



## Landis Elwell

September 3, 1941 - May 19, 2022

Landis (Lee) Elwell was born to Jack and Rosalee Kerr on September 2, 1941 in Huntington Park, CA. Her pre-high school years were spent on the West Coast in California and Oregon. They then moved to Darien, CT for her first years in high school, then to La Grange IL, graduating from La Grange High School. Upon graduation, she enrolled in and attended The University of North Carolina Women's College in Greensborough, NC where she completed her four year program.

After college, she was accepted as a stewardess at Eastern Airlines in Miami, FL. She completed training and flew on the Boeing 707, mostly on the route from Miami to New York and back. In the summer of 1965, she met Howard Elwell who was in Key West with the US Navy. They met as a result of a friend's introduction and were married in Quonset Point, RI on September 10, 1965. During a Christmas, they bought their first dog, Banzai, an Alaskan Malamute who was to enjoy a long life and their companion. When Howard was on a cruise, Banzai was her guardian.

After they left the Navy in 1968, they took a summer vacation, staying in a cabin on Duck Lake, MN while Howard searched for employment. When Howard accepted a job at Pratt & Whitney, they bought a home and moved to North Palm Beach, living there for several years. During this time, Lee worked as a bank teller at First Marine Bank in Riviera Beach.

They bought a home in the town of Jupiter and moved there. Lee was hired at Pratt & Whitney as a Cost Analyst on the J58/SR71 program. She enjoyed her work there and earned her Bachelor's Degree from Florida Atlantic University in March of 1979. After Banzai's passing, she decided on the Samoyed breed but was talked into buying a Siberian Husky. Lee became interested in showing dogs and joined the Jupiter-Tequesta Dog Club. Shortly after that, she found a Samoyed breeder in Florida and bought her first show dog. She became an excellent show person and showed him successfully for 4 years, earning 10 Best Breed Awards in the show ring and his Championship. She was an avid Samoyed person, never straying from this breed. In 1988, they built in Jupiter Farms, where she lived until she passed. She showed Samoyeds for 23 years, earning 69 Best of Breed Awards and 5 Working Group Awards. She put Champion titles on 4 of her dogs. She made many friends and enjoyed her membership in the Jupiter-Tequesta Dog Club, The Samoyed Fanciers of Central Florida and the Samoyed Club of America.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Hospice of the Palm Beaches.

The family will receive friends Thursday, June 2nd, from 2:00pm - 3:00pm at Taylor & Modeen Funeral Home, Jupiter FL. A Celebration of Life will be held at 3:00pm.

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

JUN 2. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Taylor & Modeen Funeral Home  
250 Center Street  
Jupiter, FL 33458  
(561) 744-2030  
<https://www.taylorandmodeenflorida.com>

## Celebration of Life

JUN 2. 3:00 PM (ET)

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Jupiter, FL 33458  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Landis Elwell*

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October 22, 2023 at 10:17 AM



“ *Howie, my sincerest condolences on Lee's passing. Lee was a good and dedicated person to work with while at Pratt Whitney and enjoyed the times we spent together. She is missed, may she Rest In Peace.*

*Art Bchakjian*

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