

### **J. Dolan Byrnes**

This has been one of the saddest weeks of my and others' lives, with the news that our dear, loving, wonderful friend Bronwyn Rucker left our world on Monday night. Those of us who knew her, and most of us did, knew her to be kind, generous, supportive, and so full of life. She encouraged others to show their talents and abilities and she selflessly provided platforms for them to do so. I was a recipient of that love and generosity and my moments with her are some of my most cherished memories. I have seldom in my life been this heartbroken and I know that others share this feeling.

She touched so many lives that there are literally little shrines to her in the venues she once frequented. I saw one today in Ty's and I've heard that there are others. There is so much that's wonderful to say about our experiences with Bronwyn.



**Shawn Fox**

So sad to hear, our dear Bronwyn Rucker has passed away.  
Such a truly wonderful woman, she will be dearly missed.

**J. Dolan Byrnes**

The world lost a true light.

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Thanks Fox for posting such a lovely picture. It truly captures who she was.



**Bill Sattan**

She was one of the kindest persons I've ever known. I will miss her dearly.

**Jeremy M Smith**

Oh wow, I feel like I just saw her a week ago. This is so sad.

**Patrick Butler**

I'm so so saddened to hear this. A rare Greenwich Village jewel gone.  
Xxxxxx

**Steven Carl McCasland**

So sorry to hear about the wonderful Bronwyn Rucker has left us.  
The piano bars of NYC will never be the same. Bronwyn was one of a kind,  
filled with love, compassion, fearless abandon and a wonderful warmth.  
Rest in Peace, Bronwyn. I'll always think of you when I go where  
I "can forget all my troubles, forget all my cares"....

**Michael Beau**

Drew Wutke did a beautiful tribute to Bronwyn Rucker tonight at Marie's Crisis ❤️  
Bronwyn will live in our hearts forever. Rest in eternal peace sweet angel 🕊️

**Ray Valentin**

Bronwyn Rucker  
My favorite



**Brice Corder**

A beautiful tribute. It's so hard not to be there with the Maries Family.  
I'm so Honored to have worked, sang and performed along side  
this beautiful human, I know she will be joining my mom,  
and the Maries in the heavens. 😭

**Alex Parziale**

My deepest condolences

**Debbie Smith**

I went to high school and college with her. Sad to hear this.

**Johnsen Carew Kerri**

Oh my god! I'm so sorry

**Aimee Sanders**

She's in my thoughts and prayers

**Eric R. Best**  
My condolences

**Richard J. Marks**  
For Bronwyn



**Dick Zigun**

Rest in peace dear Bronwyn . Way too soon. Condolences to Rick and family.

**Paul Martin Kovic**

Bronwyn Rucker you were one of a kind and an everlasting delight.

You will be missed but there are many old friends waiting for you at that cabaret in the sky. What a scene that will be.

**Jym Benzing**

RIP Brownyn. You certainly made an impact on us all.

You will be missed. Love and condolences to your loved ones and the Marie's Crisis extended family.

**Jessica Deiro Berryessa**

Rest In Peace my dear friend... I will miss you!

All the world's a stage, and all the men and women are merely players

~ W. Shakespeare



**James Ament**

Sorry for your loss

**Theresa Eidt Wibbs**

So sorry for your loss Jess, sounds like a woman  
who left her mark on this world

**Terence Scott**

All the world's a stage and we are merely players

**Kenney M. Green**

\*Sigh\*

Very sad to hear of the passing of our dear beloved Bronwyn Rucker.  
From her birthday cabaret... I'm genuinely heartbroken

**John Bronston**

It was a delight to play for her, she always kept me on my toes.  
Truly a piano bar institution has left us...  
thanks for the innumerable delights Bronwyn.

**Kimlee Hicks**

And Bronwyn worked with hospice patients.  
I always thought "what a lovely person to see you out".  
She will be missed.  
Kind soul.

**Andrew Lustbader**

OMG, I love her!

My fave was when she did the grandmother's song from BILLY ELLIOT.

**Meredith Petry White**

She was the silliest, most creative, kindest soul there ever was.  
I haven't seen her perform in years so thank you for sharing this lovely video of her.  
Of course my favorite she did was Drowsy Chaperone

**Robert A. Sherrill**

I spent many an early evening bellied up to the bar at Marie's with her talking shop.  
A kind and extraordinarily warm human. Thanks for letting us know.

**Matthew Rosenstein**

Oh no! I am so sorry to hear this. She was such a delightful, joyful woman.  
May she rest in peace.

**Jennifer Pace**

Beautiful. May her memory always be for a blessing.

**Roberta Lipp**

She radiated warmth and talent. May her memory always be for a blessing.

**Stephaun DePaul**

This makes my heart hurt. Thank you for posting.

