



## Katherine C. Ronning

August 5, 1944 - April 1, 2019

Kris Ronning of Tampa, Florida. Born in Rockledge, Florida on August 5, 1944 and passed away on Monday, April 1, 2019. Kris is predeceased by her parents, Wilbur Cawthon and Katherine Fields, as well as her sister Patricia Porter. Survived by her husband and devoted partner of over 40 years, William E Ronning, her children Christopher Jaehne (Chrissy), Christine Jaehne Sanchez and Lisa Michelle Vinci (David), her stepfather, Robert Fields, her sister-in-law Nancy Ronning and her beloved grandchildren, Shawna Gallo (Mike), Phillip Sanchez (Kelli), Jon Jaehne, Xander Jaehne, Sadie, Riley and Max Vinci. Kris was born on Merritt Island, FL and from an early age loved learning about the world. She was a huge advocate for learning and a voracious reader. She lost herself in books, reading anything and everything she could get her hands on. She paved her own way through school and her career. She worked for Xerox for 25 years as a manager in their Customer Support Center and it brought her across the country to FL, CT, CA and NC. She was on the Board of her neighborhood HOA, studied Tai Chi and Kung Fu at Mt. Song Martial Arts in Tampa as well as mentored her beloved neighbor's children: Pei, Christina, Li, and Leo Lin. But she loved nothing more than her family and her dogs. She cherished spending time with her kids and grandkids, supporting them and cheering them on for every milestone. Her absolute favorite time of the year was Christmas. No matter what, every year our family gathered at her house to celebrate Christmas. The fully decorated house, the 13ft Christmas tree surrounded by gifts and Bill's cooking were something we will always cherish. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Lifepath Hospice (Tampa) or [DementiaSociety.org/donate](https://www.DementiaSociety.org/donate). Per Kris' wishes, we will not have any services but will have a private memorial to celebrate her life later this year.