



Belinda Speight Newhart graduated from Kings Park Central High School in 1960. While attending high school she studied ballet at the School of American Ballet and Pilgrim Productions in New York City. She also performed professionally with Pilgrim Productions. Belinda

opened a ballet school in her home during her senior year of high school. After an accident ended her dancing career, she attended Bloomfield College in Bloomfield, New Jersey, for one year. She married and had four children. Later, she attended Rowan University where she received her bachelor's degree in elementary education and her master's degree in reading. She later received her doctorate from Temple University in Psychology of Reading.

Belinda taught school for 32 years in New Jersey. During that time she taught kindergartners up to adults. She was the reading coordinator and a professor at Burlington County College for a number of years. She also taught at the elementary and middle school levels. She taught developmental and basic skills reading/language arts to 6th, 7th and 8th graders for 21 years in Hamilton. After retiring from teaching, Belinda, the never-ending student, returned to school, attending Dubuque Theological Seminary in Iowa. She became a lay pastor in the Presbyterian Church, thereby fulfilling a life-long ambition. Today she serves in a small Presbyterian Church in Middlesex County, New Jersey.

Belinda has been an active her entire life in the community and church. She served as deacon and elder in her church. She is past president of the Trenton chapter of Phi Delta Kappa. She served as secretary on the Ravenscroft Homeowners Association. She is an active member of the New Brunswick Presbytery. She currently serves as president of the Westminster Foundation Advisory Board at Bloomfield College, and also serves as a member of numerous educational organizations.

Currently Belinda resides in Hamilton, New Jersey with her husband Max and her cat, Molly. Belinda and Max like to travel throughout the U.S. by car. From ballet to the highest levels of reading education to religion, it has always been about learning and communicating. Belinda has truly embraced the Arts & Letters that make for a good life.