**Martin Maruschak**

She was so nice whenever we've crossed paths.

**Jym Benzing**

Ugh. So sorry to hear, thanks for letting us know.  
Condolences to the Marie's Crisis extended family.

**Lisa Dailey**

I'm shocked and saddened

**Laura Kroh**

Oh no! What a gift it was to watch her perform

**Clare Cooper**

I can't believe it! A sad loss of a wonderfully unique person

**Casey Paradies**

She was always such a sweet soul and so fun to talk to.

**Brice Corder**

This hurts a lot. Sending love.

**Barbara Porteus**

RIP dear Bronwyn. You were a force to be reckoned with here on earth.  
I'm sure you're raising some cain up there!!! You will be so missed down here.



**Michael Beau**

Thanks for sharing this beautiful moment

**Duncan Pflaster**

Awww nooo, what a special lady she was.

**Rick Peets**

What a wonderful spirit. This makes me sad.

**Darin Anquoe**

So sad. What a wonderful, beautiful spirit. RIP Bronwyn.

**David Farré**

Oh no!

**Rich Siegel**

So sorry to hear this sad news. RIP

### **Kay Jay**

Just hearing of A major Loss in the Community & neighborhood  
- HK - A Massive/ Huge presence at Don't Tell Mama Cabaret/piano Bar...

Marie's Crisis, etc. Bronwyn Rucker has shockingly left us.

I first met Bronwyn @ DTM's 30+ yrs ago... when I rented a shady

SRO Apt/ room above DTM. I Loved her instantly!

Such an Amazing, Sweethearted, Loving, Funny, Talented Women....

I absolutely Loved going to see her shows on a

regular & enjoying times with her after the shows.

She was one who fought an Awesome battle for so many years!

She gave me strength in my own journey/ treatments/ struggles...

An Amazing performer/ Idol to so many of us in the

HK neighborhood... for decades.

Bron- You will be dearly missed! 🥹🎵💔🍷🍷

### **Chauncey Dandridge**

Rest well Bronwyn Rucker

you were such a wonderful soul, passionate artist and activist

and the way your eyes lit up as another artist explained

what they were working on... 🦋 your authenticity will be missed

### **Shawn Fox**

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### **John Philip**

One of the best photos posted!

### **Terence Law**

RIP, Bronwyn! It was always such a joy to see Bronwyn here in Hudson.

We will miss Bronwyn so much.

**Wolfgang Darlington**

I first met Bronwyn Rucker over 10 years ago when she was singing at The Monster. I was immediately struck by her joy, her generosity, her fearlessness, and her love of Broadway. She was a little eccentric in the most delightful way—the best people are.

She was a beacon of light and love to everyone who knew her.

I hope that many, many years from now, I'm still singing and chasing my dreams the way she did.

Bronwyn was an example to us all.

rest in peace, sweet lady.



**Francesca Bertolini**

Goodbye sweet Bronwyn Rucker, you will be missed always.

See you again “when the fates allow” 🎵❤️

**Michael McAssey**

Dear Bronwyn Rucker,

Rest In Peace, friend.

**Carlos Knauth**

Just heard the news of my dear friend Bronwyn Rucker passing..

with all that's happening in my life I let this one hit me hard.

I'm heartbroken seriously. I love you dear lady ...



**Brian Scott Mednick**

Very sad to learn today of the passing of Bronwyn Rucker, a talented and nice lady who was a mainstay of the downtown cabaret scene. Hadn't seen her in years but I remember having some nice conversations with her. No details on how she died. RIP.



### Adrian Rennie

Sigh. ❤️ Bronwyn Rucker, we meet in 2013 Marie's Crisis.  
Thanks for your laughs and I missed her smiles. She knows everything  
about me, and she always let me to hang with her. Luckily she painted a pic of me.  
She has alot of good friends. (Hug) ❤️❤️❤️ I still love memories  
when she sings to all everyone w Alex, Jeffrey or  
Kenney pianists at happy hour - with bartenders.



### Bill Goffi

Rest in beautiful loving  
memory everyone's friend  
Bronwyn Rucker.. 😞

**Lara Starr Rigores**

Oh no:( I'm so sorry to hear this. She was such a nice lady!

**John Bronston**

It was a delight to play for her, she always kept me on my toes.  
Truly a piano bar institution has left us...  
thanks for the innumerable delights Bronwyn.

**Michael Beau**

Sorry to hear the news of a dear friend passing Bronwyn Rucker  
you were always an inspiration to so many. May you rest in eternal peace. 🕊

**Rachel Kaufman**

Oh no! Am so sorry to hear this 😞

**Richard Skipper**

I just saw the Bronwyn Rucker passed away.  
Oh my god what a day this has been.

**Jerry Wichinsky**

No!

