



## Jewel Lily Holt Morris

December 30, 1947 - March 18, 2020

Jewel Lily Holt Morris passed away on March 18th at 5:45PM of natural causes in her William's Island home in Aventura Florida. She was with her beloved husband Robert Morris and her treasured friend and House Manager, Omega Peru.

Jewel was born in Morristown Tennessee on December 30th 1947 to Belus Esau and Iva Mae Holt. After completing High school at age 16, Jewel received her Bachelor's degree from East Tennessee State University. She went on to obtain her MBA from the University of Tennessee.

Jewel began her professional career as a teacher in Clinton Tennessee, maintaining lasting relationships with her students for years to come. She later went on to work for Ginn Publishing and Xerox where her hard work and dedication propelled her to the top of the organization. After Jewel retired from her professional career she turned her focus to her passion for philanthropy and the love of animals.

Jewel started the Pet Philanthropy Circle, hosting numerous events to raise money for saving pets lives. She published cartoons that engaged viewers to "Adopt not Shop." She was active with Pet Fest, and a supporter and non-pilot volunteer with Pilots N Paws. She also started the Hampton's Pet magazine, hosted the Let's Talk About Animals show, and was the recipient for the

American Humane Association's Humanitarian Aid Award.

Jewel never met a stranger. Her magnetic personality drew people to her. She had an amazing ability to truly connect with each person she met. Her generosity was unparalleled. She could be in a sea of people, and somehow her sparkling blue eyes and thousand watt smile would find a way to touch the souls of all those around her. She loved and cherished her friends passionately.

She was preceded in death by her brother Ralph Elroy Holt, her late husband James A Fine, her father Belus Esau Holt, and her mother Iva Mae Holt.

She leaves behind her husband Robert K Morris, stepson David Morris, stepdaughter Jacqui Mandelbaum and her husband Eric Mandelbaum, step-grandsons Mathew and Craig Mandelbaum, her sister Petsy Rudacille, her nieces Lillian Rudacille and Susan Bell, her great nephews James Bell and John R. Bell, as well as the treasures of her heart, her rescue dogs Niki and Annie.

Due to the current state of the COVID-19 pandemic, we ask that friends and loved-ones honor our government's request to keep social distance. The family will be laying her to rest privately. Once the pandemic is over we invite you all to join us in a celebration of Jewel's life to be determined at a later date.

Jewel believed in the One God, of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. She would often write beautiful prayers as tributes of thanksgiving in her private worship. Jewel had a huge heart. She felt it was her purpose to advocate for those who had no voice of their own. The family asks that in leu of flowers that a donation be made in her honor to either the Church of God General

Conference [www.coggc.org](http://www.coggc.org) or Pet Philanthropy Circle <http://petcircle.org/benefactorsanddonations.html>

# Tribute Wall



“ I met Jewel when she was my camp counselor at Camp Mack in Indiana, I believe 1968 or 1969. She made a lasting impression on me and I have thought of her often through the years. I had never met anyone like her. She was a firecracker and a true Southern lady. She had sass and class and made all of us awkward teenagers feel special. I had always hoped that one day I'd get to see her again and tell her just how much she meant to me. I am so sad to hear of her passing and am not at all surprised by her philanthropy and generosity. She was the treasure that her name implied. Nisan (nee' Kathy) McLeod.

Nisan McLeod - April 22, 2020 at 09:37 PM



“ Jewel had a true greatness, graciousness, generosity, class and style. Our prayers and blessings are with the family, friends and animals of whom she held so dear.

Photo: Pet Philanthropy Circle, by Richard Lewin



Stas Rutkowski - March 23, 2020 at 05:56 PM

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“ Oh how I loved Jewel, we were baptism sisters baptized by my father together in a lake in North Carolina. I have carried the love of her in my heart all of these years even though separated. She was a top beloved friend in my childhood. My children and grandchildren have heard about her because of those special times. I am so sorry for your loss.

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**Gayle Ross** - March 21, 2020 at 07:04 PM

JB

“ I met Hewel when we both owned condos in the same building. When she married Bob, the love of her life, we stayed in touch. I looked after Nikki and Annie when Bob took her on romantic vacations. As everyone says, she was beautiful, inside and out. I mourn her and send my deepest sympathies to her beloved Bob. Rest In Peace, sweet Jewel.

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**janet Blackmore** - March 21, 2020 at 06:16 PM

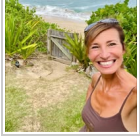
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“ I did not know Ms Jewel, but my family and her parents were friends from Luttrell Community in Loudon county. Her father was one of my teacher. I remember them talking to my Mom about their children and Jewel name for mention .... this was also my Mom infant sister who had died 1919 name. I can still see and heard Mr. Holt how he would tilt back and laugh. Memories are GODs comfort that he leaves for you to ease your lost.



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**Gary \$Juanita Johnston Cook** - March 21, 2020 at 06:09 PM



“ *Jewel was exactly that...a jewel. Her joy of life and kindness will be remembered by me and my kids always. Sending so much love from all of us Uncle Bob. Love, - Nicole, Colton and Quinn Apelian*

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**Nicole Apelian** - March 21, 2020 at 02:47 PM

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*What a Lady, Powerhouse, and friend.  
Hard to grasp that she is gone.  
Janice and I are so Lucky to have had her in our lives.  
Bob sure Loved her and was so Grateful for her Love every moment, of every day.  
Our Hearts truly ache.  
Bob Horton*

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**Bob Horton** - March 21, 2020 at 05:12 PM



*Jewel, I loved you with all my heart as I know you loved me in return. Sleep well my love..... my dear wife.*

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**Robert Morris** - April 20, 2020 at 04:27 PM

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*Jewel was the kindest person I've ever met and was as beautiful on the inside as she was on the outside. I'm truly going to miss her. We met at her home in The Hamptons during one of her Pet Circle events and I thought "what an amazing woman this is." She created a legacy of love and a passion for animals that will last forever.*

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**Denise Santoro** - April 30, 2020 at 09:01 AM