



## Judith (Jaye) Elizabeth Perrett

July 17, 1950 - May 17, 2026

Judith (Jaye) Elizabeth Perrett, 75, of Ocala, Florida, passed away on May 17th, 2026, in Ocala, Florida, after battling esophageal cancer for years. Jaye was born in Ocala to Eva and Bill Perrett. She attended and graduated from Ocala High School. She went on to join the Marion County Sheriff's Department as a deputy and became their first Animal Cruelty Investigator for years until receiving a disabling injury. She continued being an advocate for animals when she helped co-found EARS (Endangered Animal Rescue Sanctuary), Inc., in Citra, Florida, to take in abandoned and seized big cats, bears, and even monkeys.

Jaye was featured in numerous news media outlets for all of her extensive animal rescue work. She was instrumental in rescuing shelter dogs from Louisiana after Katrina, bringing them here to Ocala, as well as helping aid animal rescuers after severe hurricane flooding in the Carolinas several years ago. In addition to all of her animal rescue efforts, she was a gifted singer and loved performing at local venues.

Jaye is survived by her brother, James (Jimmie) Perrett, cousins, Vicki Bennett and Karen Ellis, and numerous other friends and extended family. She is preceded in death by her parents, Eva and Bill Perrett, and many fur babies, namely, Daisy, Sissy, and Chase.

A Graveside Funeral service will be held at Prairie Creek Conservation Cemetery, 7204 SE County Road 234, Gainesville, Florida, 32641, (near Micanopy) on June 7th, 2026, at 10:00 am. Burial will be immediately following. It will be outdoors in the woods, with limited seating, unpaved pathways, and it is tick season, so please dress accordingly. A Celebration of Life for Jaye will be held on her birthday in July, location to be announced later.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Quality of Life Rehab & Foster, Inc., of Ocala, Florida at <https://qualityofliferehab.com>.

Jaye was an incredibly special woman, whose larger-than-life presence will be sorely missed. We are all better for having known her. She would want everyone to hug their animals a little tighter tonight. We know that she has reunited with all of the precious souls she helped save over the years.

# Previous Events

## Graveside Funeral Service

JUN 7. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Prairie Creek Conservation Cemetery  
7204 SE County Road 234  
Gainesville, FL 32641

# Tribute Wall



“ *my lifelong friend. most awesome person i've ever known. i'll miss you forever, Jaye!*

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**Sharida Cox** - June 04 at 12:31 PM

MQ

“ *I am so sorry my friend...you fought hard always...so many babies at the Bridge were happy to see you 🐾🐾🐾❤️ ....you will be missed...I think of lions, and tigers and bears and wolves when I remember you ❤️❤️❤️*

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**Marilyn Quinn** - June 04 at 09:12 AM

RW

“ *I'm incredibly saddened to read about Jaye's passing. I will forever, be grateful for the chance to have run into Jaye as I was coming down a path from a beautiful Waterfall in N.C. of all places. I'll cherish my visit and the pictures we took that day. Rest in Peace Jaye.*

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**Robbin Wood** - June 02 at 01:47 PM

MC

“ *How blessed I am to have had you in my life and all the good memories. You are a beautiful soul and will be missed by so many humans and animals.*



*She took me to Lubee Bat Conservancy, and while viewing all the extra large bats, Jaye called one by name and it walked its way over, while hanging upside down on the cage, to see her. Truly an amazing woman to all creatures.*

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**Marsha Carbaugh** - May 30 at 11:57 AM

ST

*Jaye and I went to Ocala High School and that's where we met. I was a year ahead of Jaye. I heard her sing at a talent show at school. I was so impressed of her beautiful voice. After graduation we lost touch. I got married and had 3 girls. Jaye went on to become a Deputy and the first Animal Cruelty Investigator. O*

Sharon Tillis - June 09 at 08:53 PM

ST

*I bought an Answering Service She was on answering service. Marion County animal cruelty. We were like no time had passed. She loved my girls.*

*We went over to her house to see all her animals. In the yard she had dogs running around, with a donkey in the mix. On her porch was a huge cage and a beautiful parrots in it and singing happily. My 2 youngest had on hats that tied under there chin. One was an elephant face and the other had a monkeys face. Jaye loved them. My second daughter also had a talent in singing so 1 time both of the sang at the*

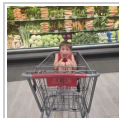
Sharon Tillis - June 09 at 09:14 PM

DD

*“ Thank you for all you did for the animals, now you'll be watching over all the animals on heaven .*



Donna Foika Donna's Discoids - May 27 at 12:57 AM



*I will never forget your calm when bringing abused animals to the clinic and your trust in Dr.Rick and our staff. Your voice was angelic! I heard you sing at a fundraiser raiser for E.A.R.S.. Say hi to my fur babies in Heaven cause you went straight up. God Bless!*

Rose Rose - May 27 at 03:33 PM

LF

“ Love the O'Shea & Maufroy Family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Judith (Jaye) Elizabeth Perrett.



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Love the O'Shea & Maufroy Family - May 26 at 12:55 PM

LF

“ Love the O'Shea & Maufroy Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Judith (Jaye) Elizabeth Perrett.

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Love the O'Shea & Maufroy Family - May 26 at 12:55 PM

PO

“ I am sad for us that you left behind as there is now a hole in our hearts no one can fill. I know you are now with the Lord and rejoicing with all furbabies that have passed on. I'm certain your Heaven is a zoo of wonderful animals that had the chance to experience your love and devotion while they were on the Earth and millions more who now sit at your feet and feel a love warmer than the sun. May you rest peacefully in the arms of the angels. We will meet again. Miss you bunches and love you lots, Paula and Allen O'Shea



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Paula O'Shea - May 26 at 12:38 PM

MM

“ I worked with Jaye for many years both with animals and EARS on site. Many may not know that she had an amazing singing voice. We used to go to Brick City on a Friday night to hear her renditions of many female singers. She was a true friend to me. We went to dinner one night and she said " I have a tiger in my car." No one believed her so she went and came back with one of her tigers on a leash!!! The Ale House was terrified, but Jaye and I just laughed!! What great memories I have of a dear friend. Take care of the tigers and others over the Rainbow Bridge! Marsha McNamara

Marsha McNamara - May 26 at 12:07 PM

SM

“ Stephanie Maufroy lit a candle in memory of Judith (Jaye) Elizabeth Perrett



Stephanie Maufroy - May 26 at 10:10 AM

SM

“ Rest in peace my dear friend surrounded by all the furbabies you saved. I am confident that is what your Heaven looks like. I will sure miss you - Me and your Munchkin xoxo

Stephanie Maufroy - May 26 at 10:10 AM

LS

“ Laura Strawn lit a candle in memory of Judith (Jaye) Elizabeth Perrett



Laura Strawn - May 25 at 04:43 PM



“ *I love you, Jaye. Thank you for the joy, the love, and the compassion you shared with us all. You will truly be missed and remembered forever and ever more. <3*

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**Monika Turner** - May 25 at 03:09 PM