellie Smith April 15 at 4:17 AM

Sending love and prayers to Kara, Nikki, Sean and family. Your memories of fun times will lift in days to come. Rest in peace Merry, your in the Lords hands now.



Kara lit a candle in honor of Merry.



April 15 at 3:44 AM



Billy Hand posted:

Merry was a beautiful person in her heart and soul and will be missed by everyone whose life she touched. My favorite memory of her was going to our first football game together; Florida/Georgia, "The World's Largest Cocktail Party". True to her nature we had tickets on the Florida side and she wore Red and Black. It was a good time.

April 14 at 1:08 PM



Kara April 15 at 3:40 AM

That sounds totally like mom. The funny part is "did she even know she was wearing the other teams colors?" probably not. :)



Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes shared an album called **LifeTributes**.



April 14 at 7:18 AM



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Nicole Peters lit a candle in honor of Merry.

Mom's loss has left a huge hole in our family, but we know she's in a better place now, and we are taking comfort from that. We love you and we'll miss you mom. We'll see you on the other side someday.

April 14 at 7:18 AM





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Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes shared a **Tribute Video**.

April 15 at 10:25 AM



NP **Nicole Peters** April 15 at 4:36 PM
That came out beautifully. I still can't believe she's gone....

KA **Kara** April 15 at 3:52 PM
That was beautiful. I miss you mom.



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Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes shared 52 photos to the **LifeTributes** album.

April 14 at 10:36 AM



Nicole Peters April 14 at 10:53 AM

Mom, Kara and Nikki



NP **Nicole Peters** April 14 at 10:56 AM
Mom, Kara, Nikki & Sean



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Nicole Peters April 14 at 10:56 AM

Love this photo of mom!



Nicole Peters April 14 at 10:58 AM

From left: Grandma Brennan, Nikki, David Brennan (above), Mom (seated, holding Sean), and Kara.



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Nicole Peters April 14 at 10:59 AM

Mom riding on a trip to England-English saddles were very different for her :)



Nicole Peters April 14 at 11:07 AM

Mom demonstrating how um...efficient... the bathroom was in a B&B in London.



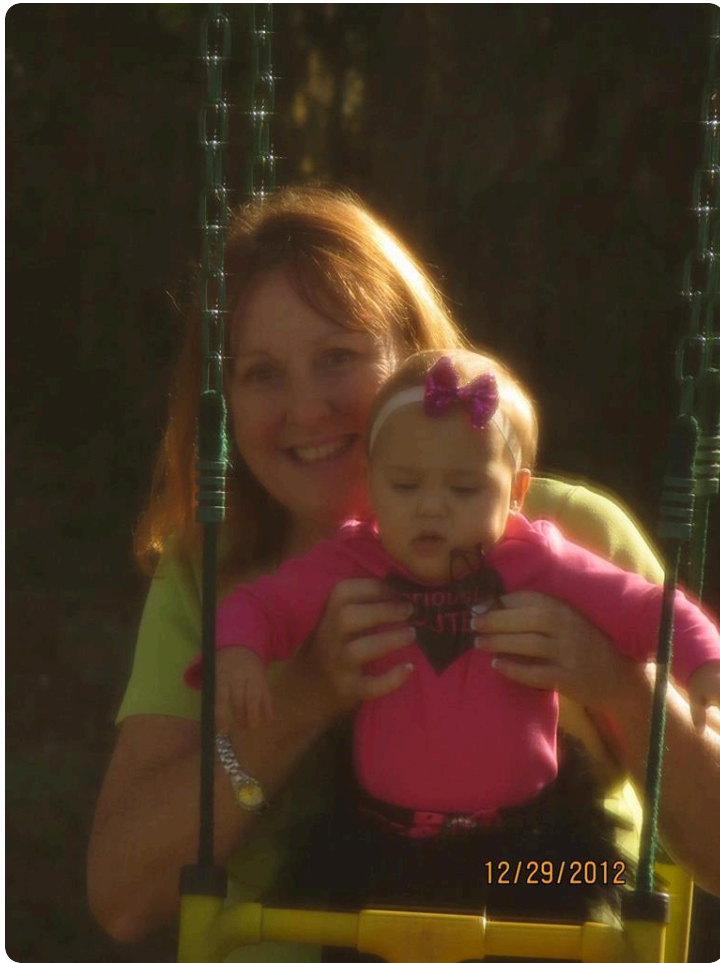
Nicole Peters April 14 at 11:10 AM

Mom and Mykah-her little miracle granddaughter



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NP Nicole Peters April 14 at 11:11 AM
Mom and Mykah



Nicole Peters April 14 at 11:12 AM

Mom at Christmas, riding Alanna's new electric bike. She was having a hard time sharing :)



NP **Nicole Peters** April 14 at 11:13 AM
Mom and Bucky



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NP Nicole Peters April 14 at 11:13 AM
We will miss you, mom....



