



## Jeannine M. Blundell-Kennedy

May 17, 1965 - May 26, 2014

OBITUARY Jeannine M. Blundell-Kennedy, 49, entrepreneur chef and business woman, died peacefully at her home on Memorial Day, Monday May 26, 2014. Diagnosed with an aggressive advanced stage 4 sarcoma in September 2013, Jeannine took on an equally aggressive treatment strategy at Sloan Kettering Memorial Hospital in New York supported by Benedictine Hospital's Oncology Department in Kingston, NY. She fought a hard battle with multiple chemotherapy treatments and a resection, never giving up hope and her fighting spirit but alas, succumbed to this disease. Ms. Blundell married Patrick E. Kennedy, an insurance consultant in NYC on August 25, 2001 in Saugerties, NY. They resided in Kingston, NY. Jeannine was a corporate officer of Blundell Adjustment Company, based in a unique stone house built in 1698 located in the Stockade district of Uptown Kingston. A multi-generational independent adjusting company founded in 1966 by her parents Ken and Patricia Blundell of Saugerties, NY and now headed by her sister Judith Blundell. Jeannine and Patrick met in 1995 at an insurance conference on Cape Cod, MA. As their relationship blossomed and they eventually married, they've been recognized attendee's at numerous insurance events throughout the United States and Canada. Jeannine, who was born May 17, 1965, is the daughter of Kenneth G. Blundell and Patricia (nee Danaher) Blundell of Saugerties, NY, the sixth of seven children. She was close to her siblings and their families. Married into the Kennedy family with Patrick being number seven of eight children. While Jeannine and Patrick did not have any children of their own, they have 31 nephews and nieces ranging in age from 36 to 3 and 13 grand grandnephews and nieces and a few more expected to arrive shortly. Jeannine loved them all as if they were her own. Jeannine graduated from John A. Coleman High School in Kingston in 1983, attended the Culinary Institute of America and Ulster Community College. She had a passion for good food and cooking which led her to travel in the U.S. and Europe and to create "Jeannine Cuisine", catering to private parties in the Hudson Valley. She and her sister Patsy also developed a baking company called "Mama Don't Bake" selling specialty baked goods to local grocery stores. More importantly, Jeannine was the chef de cuisine at frequent, large family gatherings. Another avocation was gardening and flower arranging which Jeannine learned from her mother Patricia who has been a member of the Saugerties Society of Little Gardens since 1977. Jeannine

followed in her Mom's footsteps joining the Saugerties Garden Society in 2008, rising through the chairs and being appointed Vice President in 2013. Jeannine is survived by her parents; four older brothers, Ed, Ken Jr., John and Frank; and two sisters Judie and Patricia. Family will receive friends on Thursday, May 29, 2014 at Buono Funeral Service, Inc, 100 Main Street, Saugerties, NY 12477 between the hours of 2:00PM to 5:00PM and 7:00PM to 9:00PM. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Friday, May 30, 2014 at 1:00PM at St. Mary of the Snow Church in Saugerties, NY. In lieu of flowers the family asks that donations be made to: Saugerties Society of Little Gardens C/O Debi Conathan, Treasurer 330 Lotus Ave Saugerties, NY 12477 or Benedictine Health Foundation / OSP Chesed Fund C/O Elise Lark, LCSW Oncology Support Program 105 Mary's Avenue Kingston, NY 12401

# Comments

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“ "I Love You Aunt Jeannine"  
A heart-felt laugh that resonates,  
With joy and happiness.  
This, plus many more things  
Are the traits that you possess.  
Your smile, wide and genuine,  
Carries in the air with ease.  
A kindness like yours is palpable,  
Your beauty breathes.  
You've one of the most generous spirits,  
The world has ever seen.  
I'm so thankful for your love and light,  
I love you, Aunt Jeannine.  
All nieces and nephews, sister and brothers,  
And family in between...  
Are so lucky to be loved by you,  
And you are SO LOVED, Aunt Jeannine.  
xo  
Stacy Blundell

**Patrick E. Kennedy** - July 29, 2014 at 12:09 PM

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“ Death is nothing at all.  
I have only slipped away to the next room.  
I am I and you are you.  
Whatever we were to each other,  
That, we still are.

Call me by my old familiar name.  
Speak to me in the easy way  
which you always used.  
Put no difference into your tone.  
Wear no forced air of solemnity or sorrow.

Laugh as we always laughed  
at the little jokes we enjoyed together.  
Play, smile, think of me. Pray for me.  
Let my name be ever the household word  
that it always was.  
Let it be spoken without effect.  
Without the trace of a shadow on it.

Life means all that it ever meant.  
It is the same that it ever was.  
There is absolute unbroken continuity.  
Why should I be out of mind  
because I am out of sight?

