



## Janet Lee Tapply Charron

June 30, 1930 - March 17, 2024

Janet Lee (Pearson) Tapply Charron, age 93 of Merrimack, NH, (formerly of Lunenburg, MA, Amherst, NH and Huntsville, TX), passed away on March 17, 2024. She was born on June 30, 1930 in Fitchburg, Massachusetts to the late Richard Stanley Pearson, Sr. and Madeline Winsor (Brown) Pearson. She was one of twelve children.

She graduated from Fitchburg High School, Fitchburg, MA in 1948 with high honors. She attended Burbank Hospital School of Nursing, also graduating with honors. In 1972 she attended Massachusetts General Hospital's initial Family Nurse Practitioner Program which was taught by Harvard Medical School. She became a nurse practitioner for Dr. Robert Babineau, Sr and his son Dr. Robert Babineau, Jr. at Fitchburg Family Practice. She was one of the pioneers in establishing family nurse practitioners as independent health care providers. She loved her work and the patients were uppermost in her service to them.

Janet had a deep love for her family. She grew up in a large family during the depression. While life was not always easy, "there was always room for one more at the table." She loved cooking and sharing meals with family and friends.

She had a green thumb. She had large vegetable gardens and canned and froze her bounty. She grew plants of all kinds indoors, propagated African violets and cactus. She would place her cactus outdoors under a shady tree during the Spring and Summer and bring them indoors in the Fall and Winter

for a spectacular display.

She was a very dedicated Christian and spent many years active in her church, Christ Church, Fitchburg, MA. She was an active member singing in the choir, on the Vestry, was a choir mother, taught Sunday school and was a member of the Women's Evening Guild.

In retirement, Janet and Ray traveled extensively across the country in their RV. They hunted in West Texas and fished for bass in Lake Livingston and salmon in Alaska. They also loved taking cruises to Alaska and the Caribbean.

Janet is survived by two sisters; Nancy A. Smith of Parkland, FL and Joan C. Williamson of Wolfeboro, NH, two sons Jon K. Tapply and his wife Rhonda E. Tapply of Merrimack, NH and Douglas S. Tapply and his wife Cheryl Tapply of Penacook, NH and one daughter Gretchen L. Newton of Fitchburg, MA. She is survived by eleven grandchildren: Peter R. Newton, Kevin J. Newton, Erica M. Austin, Matthew L. Tapply, Michael J. Tapply, Lucas D. Tapply, Rachel H. Jones, James R. Osborne, Roger A. Veilleux, Michaela K. J. Scherer, Jack C. P. Higginbottom, sixteen great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. Janet is predeceased by her husband Raymond A. Charron, her first husband Robert S. Tapply, her parents Richard Stanley and Madeline Winsor (Brown) Pearson, five brothers: Dr. Robert B. Pearson, Richard S. Pearson, Jr., Wallace S. Pearson, Deacon Hedley A. Pearson and Philip E. Pearson and four sisters June W. Brigham, Ruth E. Lakso, Barbara L. Hersey and Grace M. Pearson. She is also predeceased by her daughter Rebecca J. Scherer, two grandsons Jonathan P. Newton and Michael D. Tapply and her granddaughter Sarah M. Tapply.

A funeral service will be held at Christ Church, Fitchburg, MA on Monday, March 25, 2024 at 11AM. Burial will be at Forest Hill Cemetery, Fitchburg, MA. A calling hour will be held prior to the service on Monday morning at the church in the Bennet Room.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to ALSAC/St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105. As a

nurse practitioner, Janet made donations to St. Jude's throughout her life to better the lives of others.

# Cemetery Details

## Forest Hill Cemetery

Mt. Elam Rd.  
Fitchburg, MA 01420

# Previous Events

## Calling Hour

MAR 25. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Christ Church  
569 Main St.  
Fitchburg, MA

## Funeral Service

MAR 25. 11:00 AM (ET)

Christ Church  
569 Main St.  
Fitchburg, MA

# Tribute Wall

LS

“ I met this lovely woman when I worked along side of Janet at the Fitchburg Family Practice doctor's office. She was beautiful inside and out. She was very bright and kind. She was also one of a kind. I was so glad to know her. RIP Janet and condolences to her family and many friends. Happy Trails!!!!  
Linda Fors Sulewski and my husband Denis Sulewski

Linda&Denis Sulewski - April 14, 2024 at 12:27 AM

JO

“ RIP Janet. You lived a long fulfilling life. Thank you for being kind to me while I was with Rebecca. I will pray for your family and close friends. Sleep with the angels, and be welcomed by the Heavenly Father. There will be so many to greet you. God bless you and keep you.

James D Osborne - March 20, 2024 at 01:35 PM

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“ BSA Troop 1794 planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Janet Lee Tapply Charron.

BSA Troop 1794 - March 19, 2024 at 12:16 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Janet Lee Tapply Charron.



March 19, 2024 at 12:16 PM



“ Janet was an amazing person, love for everyone. She's was always there when I needed a shoulder to cry on or a friendly ear. I love playing cards with her , she's was a wise at cards. I wil miss her beautiful smile. Peggy Landry

Peggy Orlando Landry - March 18, 2024 at 07:09 PM

JL

Janet was a dear friend for many years. We were always having fun, even when working. We went to the beach, plays, out to dinner, playing cards and just enjoying life. I will always remember our good times at work, making it pleasant for the patients, and of course the doctors. May she rest in peace and enjoy seeing her mom, dad, relatives and family. Much love my friend. Joanne Turell Lussier

Joanne Turell Lussier - March 18, 2024 at 08:55 PM

TS

Aunt Janet was one of my favorite aunts. She was the sweetest woman I have ever known. The patience she had to teach me how to crochet was incredible. I will always love her for that. I loved our talks we had when she came down to Florida. She was always a very happy person. She will be dearly missed but always in my heart. May you rest in peace aunt Janet . Love you always, Tricia

Tricia Smith - March 18, 2024 at 09:47 PM

JH

Janet was one of my favorite people! Such a strong woman who brought so much joy and inspiration to those around her. I always loved visiting with her. Those memories will be cherished ~ She taught me a lot. 💕

JoAnna Rochon , Brookhaven Hospice - March 20, 2024 at 04:40 PM

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*Aunt Janet always treated everyone as a friend. And (as you all know) she LOVED company. If you ever were invited to her home for dinner and went away hungry then that would be your fault because she loved cooking for guests. And she always had a variety of food that she served. She and I role-played, she was Juliet and I was her Romeo. I look forward to seeing her in heaven Juliet.*

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**Steve Smith** - March 23, 2024 at 02:56 PM

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*Wanted to attend the funeral (and bring my Mom) but couldn't make it work. Will very much miss Aunt Janet... she was such a pleasure to be around. That positive spirit drew people to her and being with her always meant having a good time. Her cooking and green thumb are legendary. Will miss not being able to visit her when we came to New England. Rest in peace sweet Janet*

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**Greg Smith (nephew)** - March 26, 2024 at 10:10 PM