



Jeanne Marie Cratin

March 11, 1962 - September 27, 2023

Jeanne Marie Cratin passed away peacefully on September 27, 2023, after a long, difficult fight with cancer. She was the oldest daughter of John and Rebecca Cratin. She is survived by her partner of 20 years, David Genther; her sister and brother-in-law, Jacqueline and Paul Smith; her brother, John Cratin; and her sister and brother-in-law, Suzanne and John Alexander. In addition, she adored her nieces and nephews: PK Smith and partner Michael Brigoli; Hannah Stewart, husband Stephen Stewart, and daughter Teagan Stewart; and Cameron and Henri Alexander.

Jeanne was the consummate friend to anyone fortunate enough to call her one. The first to deliver a meal or help in time of need, Jeanne was tireless in supporting those she loved. Her family, cousins, and those around her often referred to her as one of the kindest, caring people they have ever encountered. Jeanne was known for her beautiful smile and her sincere interest in others. She was the type of person who asked how you were, listened to the answer, and carried your burdens with you.

Jeanne was the ultimate gourmet, always up on the latest cooking trends and mastering each one. If one called her at any point in the day, she was in the kitchen making food for someone or trying a new dish. David called her the queen of pie, and her baked goods were beyond compare. She subscribed to America's Test Kitchen and Cook's Illustrated and had every hard copy of

Gourmet magazine ever published.

Jeanne had an encyclopedic knowledge of food, cooking, gardening, movies, literature, and art. In her spare time, she visited every art museum in Philadelphia and Manhattan and brought along anyone she could to share what she considered a most aesthetic experience. If one called her to tell her about something read in *The New Yorker*, *The Atlantic*, or *Vanity Fair*, she had already read it and was eager to chat about it.

Jeanne loved the theatre. In her college days, she lived in Drama house at the University of Rochester and acted in plays with Lance Reddick and attended acting workshops with Glenda Jackson. She loved to attend all forms of theater, dance, and music, and participated in swing dancing classes whenever she could.

Jeanne loved the beach, especially Cape Cod. She was given the gift of watching a sunset on the beach through FaceTime in the days before her passing. In Maya Angelou's 2008 book, *Letter to My Daughter*, she describes the enduring impact of a compassionate and generous spirit as: A great soul serves everyone all the time. A great soul never dies. It brings us together again and again. In honor of Jeanne's generous spirit, the family suggests that you donate to a charity of your choice in her name.

A memorial service will be held on October 28, 2023 at 11:00AM preceded by an interment at 10:30AM at Plymouth Friends Quaker Meeting, 2150 Butler Pike, Plymouth Meeting, PA 19462. All are welcome.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

OCT **28**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Plymouth Friends Quaker Meeting
2150 Butler Pike
Plymouth Meeting, PA 19462

Tribute Wall

LA

“ I've lived across the street from Jeanne and David for years and have such good memories of interactions with Jeanne. I was walking past their house one day just a few weeks before she died and she was sitting in the car talking with David. I asked how she was doing and she was so upbeat and hopeful that I imagined that soon I would hear that she was fully recovered. So it was all the more shocking and sad when instead I learned that she had died. Here's to the strong, brave woman she always was. May she rest in the peace she has earned.

Cindy

Lucinda Avery Ayers - October 21, 2023 at 01:25 PM

MC

“ Jeanne Marie always had the biggest smile on her face as she saw you. Always wanted to know how you were doing, it was never about her. Jeanne Marie was truly kind and caring person. We will all miss you Jeanne Marie.

Mark Cratin - October 17, 2023 at 06:57 PM

JR

“ We always found Jeanne intelligent, sweet and kind, and looked for the warmth she brought all the time at gatherings at her parents home.

Nancy and Joe

Joseph Ruane - October 12, 2023 at 10:14 PM

CH

“ *Chrissy lit a candle in memory of Jeanne Marie Cratin*



chrissy - October 06, 2023 at 01:16 PM

BE

“ *Jeanne was the one who initiated the long lasting friendship between our two families when she crossed the ocean to live with us in Brussels. I was just a child, but I remember her large, open smile, her coolness when a fire started in our apartment at the see and how she called for help without panicking. She was a sweet, warm person. May she rest in peace.*

Benoit - October 06, 2023 at 11:01 AM

LR

“ *Jeanne and I went out to the far northeast one wintry day.. to attend a dinner group she had organized. I believe there were twelve of us at a Russian restaurant.... When we parked behind the restaurant there was a lot of wonderful, crunchy snow to walk through.. We laughed and said it was the frozen tundra.*

lisa rubens - October 05, 2023 at 10:25 AM

BS

“ I was a fellow gardner with Jeanne for many years. My fondest memory is when I went with her to a garden nursery quite a distaance from Queen Village in Montgomery County. Our mission was to choose many different varieties of flower and vvegetable plants in preparation for our community garden plant sale. I was so impressed with her knowledge of names of most all of the plants. It was a learning field trip for me and a lot of fun being with Jeanne. Sending condolences to David and her family. Barbara Seiple

Barbara Seiple - October 03, 2023 at 04:08 PM

AF

“ Jeannie started the friendship between our 2 families by crossing the Atlantic with a little help for your uncle Gerry. It never ended, I have great memories of her from back in the 70/80 when she came, and more recently we exchanged and I was impressed by her wise and courageous state of mind. The whole Cratin family is dear to my heart... so I sent you all condolences and lots of love in those existential transition moments. Big warm hug. JF Abeloos

Abeloos Jena François - October 03, 2023 at 05:36 AM



“ I remember when she came to Belgium (a long time ago)to learn french. We used to share the same room. Every morning she would wake up at 5:30 to do her jogging before going to school. I was amazed by her courage, determination and braveness to run in the dark and also in the cold. But that's the way she was: determined. She also taught me how to bake chocolate chips cookies. She was good at it! Thanks to her, I uncovered that you can use carrots to bake a cake and it was delicious. A nice, sweet person but also courageous and determined. May she rest in peace.

Anne Claire Abeloos - October 01, 2023 at 04:35 PM

EU

“ *Jeanne is just a sweet soul. My fondest memory or should I say funniest is when we were in a barn in Littlestown and hornets came out of nowhere and Jeanne took a tumble out of the hayloft.*

She bounced a little and then we panicked as we were told not to be in there. But in her stride we (assorted cousins) did have a giggle.


The world is a little darker today without her here. She will be missed.

Cousin Genie

Eugenia - September 30, 2023 at 06:50 PM

PY

Good Afternoon,

Our deepest sympathy go out to Suzanne & Family. Prayers, Peace and Love to you all during this difficult time. God has welcomed home another Angel. R.I.H.P. Jeanie 

*God Bless,
Deacon Joe & Patricia Younge (Rajant Co-worker)*

Patricia Younge - October 18, 2023 at 12:29 PM