



## Janet (Smith) Jackalone

April 21, 1953 - April 27, 2024

Janet A. Smith, also known as Janet Jackalone, passed away the morning of April 27, 2024. A woman cut of many cloths, Jan's resilience and inquisitive nature stemmed from a vivid family history.

As testament to the Murawski family virility, John and Anna survived the Holocaust in Poland and Germany. The pair met after being freed, married, and began a new life after immigrating to New Jersey. Thus, the first American-born generation of Murawskis' came to be: Christy, Stanley, Jan, Joey, and Richie. Thriving in her role as the middle child, Jan relished her independence and creativity while still maintaining a close family bond. As such, Jan remained a bright star in the eyes of her baby brother Richie and served as guest of honor at his wedding.

Despite a fear of flying, Jan proved to be an explorer as she ventured out to Kansas City all the way from New Jersey. Here, she found her first love, husband Lonnie L Smith and shared 25 years together until his passing. Showing that love can happen at any stage in life, Jan met her second husband, Nicholas Jackalone, where she blended into an eclectic new family. For the next eleven years, the two's relationship deepened over their similar experiences and love of animals. Jan and Nick were known to the Houston Lake community as cat whisperers, both domesticated and feral, as well as "crafters." The duo could always be found tinkering in their household or

community, finding new ways to give back.

Proving a sibling's bond is forever, Jan and Richie were reunited as she peacefully crossed over. Jan is remembered as a daughter, sister, wife, grandmother, and great grandmother. She had a heart for both human and four-legged friends alike. Her generosity and eccentricities will be missed. Jan is survived by her Richie (wife Vicki), niece/nephews (Beth Ann, Michael John, and Joey), stepsons Tim (wife Dora) and Tom (wife Patty), grandchildren (Tommy, Jimmy, and Silvana), and great grandchildren (Jake and Sophia).