



Jeanette Tomblin Wright

March 1, 1948 - October 1, 2017

Jeanette Tomblin Wright, 69, of Winchester died Sunday, October 1, 2017 in Blue Ridge Hospice Inpatient Care Center.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Malcolm Stewart Wright.

Jeanette was born March 1, 1948 in Winchester, VA the daughter of Charles Elwood and Josephine Crismore Tomblin.

Professionally, she worked for the U.S. Government.

She loved animals and provided rehabilitative care for them in her home for the National Wildlife League.

In addition to her mother, she is survived by her siblings, Judy Mayes and her husband Larry of Winchester, Jackie Burkett and her husband Richard of Gore, Joyce Bracken and her husband Jeffrey of Berkeley Springs, WV Timothy Tomblin and his wife Sherry of Inwood, WV, Janet Crim and her husband, Wayne of Winchester and many nieces and nephews.

A funeral will be 11:00 a.m. Thursday in Phelps Funeral Chapel 311 Hope Drive Winchester.

Burial will follow the service at 2:00 p.m. in National Memorial Park.

Friends will be received on Wednesday from 6-8:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society at: www.cancer.org or the American Wildlife League at: wildliferescueleague.org

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 4. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Service

OCT 5. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Committal

OCT 5. 2:00 PM (ET)

National Memorial Park
7482 Lee Highway
Falls Church, VA

Tribute Wall



“ *My wife and I offer our deepest condolences. Jeanette lived across the street from us. I remember, she could talk my ear off if I gave her a chance. LOL. She was a big help to the local wildlife. One night I brought a kitten home and I showed it to Jeanette while my female Cockapoo hovered over top like it was his mother. She said "This kitten is NOT going back to wherever you found it." We still have the kitten but he's and adult now. I was surprised to hear this unfortunate news only recently. We didn't really stay in contact after she left and I didn't see many posts on Facebook. I feel a bit like I didn't get an invite to the party but it's ok. I will always remember the good times we had and forget anything else. You will be missed Jeanette.*

Mark Gilvey - January 29, 2019 at 05:57 PM

MR

“ *I did not know Jeannette well. I brought a baby bunny to her in summer 2014. I was dealing with a cancer diagnosis at the time and I was not equipped to care for this little creature who someone else brought to me during this time. Through the wildlife hotline, I was connected to her. I cared for the baby bunny overnight before bringing him to Jeanette the next day. It was a lot of work, as baby bunnies need feeding about every two hours, but I did love every minute of that little baby making noises as he ate the formula. When I brought him to Jeanette the following day, I wrote her a check for \$200 because I understood the commitment she and other wildlife rehabbers make with little financial remuneration. It's not about that for people like Jeanette. I always held onto her number and address in case I needed advice since she was licensed. I reached out to her by phone recently only to receive a disconnect message. I thought about what may have happened and now I know. I am thankful for her caring for life in her quiet way when others did not. The world was a better place for humans with her example. I am grateful for a chance to say a final thank you to a good person. I wish her friends and family happiness when you think of her. Sincerely, Michele Roberts*

Michele Roberts - May 01, 2018 at 03:01 PM

AM

“ *Jeanette was the kindest most sweet person I have ever known. I met her when I was at work with the Department of Defense at Fort Belvoir. She and I had a common bond with animals. We both loved animals and she rehabbed them. I have had two baby squirrels that I took to her to rehab. She raised them until they could be released. I was so happy for her when she was able to sell her house and move to Winchester and enjoy retirement. I will miss her terribly.*

Anita Meyer - October 06, 2017 at 02:47 PM

JG

“ So sorry to hear of the passing of a dear friend and co-worker from DTRA. She will be missed. My deepest sympathy to Jeanette's family. It has been over 5 years since I have seen Jeanette but we keep in touch thru social media. She was a beautiful individual and had a wonderful spirit. Loved animals and even help me in a few instances. RIP my friend till we meet again.



Juanita Gaines - October 06, 2017 at 11:23 AM

BB

“ Jeanette was the most loving, gentle, caring human being that I've ever had to privilege to call my friend. She loved her family, friends, pets and, of course, her rescue critters. She used to stash her baby squirrels in my darkroom at work so she could come and feed them every few hours so they would survive. No one had a bigger heart.



I'll remember you always, My Friend.

Until we meet again...Rest in Peace.

