



Janet Sue Dawson

November 3, 1951 - July 11, 2024

It is with a heavy heart we announce that on July 11, 2024, Janet Sue Dawson passed away unexpectedly after a short illness. She leaves a grieving partner, family and friends.

Jan was born in Columbus, Ohio at Grant Hospital on November 3, 1951 during a big snowstorm. She was the second of three daughters born to Mary Anne Roberts Dawson and James Ernest Dawson. In 1962 the family moved to the Gulf Coast of Florida and Jan became a true Floridian. She loved the beach, tropical plants, seafood and, in general, the Jimmy Buffet lifestyle.

Jan was a kind-hearted animal lover and as a kid rescued and adopted various strays, turtles and birds. In her professional life she worked as a respiratory therapist in the neonatal unit of Tampa General Hospital, caring for the tiniest babies. She worked with her mother and sister at Annsworth Academy in Tallahassee, and later worked as a research assistant for the University of Florida in Ft. Pierce. She sometimes had a parrot or cockatoo and always had a beloved dog companion, favoring golden retrievers and Yorkies. Jan was not an extrovert, but a loyal friend to a few, who loved her sardonic wit and view of life.

Jan will be deeply missed by her soulmate Wayne Hemighaus, who brought her great happiness in the last 15 years of her life, her mother Anne Dawson,

her sisters Anita Dawson (Steve Elbert) and Chris Bertoch. She was a wonderful aunt to nieces and nephews Jason Bertoch (Becca), Jamie Bertoch (Sara), Caroline Elbert, Olivia Dawson, and grandnieces and nephews Amelia Bertoch, Annabelle and Wilson Bertoch.

A Celebration of Life is planned for Saturday, November 9, 2024, 1:00 - 4:00 PM at Dorothy B. Oven Park, 3205 Thomasville Rd.

Donations in memory of Janet can be made to the Leon County Humane Society via mail: 413 Timberlane Road Tallahassee, 32312, or online at leoncountyhumane.org/donate/tribute-to-a-person/

Dayne Parker of Bevis Funeral Home (850-385-2193 or www.bevisfh.com) is assisting the Dawson family with their arrangements.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

NOV 9. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Dorothy B. Oven Park
3205 Thomasville Road
Tallahassee, FL 32308

Tribute Wall

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“ I am so sorry for your loss. I wish way back when i met Janet... and during the time i knew her that I had a cellphone wiht camera and video capabilities like w have today. i wold have captured some funny "serious" faces of Janet, and the rare giggly ones - she held those close! I was lucky enough to be a mom of 2 girls at Annsworth, and when I met Janet. it took me a while, and I can't remember all the details, but there were two times that I got a belly laugh from Janet.. poking fun at my life with kids...and not knowing how she did certain things..but I remember it was funny to me that I got her to laugh. I think she was one of the smartest people I've ever met and I admired her, like all the women in this family. Bless you all and I know this will be a hard transition. Love you ladies.
Debbie Kirkland

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