



## Janet Ann (Newsome) Abbott

November 11, 1945 - June 5, 2024

Janet Ann Newsome Abbott passed away at her home in Lexington on June 5, 2024. She was born in Thomasville on November 11, 1945 to the late William Frank Newsome and Susannah Matthews Newsome. She was a 1964 graduate of Thomasville High School. she went on to earn a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in 1969 and a Master of Fine Arts in 1975, both from UNC-G. She earned an associate's degree in accounting with high honors in 1995 from Davidson County Community College.

In the '70s she raised orchids and even cultivated a new orchid that she named after her great aunt Susan Finch. Janet spent eight years raising and milking Brown Swiss cows at her Finally a Farm in Climax. She volunteered with the Chair City Players using her talents to decorate and paint sets. Later, she became director for the Arts Council for Davidson County from 1988-1993. Her paintings of orchids and portraits of people from Thomasville and Lexington were cherished by those that owned them. She retired as a CPA in 2010 from Hanes Brands, Inc.

A sister and five nephews survive her: Laura Kennedy and Sherwood Kennedy both of Ennice, NC., Clay Kennedy and wife Madeline of Winston-Salem, Chaille Adkins and wife Whitney of Morganton, WV, Franklin Whitten and wife Leigh of Thomasville, NC, and Luke Whitten and partner Tobi Willoughby of Greensboro, NC.

She was a staunch supporter of the University of NC at Greensboro. Any memorials should go to the Arts Department of UNC-G.

A graveside memorial service will take place on July 18, 2024, at 11:00 AM, at Holly Hill Cemetery in Thomasville.

# Cemetery Details

## Holly Hill Memorial Park Cemetery

401 West Holly Hill Rd.  
Thomasville, NC 27360  
(336) 472-7455  
memorials@hollyhillcemetery.com  
<https://hollyhillcemetery.com/>

# Previous Events

## Graveside Memorial Service

JUL 18. 11:00 AM (ET)

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