



Janet S. Lawrence

October 22, 2025

It is with sadness and the hope of Christ's promise that we announce the death of Janet Lawrence. Janet passed away peacefully in her home on Wednesday morning, October 22, 2025, a few weeks before her 91st birthday. She was born on November 21, 1934, to Harry and Myrtle Scanlan of Pennsville, New Jersey.

Janet was preceded in death by her husband, Raymond E. Lawrence. She is survived by her daughter, Andrea Lawrence, of Albuquerque, New Mexico; her son, Peter (Pamela Warren) of Lexington, Massachusetts; and her two grandchildren, Jane Lawrence and Claire Lawrence.

A life-long resident of Salem County, Janet attended Penns Grove High School where she graduated in 1951. She then attended Cornell University and graduated in 1955 with a Bachelor of Arts in English.

Janet met her husband, Ray, at a Christmas party in December 1953. They became engaged in April 1954 while Ray was completing his basic training. On December 30, 1954, he and Janet were married at Union Presbyterian Church in Carney's Point, New Jersey. Ray then sailed to Heilbron, Germany where he was stationed in the Army, and Janet joined him in the summer of 1955 after graduating from college. Their time in Germany fostered a deep love of travel that they would pursue for the rest of their lives together.

After returning from Germany, Janet served as a teacher in the Pennsville school system and a stay-at-home mother after the birth of her children, Andrea and Peter. She later pursued a career in law and enrolled at Rutgers University School of Law, graduating in 1976 with a Juris Doctor. After two judicial clerkships, Janet practiced law for over 20 years in her hometown of Woodstown, New Jersey, and regularly took on pro bono cases for those in need.

The church played a central role in Janet's life. She was a member of Woodstown Presbyterian Church and Union Presbyterian Church of Carney's Point, New Jersey, and served in a number of roles in each church, including as Elder. She also served as Moderator of the West Jersey Presbytery. An animal lover, Janet dedicated her time and resources to supporting animal rights throughout her life.

Janet was a voracious reader and traveled the world. She had a particular love for the history and culture of England and France, where she visited often. She was a wine collector, an excellent cook and loved entertaining her friends, and dinner parties often ended with singing around the piano. She was skilled at bridge and played with friends in her local bridge club for decades. She played competitively with her close friend and long-time bridge partner, Bruce Smith. Janet was a devoted fan of the Phillies and could regularly be found in Section 236 of the Vet watching Mike Schmidt hold down third base. She also loved trivia and appeared on Jeopardy! in 1963 where she won. Her other passions included her black standard poodles and Democratic politics. She enjoyed nothing more than a lively debate.

Above all, she cherished being with the people she loved. She would regularly host her grandchildren, Jane and Claire, who called her Grammy, and her son and daughter-in-law, Pam, in Woodstown and visit them in Boston. She made

many trips to Colorado and New Mexico to spend time with her daughter, Andrea.

Later in life, after the death of her husband, Janet had a long and loving relationship with Evan Ewan of Woodstown, a friend of over 50 years. The joy of that relationship sustained her during a period of decline from Parkinson's disease.

The memorial service will take place at Union Presbyterian Church, 254 Shell Road, Carney's Point, New Jersey 08069, on Saturday, November 1st, 2025, at 11:00 am with lunch to follow at the church in Featherer Hall. Her interment will take place in a private family ceremony. In lieu of the flowers, please send memorial donations to Union Presbyterian Church.

www.adamsfuneralhome.org

Previous Events

Memorial Service

NOV 1. 11:00 AM (ET)

Union Presbyterian Church
254 Shell Rd.
Carneys Point, NJ 08069

Tribute Wall

BK

“ Dear Andra and Peter,
I met Andrea and your mom on a trip to England sponsored by Ray and my college, PCPS, in 1970 I believe. Remember when your mom became sick and was hospitalized ? Ray flew over to be with her. We had a good trip in jolly old England.
My Deep sympathies to you both,

Bill Kean,
Pittsburg, California

Bill Kean - November 05, 2025 at 09:14 PM

PH

“ Andrea and Peter,
I'm sorry to hear of your mom's passing. I agree with Scott, a life well lived. Both of your parents were icons in our town! Prayers of comfort and hugs from Texas.

Pam Kelller Harrell - November 02, 2025 at 08:41 AM

FH

“ Not sure I ever thanked her enough, taking care of our little Tabitha, when we were getting ready to go to Salem Hospital for Michael's birth in April of 1969. Always felt at home and understood when visiting with Sprigs and Janet, maybe because they lived in Europe and visited many times after. Also loved our Xmas Eve tradition for several years, all of us coming for a visit at Marlton road. Especially wonderful for the kids getting re-aquainted and becoming more familiar with each other. Thank you Janet for always being so welcoming, even when dropping in unexpectedly. Always so easy to talk to and sharing family stories and relationships. AND I'll miss our political conversations and agreements!! R.I.P. dear old friend.

Frederice Humpreys - October 31, 2025 at 12:56 PM

CM

“ *Rest in Peace, Dear Janet* 🌸



Carol Molinari-Monks - October 31, 2025 at 07:26 AM

PB

“ *Sorry to hear this news of a long time Woodstown supporter.
Certainly, a life well lived.*

P. Scott Boyer - October 30, 2025 at 09:58 PM

RA

“ I will never forget the first time I met Janet. I accompanied a friend of mine to an appointment seeking a divorce. Janet was complaining about an important message from the Court her secretary had neglected to give her. Teasingly I said, “I can type and answer the phone”. A week later I was working for her. (1991 until she retired). I always admired how she cared about her clients. I thought she was so smart, going upstairs to the library and searching cases and statutes and spending hours dictating her proceedings. We soon became friends. Actually I felt like a daughter rather than an employee. She was so sweet. We would talk about food and share recipes. She would bring me a fresh rose from Myrtle’s garden or fancy perfume when she would escape for a long weekend to Paris. I have a lot of fond memories working for Janet. She would get so excited when Peter or Andrea would come home to visit or when Claire was born. Chasing Louie (or Lucifer as I called him) around the office trying to get something he shouldn’t have out of his mouth. Or going to turn the alarm off at the house for Mr Lee, the floor guy, and accidentally setting the alarm off and the police showing up. Staying late nights filing Notice of Motions. Eating pizza and drinking red wine with her and Spriggs at the house. Inviting me to holiday dinners. I definitely learned a lot from her. Not only knowledge of the law but work life balance as a woman. Rest in peace dear lady. Love your Secretary. Renee Ashfield (f/k/a Toy)

Renee Ashfield - October 28, 2025 at 07:50 PM