

Janet Margaret Binkley Erwin – Obituary

Janet Erwin passed away peacefully on Sept. 9th, 2017 at her home at St. Augustine Plantation in Tallahassee, Florida, surrounded by her loving family. Janet succumbed to the effects of end-stage renal failure, but spent her final days in relative comfort due to the wonderful support of Big Bend Hospice, the caring staff at St. Augustine Plantation, and her local family and friends.

Janet truly blessed all who knew her with her kind words, her ability to listen and offer a thoughtful response, her keen intellect, her love of nature, her love of writing and art, and her open acceptance of all people. Her home was always a refuge to anyone in need of a comforting word or a welcoming smile.

Janet was born January 31st, 1940 in Durham, NC, as the younger daughter of Dr. Olin Binkley and Mrs. Pauline Binkley of Wake Forest, NC. She is survived by her sister, Pauline Cheek, and brother-in-law, Edwin Cheek, of Mars Hill, NC; her friend and the father of her children, David Erwin, and his wife, Jill Marcum, of Balsam, NC; her daughter, Vicki Erwin-Wilson, M.D., and son-in-law, Les Wilson, M.D., of Tallahassee, FL; her son, Gill Erwin, and daughter-in-law, Claudia Riesel-Erwin, of Longwood, FL; 11 grandchildren (Sevin Wilson [age 26], Satori Wilson [age 24], Season Wilson [age 23], Anja Erwin [age 23], Bridge Wilson [age 21], Bliss Wilson [age 19], Nina Erwin [age 19], Pace Wilson [age 17], Prophecy Wilson [age 16], Maya Erwin [age 16], and Beneson Wilson [age 14]); and 4 nieces and 1 nephew.

Janet was a strong supporter of maintaining our beautiful Florida springs and was known to swim on practically a daily basis for decades at the River Sink chain of springs. She continued her love of the water by swimming on a regular basis at Premier Health and Fitness Center. She more recently enjoyed her coffee group, book club, watercolor and poetry classes, and the many friends she met through the Senior Center of Tallahassee.

No formal services have been planned at this time, but a private ceremony will be communicated to her family and friends. Culley's Funeral Home is handling the cremation services and can be contacted for additional information as requested. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Janet's name to any charity of your choice that would hold mutual significance to you both.