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**Rebecca S. Ward**

Rebecca South Ward was born in Birmingham on June 29, 1946 to the late Joseph C. South, Jr. and Lucille Coughlin South. Becky graduated from Shades Valley High School and the University of Alabama. She was always known for her high energy, compassion and unceasing interest in her family and friends. Becky's ready smile, twinkling eyes, sense of humor and warm compassion distinguished her. She began work as an elementary school teacher at Shades Cahaba School. After a successful career in real estate she began work on Capitol Hill in Washington. She served on the staff of the House Judiciary Committee and later on the Senate Judiciary Committee for Senator Howell Heflin and as office manager for Senator Jeff Sessions. Returning to Birmingham she joined the Public Affairs section at the Balch & Bingham law firm. Becky is survived by her son William Allie Ward, II (Eliza) of Richmond, Va., daughter Kelly Elizabeth Ward of Birmingham, brothers Joseph C. South, III (Murray) and Jon Kelly South of Birmingham and grandchildren Alexis S. Ward and William Allie Ward III. Our heartfelt thanks go to her many wonderful friends who have provided constant love, care and encouragement during her brave battle with cancer. We are grateful for the compassion shown by Ila Faye Miller, Jackie Myricks and Debra Johnson during her final days. A memorial service will be held at Ridout's Valley Chapel in Homewood at 2:00 pm (Visitation with family at 1:00 pm) on Friday, February 28, 2014. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to [your favorite charity](#) or to Studio by the Tracks, P.O. Box 101144, Irondale 35210. First Light, Inc., 2230 Fourth Ave. N., Birmingham, AL 35203, or Space One Eleven, 2409 2nd Ave. North, Birmingham, AL 35203.

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