I am but waiting for you.  
For an interval.  
Somewhere. Very near.  
Just around the corner.

by Henry Scott Holland

Patrick E Kennedy - July 22, 2014 at 05:50 PM

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“ Patrick(Kennedy Family) & Judie(Blundell Family)..I was just sent the announcement about Jeannine.It's been many years since we have had contact with Jeannine or Judie.I do recall the many fond memories of the years we worked together while I represented the Reis Group. Our work intoduced us but we became friends and enjoyed many happy times together including their attendance at my wedding 17 yrs ago. No words could truly convey the sadness that one feels for the loss of their dear loved one.Jeannine was an AMAZING woman with a loving & compassionate heart! .May all your life's memories together give you some peace & comfort through this very difficult time.With Deepest Sympathies&Much Warm Affection. Lenora

Lenora Mazzone-Schmecko - June 07, 2014 at 07:44 PM

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“ I just heard of Jeannine's passing from my mom and dad. I am so very sorry for your loss. I know I haven't seen Jeannine since just after HS but I have many wonderful memories of her. Jeannine was a wonderful person who was in every single memory I have of grade school....my thoughts and prayers are with you. Annie Beckert McC

Annie Beckert McClelland - June 03, 2014 at 09:03 AM

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“ God bless dear Jeannine and may He watch over my brother Patrick during this time of deepest sorrow.  
Love you Patrick  
Frank

Frank Kennedy - May 31, 2014 at 07:19 PM

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“ Dear Patrick,  
  
So sorry for your loss. We are so glad we had the opportunity to meet your wife at our wedding - she was truly a beautiful person. Please accept our sincerest condolences. We will continue to keep you in our thoughts and prayers as you navigate through these difficult times. Hope to see you soon!

Tom and Lucy Frangella - May 31, 2014 at 11:31 AM

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“ Patrick: My thoughts and prayers have been with you and Jeannine during these past few months. She endured a great challenge, but I am sure with God's grace and your loving support, she lived surrounded with much hope and love. May God's grace continue to sustain you with strength and peace.  
With sympathy. fr. Tim Taugher

fr. **Tim Taugher** - May 30, 2014 at 07:54 PM

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“ Dear Patrick, Most sincere condolences are sent to you from Ronan, Niamh, Justin, and I. We feel so sad that you have lost your beautiful wife, Jeannine. We want you to know that we are here for you. God Bless. Love, Maryanne Mulvey

**Maryanne Mulvey** - May 30, 2014 at 05:13 PM

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“ Patrick, Judie and family: we were so sorry to hear of J9 passing and are still in shock as we didn't know she had been sick. Our fondest memory was of course ice fishing with PK and J9 +10 years ago....what fun we had shopping while the guys froze their butts off! Watch over us Jeannine and we shall meet again at a shopping center of your choice in heaven! Love, Kathi & Mike

**Kathi & Mike Cook** - May 30, 2014 at 11:39 AM

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“ To all the Kennedys and Blundells-  
I send my deepest condolences  
on the loss of your loved one-  
Sincerely-  
Steve Wood-

**Steve Wood** - May 30, 2014 at 09:59 AM

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“ I'm really going to miss you, Aunt Jeannine. I always admired your kindness...you constantly complimented others, and now it's time to compliment you. I will cherish the happy memories that we shared forever. Thank you for being you - you inspired everyone to be more like the beautiful and loving person that you were. Heaven received a very special angel. Love you always!

**Patty Verdino** - May 29, 2014 at 07:48 PM

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“ Patrick,  
We are so sad for you and Jeannine's/your family. We feel honored to have met Jeannine. She was definitely a special person. You are in our thoughts and prayers during this sad time.

**Mike and Tammy Maley** - May 29, 2014 at 04:42 PM

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“ To Joann & the Kennedy family, my sincere condolences for your loss. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers. Sherry Irizarry (IFF)

**Sherry Irizarry** - May 29, 2014 at 08:27 AM

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“ Patrick,  
You know how we felt about Jeannine...what a wonderful, beautiful and fun loving person. She always had a ready smile and joined in all the fun things we did at the Blue Goose. We hope you can stay surrounded with caring people in your grief. You & Jeannine will always be in our thoughts and hearts.

**John & Marge Cusack** - May 28, 2014 at 05:08 PM

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“ Love you, Aunt Jeannine - you were one of the sweetest, most gentle people I've ever known. You always had a kind word for everyone, and I am going to miss your beautiful smile. Last week I saw two of the most vibrant rainbows breaking through dark storm clouds... I have a feeling God was letting me know He has a special place in Heaven for those as good as you.

xxoo

From your niece, with love.

Annie Verdino - May 28, 2014 at 03:38 PM

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“ To Patrick & the Blundell Family

Our whole family grieves for your loss. Jeannine will be sorely missed by all her loving family & friends.

We spent a few days 2 years ago in Wildwood NJ with J9 & all the Kennedy's at one of their famous family gatherings. Jackie R said as we were driving home "Boy Jeannine is a real nice person! I sure wish we lived closer". Jeannine had that kind of personality, she grew on you like one of her beautiful flowers.

God Bless Jeannine, we will meet again down the road & she can show us that Beautiful Garden.

Love The Ruggieri's

The Ruggieri's - May 28, 2014 at 03:30 PM

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“ Dearest Patrick, I am so sorry to hear that your beloved wife has passed. My prayers and thoughts are with you and her family. After reading about all the things in which she was involved, I wish I had known her. I know you will miss her terribly, but always know she is with you in your heart and in your memories.

