



Jeanne Patricia Learman

July 9, 1944 - December 27, 2017

Jeanne Patricia Buckley Learman, 73, lived an uncommonly purpose-driven and meaningful life, a life of selfless service, generosity of spirit, a tireless work ethic, loving dedication to family and friends, and a seemingly endless supply of energy for fun, all with a twinkle in her smiling Irish eyes. She died peacefully on Wednesday, December 27, 2017, surrounded by her loving family, after a long and determined, well-fought battle with cancer.

Jeanne was born July 9, 1944, in Detroit, Michigan, to James Claire Buckley and Mary Loretta (Ryan) Buckley, the second of their ten children. She graduated from Merrill High School and earned her RN from St. Mary's School of Nursing in Saginaw, then attended Mount Carmel Mercy Hospital School of Anesthesiology in Detroit to become a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist, graduating in 1967. She also later earned a Bachelor's degree in Healthcare and Education from Ottawa University, and a Masters of Science in Anesthesia from Mercy College of Detroit.

In 1966 Jeanne met the love of her life, Joseph Stanley Learman. They were married on April 20, 1968, eventually establishing their home in Saline in 1972 where they raised their three children - Stan, Steve, and Audrey.

Jeanne was a compassionate health care provider and educator who had a long and fulfilling career including managing her own business, Saline

Anesthesia Associates. She provided overall management of anesthesia services at several community hospitals, including 13 years at Saline Community Hospital, and served as a staff anesthetist at multiple hospitals including most recently at Mercy and Memorial Hospitals in Monroe. She authored Anesthesia textbook chapters, lectured and planned programs for continuing education, and served as an instructor for the American Heart Association and American Red Cross. An engaged advocate for her profession, she served on the board of directors of many professional associations including the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists, and served as President of the Michigan Association of Nurse Anesthetists. A mentor to many, she freely shared her knowledge and enthusiasm with those looking to enter the field.

Jeanne's advocacy and service to others extended well beyond her career. Actively involved for over 40 years with The Ozone House, a center to help at-risk and homeless youth, she and Joe provided short-term foster care for 80 kids, founded their Education Fund, and hosted parties to raise funds and awareness. Most recently, in her retirement, Jeanne found it deeply rewarding to serve as an Ozone House crisis line volunteer. She was also a dedicated supporter of Habitat for Humanity, sponsoring an entire home and providing weeks of sweat equity in getting it built. In addition she served on the Board of Directors of the United Way of Saline, and canvassed for various state and local candidates who supported affordable and accessible health care and education, women's rights, and other underserved populations, particularly poor and homeless children. She was always willing to open her home and her heart to family or friends in need.

Be it a small impromptu get together, a tennis team, a golf league, a big party, a bridge group, a family reunion, or a trip, Jeanne was always ready to take the reins to bring family and friends together. Jeanne and Joe loved to golf

and shared a lot of wonderful times with their children, grandchildren, and friends on the golf course. If she wasn't playing golf then you might find her playing tennis, bicycling, playing bridge, kayaking, polka dancing, riding a pontoon boat or any other adventure she could find. More than anything she loved to incorporate all of her activities, thirst for adventure, and time spent with family and friends into her travels all over the world.

In addition to her husband Joe, Jeanne is survived by her children Stanley Learman and his wife Linda, Stephen Learman and his wife Marta, and Audrey and her husband Thomas, all of Saline. She was also an important influence in the lives of her grandchildren Nicole Margeson and her husband Matthew, Joseph Learman, Colin Learman, Emily Learman, Connor Learman, Mitchell Manninen, Landon Shell, Ethan Shell, and great-granddaughter Helena Margeson. She is survived by her siblings Thomas Buckley, Ronald Buckley, Patricia Johnston, James Buckley, Gregory Buckley, Gary Buckley, Margaret Buckley, Mary Going, and Brian Buckley, as well as many in-laws, nieces and nephews.

Contributions honoring Jeanne may be made to one of her favorite charities The Ozone House, 1705 Washtenaw Avenue, Ann Arbor, MI 48104 or Habitat for Humanity of Huron Valley, 170 Aprill Drive, Suite A, Ann Arbor, MI 48103.

An Open House Celebration of Jeanne's Life will be held on Saturday, April 21, 2018 at Travis Pointe Country Club in Ann Arbor from 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. To sign Jeanne's guestbook, to leave a memory, or for more information or directions, please visit www.rbfhsaline.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Gathering

APR **21**. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Travis Pointe Country Club
2829 Travis Pointe
Ann Arbor, MI 48108

Tribute Wall



“ *Jeanne Patricia Learman*

October 23, 2023 at 01:07 PM



“ *I met Jeanne in the mid-1990's during nurse anesthesia training when she presented and answered questions for our class re. rural anesthesia care. This inspired me to work for her at many sites (including the hospital I was born in-- Thorn in Hudson). She taught me so much, in and out of the hospital. My inspiration to help those less fortunate was reinforced by her years of generosity and self-sacrifice. Her deep commitment to the CRNA profession and to improving patient care will always be driving forces in my career. Jeanne will be deeply missed, but never forgotten. Slainte!*