NP **Nicole Peters** April 14 at 10:51 AM
Mom with Kara at Disneyland



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Nicole Peters April 14 at 10:55 AM
Mom and Sean



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Mom and Kara



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Mom, Dad and Nikki



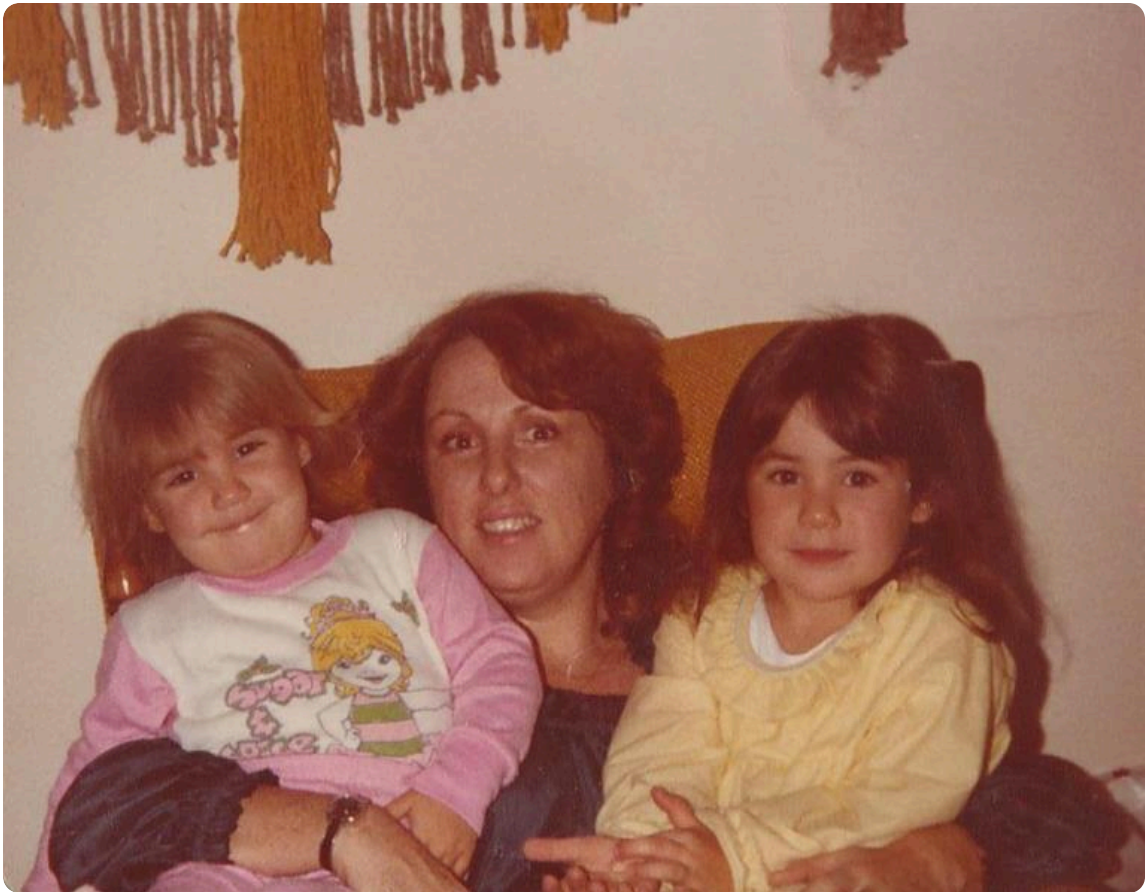
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Nicole Peters April 14 at 10:52 AM
Mom, Dad and Kara



Nicole Peters April 14 at 10:53 AM
Mom, Kara and Nikki



Nicole Peters April 14 at 10:55 AM

I actually remember this trip to Hawaii! From left, Mom, (holding Nikki), Dad (Daniel Johnson), Grandma Johnson (holding Kara), Grandpa Johnson, Grandma Brennan, and David Brennan.



