



Janet Reed Pettit

January 29, 1954 - May 17, 2026

Janet Reed Pettit passed away on May 17, 2026 at the age of 92 at Vintage Care of Palatka. She was born on January 29, 1954 in Ft. Pierce, Florida to parents William Henry Reed and Mildred Marsh (Jackson) Reed.

A graduate of FSU in Tallahassee, Janet worked as a PE Teacher in Miami and spent 1962 and 1963 in the Peace Corps in Liberia. While recruiting for the Peace Corps, she met her future husband, Lincoln Pettit, a professor at MSU who hosted a Peace Corps booth. After moving to North Carolina, in order to teacher her own children, she started a state-approved Montessori grade school and middle school in Saluda, before home-schooling was legal. She spent most of her life as a landlord and often built strong social ties to her renters. She was an avid anti-Fluoride activist and a strong supporter of her Unitarian Universalist church. She took in many stray dogs and cats, and if you are interested in adopting, she has many in need of a home! Please contact St. Johns Family Funeral Home for contact information.

She is survived by her three children -- Tim Kelly, Cynthia "Kiki" Jewell, and Jeff Pettit; her grandchildren -- Joseph "Joey" Kelly, Jeff Kelly, Jaimey Lindsay; Charlotte Jewell; Charly "Max" Pettit, Luke Pettit, Aria "Kat" Pettit; her great-grandchildren -- Cloa Kelly, Marcus Kelly, Addy Kelly, Lliam Lindsay, and Atlas Lindsey and by her partner of thirty years, Charles "Jeff" Jacobs.

Memorial services will be held 12:30pm on Sunday, June 28, 2026 at Westminster Hall, 126 S 2nd St., Palatka, FL 32177. Refreshments provided and pot-luck dishes are appreciated but not necessary.