



Flora Jean Garey

September 10, 1946 - September 14, 2021

Jeanne Garey, age 75, of St Johns, Florida, passed away at home on September 14, 2021.

She was born Flora Jean Dorondo, to Kathryn and John Dorondo in Butler, Pennsylvania (north

of Pittsburg) in September, 1946. As an Air Force brat Jeanne lived in Pennsylvania,

Copenhagen, Denmark and Savannah, GA, before marrying then Army Lieutenant Robert

Garey in 1967 in Kingsland, GA.

As a dedicated Army wife Jeanne set up households in Germany, Columbus, OH, Marin

County, CA, Hampton, VA and Oahu, HI. She worked as a Licensed Practical Nurse in Nursing

Homes and the Central Ohio Psychiatric Hospital while attending college classes toward an RN

degree. As a Department of Defense civilian she worked at Tripler Army Hospital in Hawaii,

and Naval Air Stations Mayport and Jacksonville, in Florida, and retired in 2010.

Jeanne never met a stranger and was able to relate quickly with people of all ages, gender and

race. She was, however, fiercely independent and earned the affectionate

family moniker of
"Controller General". Jeanne was a life-long animal lover rescuing injured
birds, stray dogs and
cats. She trained and showed Afghan Hounds up and down the US East
Coast before
obedience training her final rescue dog in Jacksonville, FL.
Jeanne is survived by her husband Bob of 54 years, her sisters Kathryn, Mary
and Valda, her
two brothers John and David, her cats Thelma and Limu, and her precious
Miniature Ukrainian
Toy Terrier (mutt) Halle.
Growing up in Savannah, she became an excellent swimmer from the family
dock located on
the Vernon River and the ocean at Tybee Island, GA. Jeanne later swam
ocean waters in the
Gulf of Mexico, the Hawaiian Islands and Kwajalein Atoll in the Pacific Ocean
as well as the
Atlantic Ocean from Virginia to Key West. Jeanne will be cremated and make
her final resting
place off the coast of Jacksonville.
Jeanne has asked to forego all viewings and memorials. She would be very
pleased that in lieu
of flowers, a donation of any size be made to any animal rescue or animal
care organization of
your choice. Arrangements are being handled by St Johns Family Funeral
Home in Saint
Augustine.

Tribute Wall



“ *St. Johns Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Flora Jean Garey*



St. Johns Family Funeral Home - September 20, 2021 at 10:58 AM

JE

“ *Bob and Jeanne were our best friends in Hawaii. They arrived about the same time we did and we met at animal quarantine. We went literally everywhere with them for the 2 years that we were there. Unfortunately, we moved away after 2 years and lost contact - wish it had not happened that way! Still miss our weekly trips to the beach every weekend! She was a wonderful person - definitely one of a kind! She will be missed. Bob, we would love to hear from you if you care to. Best way to reach us: coilaedson@yahoo.com. Keep your memories close. Jack & Coila Edson*

JACK & COILA EDSON - January 16, 2022 at 05:26 PM

NT

“ *Jeanne was such a sweet and loving friend to me. Even after her and Bob moved to FI we stayed in contact, sent Christmas cards and visited a couple times. I was so saddened to hear of her passing, just recently heard from Bob, who was such a loving husband and a good friend also. RIP Jeanne, the world will surely miss you on this earth, and Heaven will love your presence. Norma Tull in Chillicothe Oh*



Norma Tull - December 24, 2021 at 09:25 AM

DL

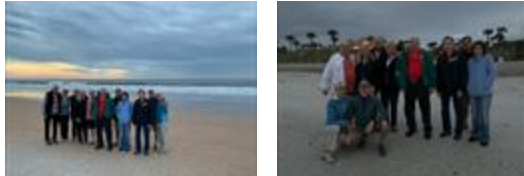
A sad passing memory. Jean will always be memory from Savannah, Ga.

Doug Lloyd

Doug Lloyd - June 30, 2022 at 10:06 PM

RG

“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



Robert Garey - November 12, 2021 at 06:08 PM

RG

Thanks to everyone who were able to make the beach celebration in person as well as virtually!!

