



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.

Upcoming 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



“ *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*

Monika Turner - 26 minutes ago