Nicole Peters April 14 at 11:12 AM

Mom at her brother Dan's wedding recently. In back: Nikki & Kara. In front from left: Mom, Margaret and Dan.



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Nicole Peters April 14 at 11:13 AM
The Merry Morris Team photo :)



Nicole Peters April 14 at 11:05 AM

Back row from left: Danielle, Chelsea, Nikki, Sean, Kara. Front row, from left: Jeanne, Nancy (holding Katelyn), Mom, and Jordan





Nicole Peters April 14 at 11:00 AM
Mom in New York, enjoying the snow....



Nicole Peters April 14 at 11:10 AM
Mom, Nancy and Jeanne-the sisters :)



Nicole Peters April 14 at 11:09 AM

Mom and Alanna on a Halloween wagon ride at the church's Trunk or Treat. I think Mom had more fun than Alanna did!



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Nicole Peters April 14 at 10:59 AM

Mom and Jordan-the two red on the heads....



Nicole Peters April 14 at 11:02 AM

Mom and Jordan, sitting in the toy box. She loved her "Grandest"!



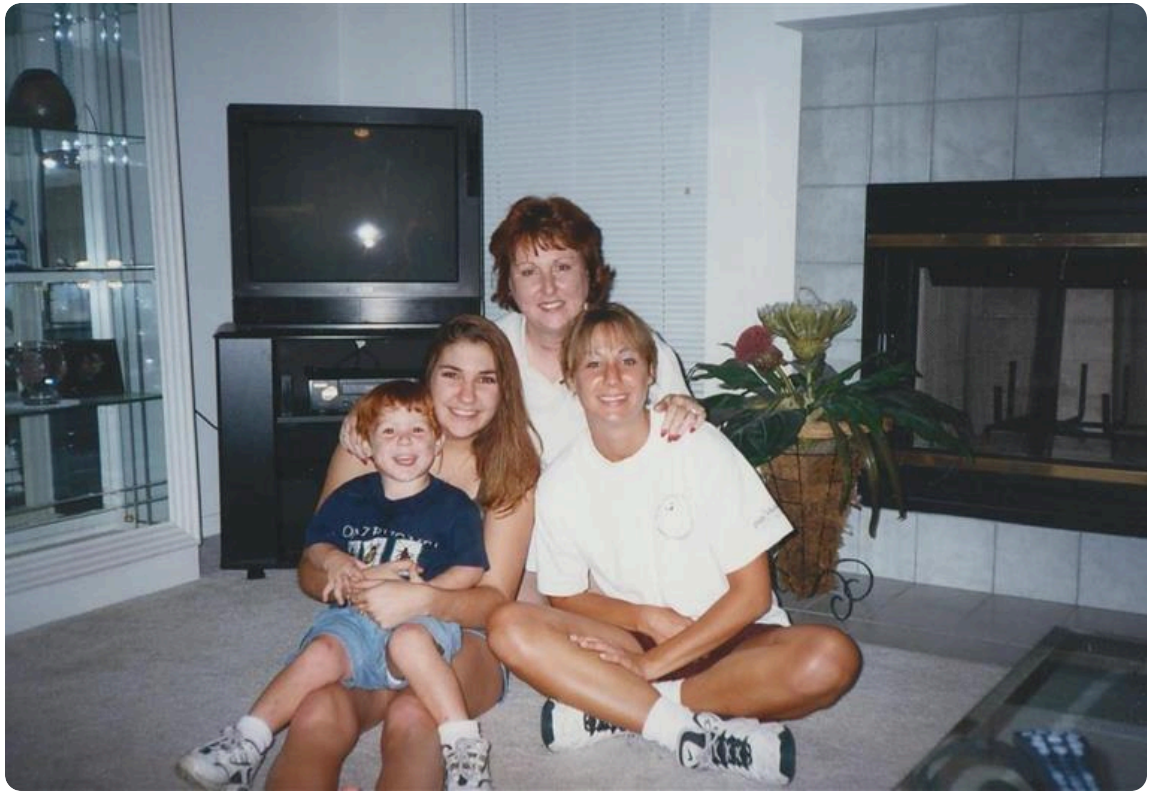
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Mom and Sean



Nicole Peters April 14 at 11:00 AM
Mom, Kara, Nikki and Jordan



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Nicole Peters April 14 at 11:05 AM

Mom, Grandma Brennan, Auntie Grace, and Sean



Nicole Peters April 14 at 11:06 AM
Mom and Nikki, enjoying some snorkeling time in Key West...