**Pamela Singer**

Sorry to hear.

**Judi Mark**

No!! OMG!

**Laura Hull**

My condolences.

I had the pleasure of getting to know her a bit at Trudi's open mic.  
RIP.

**Deborah Jean Templin**

Do you know what happened?

**Andrew Poretz**

Damn, that's sad news. I didn't know her well but  
we were friends for more than five years.

**Jacqueline Draper**

Oh no! Such a lovely, dynamic, generous soul!

**Laura Pesanell**

I'm so sorry, Richard

**Suze Velv Genereux**

So sad, so sorry sending love to all

**Steve Garrin**

Very sad. My condolences to her family.

**Sue Matsuki**

No! I'm so sad. She was a lovely lady!

**Kenney M. Green**

Really hit harder than I thought. 😞 What a special, special lady!

About last night: as a lot of us gathered to remember Bronwyn and her amazing life. It was amazing how many people she touched as a social worker, entertainer and artist. Stories and songs were shared – then the pictures started to roll in. I have known Bronwyn for 18 YEARS - numerous shows, cabarets and afternoons around a piano and realized I DIDN'T HAVE A SINGLE PICTURE OF US! Thus started the photo dump. If we've ever taken a picture together please share, post and tag. I want to remember our time together and I will do the same! 💜💜💜💜



**Lynne Lombardi**

My sincerest condolences to Bronwyn's family and friends.

I've taken dance classes with her for many, many years.

She's in Luigi's class in Heaven now.

### **Jai Mason Miranda Moirai**

I am beyond devastated to hear of the passing of the beloved Bronwyn Rucker.

A legend in her own right, and a queen in the cabaret scene.

If I had to describe her to someone who never had the pleasure of knowing her, she was like that one auntie you couldn't wait to see at Christmas. Full of joy, full of life, and always bringing that infectious energy with her... right down to her signature cobalt blue nail polish. (Which I will never forget helping her look for, only to find it crushed under my car after it fell out of her purse... a very "her" moment.)

When she took the mic, you never quite knew where she was going to take you, but it didn't matter.

You went along for the ride every single time, because it was always fun, always unexpected, and always uniquely her.

She's also a gentle reminder to hold onto the moments and the people while we can. I wish I had a photo with her, but I'm grateful for the memories I do have. Also, the beautiful wood panel painting she made for me of myself in drag, that I'll treasure even more now.

There will never be another quite like you, Bronwyn. The cabaret space won't feel the same without your name in the lineup or your laughter filling the room.

Rest in power, my dear Auntie. 💙

### **Kate Medhus**

Devastated by this news. She will live on in our hearts and memories.

### **Francis J Roach - LUIGI'S JAZZ CENTRE**

We are sad to learn of the passing of Luigi's student, performer and artist BRONWYN RUCKER. She was in class at the beginning of this month and has been a student since the 1970's.



### **Susan Kille**

My heart is grieving but seeing the love on Bronwyn's FB page provides a lift.

She visited last Wednesday to share her diagnosis. She pulled a collage of photos of my family at Meltdown events out of one of the big bags she always seemed to carry. She was bright-eyed and gracefully floated around the room like a balloon, as usual. Less than a week later, her bright light is extinguished.

We met Bronwyn in 1989, when my husband, our two young daughters and I moved to a Brooklyn brownstone 2 floors below her and Rick. Bronwyn babysat, taught our daughters to roller skate, came to birthday parties and just always was around. As a family, we saw many of her shows, even one when the girls were young and the walls were covered by large paintings of penises.

At her Christmas Shows, it's my grandmother's bell she rings during "Silver Bells."

Peace.



**Bill Sattan**

Our Dear Bronwyn made this jewelry with pieces of her art work for my zoom art class. May you rest in peace!



**J. Dolan Byrnes**

They were lovely.

**Carlos Knauth**

Glad I found something saying from you and expressing “ love you” ..  
I hardly use those words until I really mean it and feel it  
in the moment and oh boy! I FEEL it.. thank you from eternity  
for feeling love for me .. I love you too ... bronwyn .. unique , special,  
my norma and all around a light of inspiration and humanity .. a true “ diva “  
in the best sense of the word in my carlos book ..you shine so bright baby..  
so luminescent for me and for all of us forever... xox



**Bronwyn Rucker** ► **Carlos Knauth**

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THank you for being at being at my Birthday Frolics!!! I love the white box...it is perfect and your sweetness in giving...next time you must sing!!! love you.

**Mary Ellen Ryan**

May flights of Angels sing thee to thy rest, dear Bronwyn.  
She was an original Theater Artist. Full of Love and Heart.

**Marion Margaret DeSio**

I am so heartbroken

**Jim Eshelman**

Bronwyn Rucker RIP. (Others took these pictures. I stole our favorites to post.)