Take care,

Julia

Julia Williams - May 28, 2014 at 02:40 PM

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Sweet Jeannine,

The beauty of these past few spring days remind me of your gentleness, and inspired me to write a poem. Enjoy your beautiful garden until we meet again.

Love,

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LIKE JEANNINE:

Tread gently

Like Jeannine.

She tends forever flowers with delicate blooms.

We are heavy footed earthlings

Stomping the ground,

Looking around

For the path home that Jeannie found.

Tread gently

Like Jeannine.

Speak softly

Like Jeannine.

She nourishes the hearts of flowers with empathy.

We make loud boisterous sounds,

Arguing aloud

With words that miss

The beauty of life and heavenly bliss.

Speak softly

Like Jeannine.

Love sweetly

Like Jeanine.

She smiles like the sun through a cloud.

Don't shed tears of despair. Don't forget she's still there

In the gentle spring wind, sunshine, flowers and rain.

She laughs with no pain,

And waves us back home to the garden again.

Love sweetly

Like Jeannine.

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“ I cannot imagine my brother Patrick without Jeannine. I will be praying for you that God gives you the strength to persevere through this coming difficult time. You can find strength in knowing that Jeannine is embraced by our creator and is free of all pain. If time permits come and visit your West Virginia Family. You will find solace here. Love always, Tom

Tom Kennedy - May 28, 2014 at 02:02 PM

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“ To Patrick, to Judie, and to all Jeannine's family and friends, We extend our deepest condolences today for the passing of a beautiful, kind, energetic, loving woman and friend. We hope that love and wonderful memories will surround each of you in the coming days, weeks and years to comfort you. We will always remember Jeannine with her gorgeous smile greeting us at Blue Goose events. She always had a great story about family, friends, and especially fantastic stories about Patrick!! It was a gift knowing her, if only for a short while. Our love and prayers go out to all. Love, Mike Wendy Kayla and Justin Hubbard

Wendy & Mike Hubbard - May 28, 2014 at 01:42 PM

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“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the Blundell and Kennedy families at this time.

With our deepest sympathies,

Rich Gilbert, Joan Maxwell, Cesar Godoy, Chris Van Wagoner, Jane Dysinger and Loretta McGahran

Westfair Restoration Services Inc - May 28, 2014 at 12:51 PM

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“ Patrick,  
We are so very, very sorry. Jeannine will be greatly missed and our neighborhood will not be the same without her. She was a wonderful person, always cheerful and adding a bright spot to the day while walking your sweet rescued dog. We are just a few doors down, please know we are here for you day or night.  
Andi & Tony

Andi & Tony Levin - May 28, 2014 at 10:01 AM

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“ Aunt Jeannine,  
A beautiful life taken way too soon but you will forever be alive in the hearts of the loved ones you left behind, and man are there a lot! Rest peacefully Auntie! Enjoy that beautiful garden in Heaven and I hope the food and drinks are as good as you made them!! I'll miss you always and I'll cherish all my memories I have of you.  
Watch over us all.  
Love Katie.

**Katie Blundell** - May 28, 2014 at 08:40 AM

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“ My fondest memory of J9 will always be her cooking dinner for all of us while on vacation in the outer banks. It was great being around her energy as she bustled around the kitchen. My that woman could cook!

I will always have a little bit of J9 here in Ohio. You see years ago she gave me a planting from her Mom's Pussy Willow tree. Well since then that tree has grown well here in Ohio. Jeannine I have given plantings of that tree to many others always telling them where it came from so your memory will always live on. Rest in peace you sweet girl.

**Joe Kennedy** - May 28, 2014 at 08:29 AM

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“ Patrick,

My thoughts and prayers are with you and your entire family. I know all to well what your are feeling and thinking right now, there is never enough time to spend with someone you love. Yes, be comforted by the fact that her pain and suffering is gone but your memories will be with you forever.  
My Brother, I am so sorry that I am not able to be with you at this time, but know that my heart is aching as you grieve for Jeannine.

Don

**Donald M. Knoll** - May 28, 2014 at 08:11 AM

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## “ A Note to My Wife

Jeannine, as I repeatedly told you throughout our relationship and marriage;

"You are the best thing to ever happen to me."

I will sorely miss you by my side as my partner, my wife, my best friend, but I gladly release you from this life to end your suffering and torment wrought by cancer.

You are the bravest, courageous and most compassionate person I have ever known.

I know you will always be with me, part of me and for that I am truly grateful. I love you Jeannine. May God bless you & keep you safe until we meet again.

My Love Always,

Patrick. xxxo

**Patrick E Kennedy** - May 27, 2014 at 06:14 PM

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“ Jeannine, you were taken from us far too soon. Your warmth and love could light up a room. I will never forget the first time I met you. Looking at you, my brother's eyes reflected all the joy and happiness you gave him. You were his world, and you made all of our worlds better for being a part of our lives. Save room for us at the Lord's table in heaven. We will see you later. Love, Joanne

**Joanne Kennedy** - May 27, 2014 at 06:13 PM