



Jeanne Madigan Pelkey

July 3, 2022

Jeanne Madigan Pelkey, died Sunday, July 3, at Hospice of Union County just outside of Charlotte, N.C. She spent the last few days of her life surrounded by and feeling an extreme amount of love from her husband Roy, her three boys William, Tyler and Luke, her three brothers Mark, Tom and Chris, other immediate family and friends.

Jeanne's extraordinary faith and warrior spirit never wavered over the course of her two-year battle fighting Ovarian Cancer. Her strength continued to show until she was welcomed into heaven with her new wings as the sun rose over Charlotte this past Sunday morning.

Her hands were an extension of God's as she spent almost four decades working as a nurse, including over 25 years as a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist in various hospitals throughout North Carolina, primarily in Charlotte. Jeanne effortlessly placed the well-being of others first, and combined with her determination, allowed her to help thousands of people throughout an incredibly successful career.

Jeanne's most successful career, however, was that of a wife, mother, daughter and sister. Her love of her family was stubborn, strong and undeterred. She was the ultimate caregiver.

Born on February 22, 1964, she is survived by her husband Roy and sons William, Tyler and Luke Pelkey of Waxhaw, N.C., mother Mary Kay Madigan Ledue (Waxhaw, N.C.), brothers Mark (Waterford, Va.), Tom (Huntersville, N.C.) and Chris Madigan (New York, N.Y.), sister-in-law Maria, nieces Anna and Jacy, and nephews Eric, Ryan, Jack and Kyle Madigan.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that donations be made in Jeanne's name to the Clarity Foundation, San Diego, CA, www.clarityfoundation.org/donate; or, The Gift of Adoption of the Carolinas, www.giftofadoption.org/chapter-donations/carolinas-chapter-donation

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at St. Matthew Catholic Church (8015 Ballantyne Commons Pkwy., Charlotte, NC 28277) on Tuesday, July 12 beginning at 10:45 a.m. A visitation window will begin at 10:30.

An online guestbook is available at www.heritagecares.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 12. 10:30 AM - 10:45 AM (ET)

St. Matthew Catholic Church
8015 Ballantyne Commons Pkwy
Charlotte, NC 28277

Funeral Mass

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Tribute Wall

SH

“ Dear Mary Kay. You may not remember me, but I grew up on Hospital Place around the corner from the Scanlins. I am so sorry to read about your daughter. She was a beautiful woman. Please accept my condolences.
Susan (Lacey) Hoffman

Susan Hoffman - July 27 at 01:37 PM

DM

“ Dear Roy and family, Jeanne was our neighbor from junior high thru her college graduation. She and her whole family were wonderful neighbors and we have many fond memories. We did have the privilege of attending your wedding. Jeanne's parents lived across the road from our youngest son in Florida for a time and Chris and our son Jeff lived together for a time and remain firm friends. Our sincere sympathy to you and your sons. Shorter than one could wish for her, however we hope as time passes the many incredible memories will be with you.
Sincerely, Chuck and Diane Marvin

Diane Marvin - July 14 at 02:56 PM

MR

“ Although it's been so many years since seeing Jeanne - it seems like yesterday. So many funny and good memories made during high school years. Lots of family moments around the big Madigan kitchen table where Jeanne's quick wit made the night! Jeanne's big eyes and beautiful, infectious smile will forever be in my memory. For sure a choir of angels came to greet Jeanne. Hugs to all.
Mary Regan Robbins

Mary Regan Robbins - July 12 at 10:54 PM

KR

“ Our family met the Pelkeys many years ago at Saint Matthews, as our children were in the same faith formation class! What a kind, loving and beautiful family they are. I also realized that Jeanne was also a CRNA and had the honor of working with her the times she came to CMC Main. She always had a smile and made everyone around her feel like the most special person in the world. May her spirit run high as she is set free from the pain of her body. We will miss her and her Anesthesia family will continue to keep her caring legacy going forward.

Kimberly Rybak - July 11 at 08:53 PM

TJ

“ I only met Jeanne 2 times, and only for a few minutes. This is hard to explain but Jeanne impacted me on both occasions. The first time I met Jeanne was at a movie theatre where I was dropping off my kids for Luke’s birthday party. Jeanne was wearing a “I am having a bad hair day” hat on top of what I could tell was a bald head. I told Jeanne with a smile I liked her hat and that my mother was battling Stage 4 inoperable cancer. We spoke only a few words, but I was absolutely moved by her class. She was strong and beautiful and confident with a positive glow. I walked back to my car feeling lifted and better about everything around me. The second time I met Jeanne I was again picking up my kids from a backyard birthday/splash party at her home. We spoke for a while and I enjoyed every minute of our conversation, including a lengthy discussion about family and cockapoos. I sit looking back at that conversation now, wondering what she knew about her future and how tired she must have been, unable to wrap my head around her strength.

Please know your Jeanne was something beyond special. I have never typed comments in one of these, and I may never again, but she impacted me in a surreal way. I know it sounds hokey, but she seemed almost like an angel in those moments. She was calm and comforting and glowing. Just speaking with her made me feel like everything was going to be okay with my own mother. Add all this to my wife telling me today that our kids have always said she was their “all-time favorite mom” and we are just broken thinking of your family. We feel fortunate to have ever met Jeanne and are terribly sorry for your loss, but please know she was a truly memorable and remarkable person.

The Jordans - July 11 at 06:33 PM

CG

“ Oh my gosh. Where do I begin. I knew Jeanne in Anesthesia school. She was the coolest and funniest student. Quiet and reserved at times and then all of a sudden, something hilarious came out of her mouth. She was so pretty with her long hair and big eyes. You couldn't help but be envious of her beauty. But we all loved her.



CJ Gray - July 11 at 02:52 PM

LN

“ *Jeanne and I met in 1986 working as newly minted nurses at Duke. Though our lives unfolded at different stages and places, we maintained a close relationship throughout the past 36 years. Jeanne exuded strength, resilience, determination, and a deep faith in God. She leaves an incredible legacy. May you now rest easy my beautiful friend.*



Louise Nobles - July 10 at 10:48 AM

TS

“ *Jeanne will always be my beloved friend, special for her faith, love of family, especially her 4 boys, her quick wit, intelligence and of course her beauty. Her beauty obviously was so much more than skin deep. Jeanne was one if a kind. There is a big hole in many lives but the tenacity she showed for so long was amazing...and now we have an angel!! Jeanne you touched my life in so many ways and I'll always remember you, hug John for me and cheers til we meet again my sweet friend...*



Tammy Somerville - July 09 at 09:07 PM