Robert Garey - November 12, 2021 at 06:09 PM

RG

“ 1 file added to the album *Memories Album*



Robert Garey - October 18, 2021 at 09:16 PM

Tonya Allen

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Tonya Allen - September 28, 2021 at 01:01 AM

Tonya Allen

“ *Tonya Allen lit a candle in memory of Flora Jean Garey*



Tonya Allen - September 28, 2021 at 12:59 AM

JG

“ So hard to say goodbye to that smile that lit up room. Rick and I cherish the great times with her...keeping her, the family and Bob in our hearts and prayers during such a difficult time. Keep smiling with all the animals and Jill! You will be sorely missed by so many... RIP dear Jeanne.

Rick & Jenn Gross



JG - September 22, 2021 at 09:16 AM

MD

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



mary dohaney - September 21, 2021 at 02:31 PM

DB

“ Our family is a little smaller. Nothing but love & respect for Aunt Jeannie. So many wonderful memories of our time with her.
Love Dottie

Dottie Blankenship - September 21, 2021 at 12:32 PM

VS

“ *Jeanne*

*My heart is broken.
"Hold every memory as you go..."*

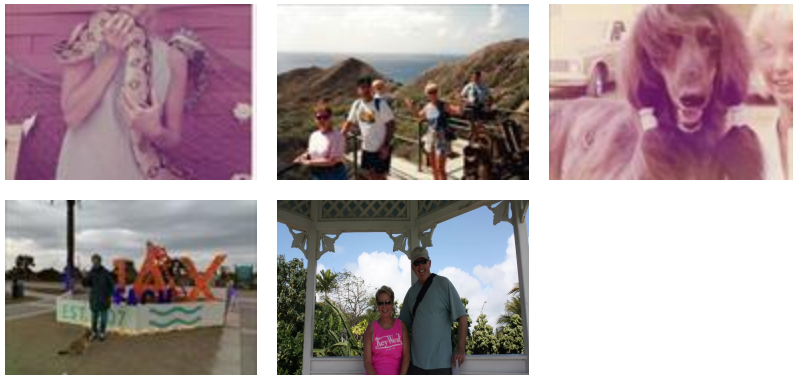
I will forever miss you!

Valda

Valda H. Dorondo (jJeanne's sister) - September 20, 2021 at 09:51 PM

RG

“ *5 files added to the album Memories Album*



Robert Garey - September 20, 2021 at 08:37 PM

RG

“ *1 file added to the album Life Tributes*



Robert Garey - September 20, 2021 at 08:03 PM

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“ *Sandi Gleich (Neice) lit a candle in memory of Flora Jean Garey*



Sandi Gleich (Neice) - September 20, 2021 at 04:38 PM

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“ *I'm sure going to miss one of my best friends. To not be able to just pick up the phone and chat. Or go shopping, take a bike ride, swim, go to a game, or just get together and laugh and talk and laugh some more will be hard. Most of all, I'll hold dear and close what she taught me. To Love and cherish every living thing and everyone with your heart and soul. To forgive when those hurt you, and to stay strong when life gets tuff. Laugh till your sides hurt, dance like there is no tomorrow. I will always treasure the day Jeanne & I met my husband. She was my Maid Of Honor, my confident and someone who truly Loved my just being. I believe when she got to the Rainbow Bridge, she entered the gates of heaven with a bird on her shoulder, and the many animals who walked with her here on earth and into the Pearly Gates when she met our Lord. My broken heart will hurt for quite a while, but I'm truly thankful I have many treasured memories, "Yeal Man!" and I just hope to see her when it's my turn. I'll always Love and miss you Aunt Jeanne.*

Sandi Gleich (Neice) - September 20, 2021 at 04:37 PM

 Tonya Allen

She was definitely one of a kind. She was my photographer and chef for my beach wedding and I'm so thankful I have such precious memories of her and Uncle Bob. Rest In Peace Aunt Jeanne you will be missed by many. ❤️🙏

Tonya Allen - September 28, 2021 at 12:58 AM



“ 2 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



St. Johns Family Funeral Home - September 20, 2021 at 01:43 PM



“ 1 file added to the album *Memories Album*



Robert Garey - September 20, 2021 at 01:12 PM



“ 13 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



St. Johns Family Funeral Home - September 20, 2021 at 10:58 AM

MD

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



mary dohaney - September 19, 2021 at 11:28 AM

RG

Thanks you Mary & Tim for sharing your wonderful labs with Jeanne and I over the years. What happiness!!