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Nicole Peters April 14 at 11:08 AM

Mom and Alanna, the first granddaughter....



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Mom and Billy



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Nicole Peters April 14 at 11:00 AM
Mom, Kara and Nikki



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Nicole Peters April 14 at 10:56 AM
Mom, Kara, Nikki & Sean.



Nicole Peters April 14 at 10:58 AM
Mom and Jordan-the first grandchild!



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Nicole Peters April 14 at 10:57 AM
Mom and Uncle David



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Nicole Peters April 14 at 11:09 AM
Mom and Nancy



Nicole Peters April 14 at 11:01 AM

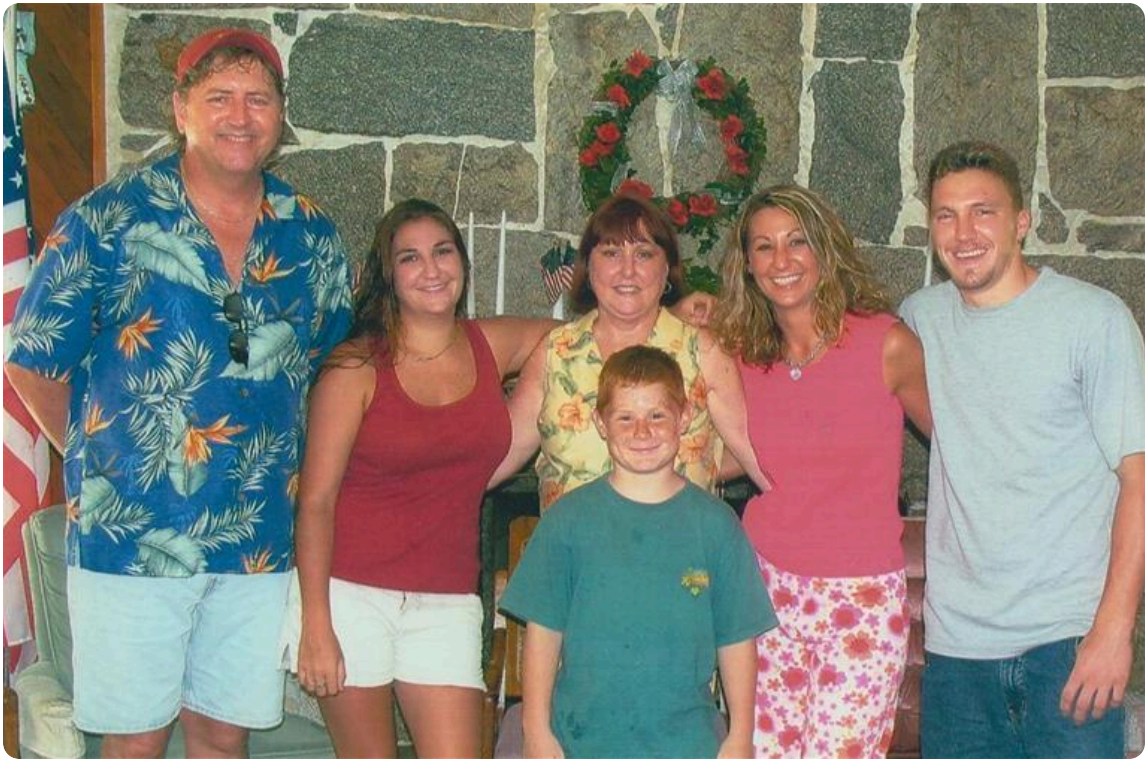
Waiting on another train in England...



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Nicole Peters April 14 at 11:06 AM
Billy, Nikki, Mom, Kara, Sean and Jordan



Nicole Peters April 14 at 10:59 AM
Mom and Sean, waiting for a train in London



Nicole Peters April 14 at 11:08 AM
Mom and Nikki, trying not to crash on scooters in Key West...we succeeded.





Nicole Peters April 14 at 11:02 AM
Mom, Kara and Jordan, off on a cruise



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Join us in honoring Merry by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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