Creative and performing force, bursting with music and joy.

Generously aided countless people in their creative efforts for half a century.

Social worker by day, cabaret producer and performer by night.

She unleashed so much life to the cluster of venues around 7th and Bleeker (and winding up the west side to Hell's Kitchen) that her joy will never leave the place.

In an interview a few years ago, she was asked, "Which is the most memorable experience you've had in your singing and acting career?"

She answered, "This is still yet to come."

Her recent 75th birthday bash at Don't Tell Mama is still the talk of the town.

I wish we could have been there.







**Robert John Wolff**

Bronwyn was a sweet heart. Rest in peace. Forwarding on too!

**J. Dolan Byrnes**

A true light in the world.

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One of the world's true lights has gone out. But the love she spread still blazes brightly.

**Bobby Lynch**

You will be sorely missed, a great artist, a wonderful person and a heart of gold

**Bill Goffi**

Wait what??? Sigh...:((((

**Dan Daly**

I am so shocked and saddened by the news. Bronwyn was one of the loveliest people.  
I miss her so much already

**Michael Beau**

Oh no, she will be deeply missed, such a talented woman,  
sang for her open mic nights many times.

**Gary Spitalny**

So very sorry  
Rest in peace dear sweet one

Mark McMahon

What a lovely lady. The world has suffered a great loss

**Go Mahan**

Dear Sweet Wonderful Woman...  
May you light up the heavens just as brightly as you lit up the earth.  
Your physical presence will be dearly missed.  
But we will know that your Spirit is with us still.  
Thank you for the love and joy you always shared..

**Dan Onzo**

Very sad news for all of us!

**Edward Lyons**

A lot of us had the great time having an incredible person  
who was friendly and kind and always helping people with her special kind  
Of magic and kindness. I will always remember her and the years that I knew her.

**Ray Barr**

Bronwyn was kind and fun and hardworking and she got things done,  
spoke against injustice and spread joy and encouragement.  
Her passing is such a loss. What a lady.  
Her memory will be a blessing, but there is sadness today.

**Lois Anne DeLong**

Whatever she did, she did with passion and commitment.  
I'm glad I had a chance to work with her.

**Edward Lyons**

She will be very missed and loved

**Chip Luck**

She was so sweet and a joy when we saw each other at the bar.  
She will be so missed.

Marylou Morgillo Caputo

So sorry for the loss of your dear friend

**Lisa Marion**

How sad am I.

**William Alberto**

So very sorry for your loss

**Chance Wayne**

So sad

**Jeremy M Smith**

Oh wow, I feel like I just saw her a week ago. This is so sad.

**Patrick Butler**

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Xxxxxx

**Sandra Grant Larsen**

So sorry to hear this. I know she was a good friend of yours for many years.

I'm glad I got to meet her at your last show.

**Harold Anthony Stella**

Rest In Peace Dear BRONWYN.

You Will Be Missed



**Corrie Kem**

Oh my goodness. I'm so very sorry for your loss. Thinking of you and sending hugs.

**Yvette Eaddy**

I'm sorry you lost a dear friend. May she rest in peace.

**Helen Buford**

Shocked, may she rest in peace

**Billy Williams**

So sorry.

**Diane Grant Miller**

So sorry for your loss, Jim.

**Mary Burns Holmes**

My dear dear friend Bronwyn has passed. She was a light and a delight. Sigh. Oh no! My photos of Bronwyn Rucker are from our cross country trip together with Jim Valley in 1971. My dog Sunshine joined us all the way to the west coast. We camped and had many adventures. I got to meet Bucky along the way. I had been the wardrobe mistress at the Pittsburgh Playhouse where she was acting. I sat with her at the after party where I fell in love with her as she wistfully sang.. "tra la la la" to no one in particular. We tried out for a children's theater together singing and dancing to "I won't grow up"... appropriate for both of us. We took my daughter to visit when she lived in NY and she visited my husband and I in NJ and when he was at a convention at the Waldorf Astoria. She was dear to me and left sweet and delicate foot prints on my heart. Thank you for loving us Bronwyn. Rest in Peace.





Gracie Jordan ▸ Bronwyn Rucker

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My dear Aunt Barbie

I just received your package yesterday. I thought I would have time to send one back.

Even with distance, you were always a role model to me. Always yourself, beautiful, eclectic, and my favorite artist. I love you and I miss you always. Especially now. You're with Grandad, Grandma, Stephanie, Jesse, and Bucky now. Today, I wear rose colored glasses, drink white wine with a couple of ice cubes in it, and sing your biggest hits in your memory. I love you. 🍷💜





**Henry Holliday**

For my dear friend, Bronwyn Rucker –  
rest easy, I'll miss you always . . .