*Love,
Betty*

Betty Burke-Fox - October 05, 2017 at 11:00 AM



Dana Hudson

“ I'm heartbroken to learn of the passing of DeeDee Kelly and my neighbor, Jeanette Wright. Last I saw her was when I took her some snacks and treats at the hospital and she had 2 other lady friends visiting and we were, as usual, talking about cats and rescuing critters. Dee Dee's memory below is perfect because the CS Lewis quote (note DeeDee's message below!) is so perfect for Jeanette and articulates well how some friends just fit into our lives and share a part of our souls because our souls are on the very same frequency... Jeanette was retired and widowed and spent ALL her time as a wildlife rehabber. If you visited her in her home she was constantly feeding baby squirrels, bunnies, or other critters with formula using an oral syringe with nipple (or bottle) and had cage after cage of different sized/aged critters. She rescued and kept injured turtles, birds, special needs squirrels so they wouldn't have to be euthanized. She gave of herself and her time and provided love and comfort and food to little baby animals who were orphaned and had no other chance for survival. It's exhausting work, up every 3 hours, constant cleaning, and she did it cheerfully. I pulled a few feeding shifts for her and it was quite a job but so rewarding to feed tiny little pink squirrels and fluffy tailed juveniles. She was a nanny to my own foster kittens so when I had to go to the Hill all day or travel they would stay with Aunt Jeanette in their little basket and I had no fears that they would be properly fed and cared for. My last bottle kittens, Jesus and Noel, loved her and she helped raise those little buggers- I will always think of her when I look at them or snuggle them. I know she is now in Heaven with her husband and countless critters long since passed away, including my Klinger, Niki, Bear, Zeke, Gertie, Mia, Champagner, and so many more. Jeanette, you were such a dear friend and we loved having you over for dinner and sitting in the living room chatting or out back enjoying our Virginia summer nights. Please love and care for my babies for me until I get there and join you all- then we can trade off again and share in the coddling of our little loves. I'm so glad you are in bliss with our Lord, and feeling no more pain. Friends: 3 of Jeanette's cats need to be re-homed. PLEASE consider fostering? I will help with any vet bills. My condolences to her family and other friends - she loved you all.

Dana Hudson - October 04, 2017 at 09:22 PM

MP

“ In my prayers and good thoughts of you as a wonderful neighbor for many years.



Mary Parker - October 04, 2017 at 07:11 PM

NL

“ Dear Tomblin Family,

I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your sister, Jeanette. Thoughts and prayers are with your family.

Nancy Orrell Leake

nancy leake - October 04, 2017 at 05:31 PM



“ *Jeanette was a best friend for 36 years. I loved her as a sister and was so glad of the holidays she shared with our family over the years after Peewee passed away. She was family to all of us and we will miss her so much. God bless her now and give her peace.*

Jane Harris

Jane Harris - October 04, 2017 at 05:19 PM

JM

“ *Our deepest sympathy to Jeanette's mom, brother, sisters and extended family. We are praying for you during this most difficult time. I don't remember the last time I saw Jeanette as it was many years ago, but Larry and Judy always kept me informed on how she was doing and the love she had for her four legged little friends. I have always thought that people who love animals are very special in many ways as they care for these defenseless creatures that are part of God's creation. She will be missed by all of them as well as her many friends and family.*

Jerry & Helen Mayes

Jerry Mayes - October 04, 2017 at 12:46 AM

JR

“ *Forever in our hearts ❤️ I love you Aunt Jeanette .*



Jodee Mayes Reid - October 03, 2017 at 09:41 PM

DK

“ Jeanette was my neighbor and friend in Woodbridge for many years. It was always fun to spend time with her and see all the little animals she was nursing back to health. She was there the day my son came home from the hospital, she was there the days I found kittens in the neighborhood, and she was there whenever any person or animal needed her. She truly was a treasure to this world and I'm heartbroken that I won't be able to talk to her anymore but so thankful that she has been in my life. People like her touch your soul.

"The mold in which a key is made would be a strange thing, if you had never seen a key: and the key itself a strange thing if you had never seen a lock. Your soul has a curious shape because it is a hollow made to fit a particular swelling in the infinite contours of the divine substance, or a key to unlock one of the doors in the house with many mansions.

Your place in heaven will seem to be made for you and you alone, because you were made for it -- made for it stitch by stitch as a glove is made for a hand." -- C.S.Lewis

DeeDee Kelly - October 03, 2017 at 12:03 PM

JC

“ Janet Crim lit a candle in memory of Jeanette Tomblin Wright



janet crim - October 02, 2017 at 11:43 PM

BL

“ I don't even know how to begin to express to those outside our Wildlife group what Jeanette meant to us. She saved hundreds (thousands?) of lives. She never said no to a critter in need. She was gentle, kind, generous and had such a wonderful gift. We will miss her so much. Whenever I visited her she never stopped feeding someone. It was a constant, endless effort to save animals. I was amazed how many animals were under her care. I can't believe she's gone. What will we ever do without her. To all her family, I'm so very sorry for your loss. Forever in my thoughts. Beth Lannon, fellow wildlife rehabber.

Beth Lannon - October 02, 2017 at 05:29 PM