Robert Garey - September 20, 2021 at 01:40 PM

JS

“ *Jeanne - always the light* ❤️



Jen Skaff - September 17, 2021 at 05:01 PM

JS

“ Aunt Jeanne - she was the rock, the glue, the laughter. Can still hear her laugh. I feel lucky to have actually talked with her only a few weeks ago....she was worrying about others til then end - that is her in a nutshell. Jeanne's strength and fight will always be inspirational to me. You will be missed terribly!!! I shared this gorgeous sunset picture with her only days ago. Be in peace now, Jeanne. Love to you, Bob!!



jen Skaff - September 17, 2021 at 04:50 PM

JS

An absolutely lovely lady, inside and out. So blessed to have had you in our lives.

The Stoner Family (Judy, Quinn and Emme)

judy Stoner - September 17, 2021 at 08:39 PM

RG

Thank you for your kindness!

Robert Garey - September 20, 2021 at 01:43 PM

RG

Great photo memories Jen. Thanks for your words of comfort when Jeanne needed them most.

Robert Garey - September 20, 2021 at 08:25 PM

KW

“ *Kathy & David Wallace lit a candle in memory of Flora Jean Garey*



Kathy & David Wallace - September 16, 2021 at 08:16 PM

KW

Sending our condolences to the family during this difficult time. We will miss Jeanne and remember her with all the fun we had in Hawaii.

Kathy & David Wallace - September 16, 2021 at 08:20 PM

RG

Jeanne always remembered those wonderful Friday afternoon team builders!!

Robert Garey - September 20, 2021 at 01:45 PM

JC

“ *Dear Bob & Family,*

I was heartbroken to hear the news about Jeanne. As a new neighbor (5 years ago), Jeanne was one of the first people to welcome me to the neighborhood! What a wonderful person she was. What a great loss to all who loved her. We loved running into Jeanne and Halle on our neighborhood walks. I'm going to really miss my friend. You are in my thoughts & prayers.



Jenifer Carter - September 16, 2021 at 05:24 PM

DP

Jeanne truly was a friend to all who were lucky enough to know her. I am deeply saddened by her passing and will miss seeing her and Halle on their walks. Jeanne was the kindest, sweetest neighbor. Sincere condolences to Bob and her entire family. Rest in peace dear Jeanne

Diane Parker - September 16, 2021 at 07:26 PM

CR

*Rick & Cathie Robinson,
Jeanne was a very special neighbor. She was angelic, kind and beautiful. Her smile radiated with love and compassion for everyone. She truly will be missed by everyone.
Our prayers are with the family!❤️*

Cathie Robinson - September 17, 2021 at 09:16 AM

KC

Kathy Cain (Jeanne's sister),

The void Jeanne leaves will never be filled. The care Jeanne gave to every effort she undertook was always above and beyond. Jeanne personified fun, laughter, and occasionally mischief! The love Jeanne gave overflows to this day. Words are inadequate for all that Jeanne was. Jeanne's light shines down upon us now. For all Jeanne was when she was here with us, for all Jeanne's spirit raining down upon us now, we are blessed. Jeanne is heaven's gain and our loss. I will miss her forever.

Bob, my love and prayers go out to you. I cannot imagine your heartbreak.💔

Kathy (Kathryn Cain) - September 17, 2021 at 02:40 PM

MD

My sister, Jeanne, was always thinking of others first. She made things happen - whatever it took to make sure the rest of the family was taken care of. She even made sure I met the man who would become my husband, who I've been married to now for 27 years, after she set us up and decided we were perfect for each other. Her love for people and animals, made her one-of-a-kind. She loved to laugh and she really loved to make others laugh. I will always love her and miss her.

mary dohaney - September 19, 2021 at 11:24 AM