Mary Neff - March 11, 2018 at 08:46 AM



“ *We enjoyed a lot of fun times playing couples bridge.*

Carlene Foster - January 20, 2018 at 02:08 PM



“ *Jeanne will always be remembered by me as a colleague, friend and mentor. She was always generous with her time and her expertise in the business of anesthesia. She will be sorely missed by me and so many others. I'm very sorry for your loss. I will always remember Jeanne's beautiful smile and enthusiasm for each project she tackled.*

Melanie McNicholas

Melanie McNicholas - January 07, 2018 at 02:31 PM

KI

“ *What a beautiful write up of Jeanne. She was such an amazing person and touched so many lives of so many of us. She will always be remembered with having a smile on her face. I am heartbroken she has passed but she obviously gave cancer a major battle due to her fierce determination. Love to you Joe and to the rest of the family. I think of you all often. Love, Kim Piccini*

kim - January 04, 2018 at 04:21 PM

KM

“ *I am a nurse anesthetist. I will always remember Jeanne as a giver to our community of CRNAs: mentor, instructor, leader, role model. Our community lost a mighty force.*

Kathleen McNelis - January 03, 2018 at 11:24 AM

NE

“ *I had the opportunity to play golf with your mother a couple times over the years. She was a lovely person. I am so sad to hear of her passing. I'm sorry for your loss. May good memories of her sustain you. Nancy Epstein*

nancy epstein - January 02, 2018 at 09:26 PM

BF

“ Joe and Family, you have our deepest sympathy in your loss of Jeanne, Wife, Mother, Grandmother, and Great Grandmother. She is a shining Star. You are in our prayers.

We were very close as cousins as we were growing up in the country in the Merrill area.

We will be there April 21st for the celebration of her life.

Barb and Bill Fleming

Bill Fleming - January 01, 2018 at 07:39 PM

“ You have all captured Jeanne's spirit just as she was!

I met Jeanne in 1962 when we were classmates at St. Mary's School of Nursing in Saginaw, MI.

Her Gramma Buckley lived within walking distance from the school so sometimes after class we would walk there for a home cooked meal. Gramma had the most beautiful long white hair that she braided and piled on the top of her head. I still remember. I've never seen another head of hair like hers. Jeanne adored Gramma Buckley. They were a great card playing team!

After graduation we moved to Detroit where Jeanne studied "anesthesia". We had many roommates in our upstairs flat; one of whom was Jane, a lifetime friend of mine and Jeanne's future sister-in-law. Jane married Harv, Jeanne married Joe.

Jeanne was a girl of many talents including being a seamstress. She made and designed her wedding dress as well as the dresses of the attendants. At the wedding reception, I was eternally grateful that the back panel on my dress was removable once I discovered it dipped into the commode!!

She lived her life to the fullest with the philosophy that we need to "pay it forward". Why do I say that? Her local family physician from Merrill, I recall his name being Dr. Gilmore, paid for Jeanne's nursing education at St. Mary's.

What a perceptive man! He recognized a young girl with many attributes, enthusiasm and talents who would help many, many people in this world.

We kept in touch over the years. Most recently, Jeanne visited me in November.

She told me about the plans to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary in April.

Yes Jeanne, I plan on being their to celebrate you, Joe and your life together.

*Pauline Browne
Wilmington, DE*

Pauline Browne - January 01, 2018 at 01:03 PM

SR

“ *My husband Steve and I met Jeanne over 25 years ago when we both worked for her husband Joe. Beautiful woman always with a smile on her face. Our prayers are with her family.*

Steve & Cheri Richmond - January 01, 2018 at 10:39 AM

LA

“ *Jeanne was one of the most compassionate people I've ever had the privilege of knowing. She opened her home and heart to me when I was going through a challenging time in my life and showed, by example, the giving, caring person she was. Jeanne's vivacious spirit was infectious. She inspired and cheered me on to pursue my passions. I will forever be grateful to Jeanne for the impact she made on my life and will think of her often in my service to others.*

Laura - December 31, 2017 at 09:51 PM

PB

“ I whole heartedly agree with everything Everyone has said.

Jeanne and I met at St. Mary's Hospital School of Nursing in Saginaw, MI. Sometimes in the evening, after class, we would walk to "Gramma Buckley's " for dinner. Gramma had the longest most beautiful long,white hair that she braided and wore on the top of her head. She was a wonderful baker and Jeanne adored her.

Jeanne and I lived together in Detroit while she was "studying anesthesia". Jeanne met Joe during that time because Jane, her present sister-in-law, also lived in our upstairs flat in northwest Detroit .Jane married Harv. Jeanne married Joe. Jeanne made her wedding gown as well as the bridesmaid's gowns. I remember as the panel to my gown dipped into the commode! Thank goodness it was detachable!!

We maintained our friendship over the years and she most recently visited me this past November.

But the point I really want to make is that Jeanne lived her life to the fullest believing that you have the responsibility to "pay it forward". What do I mean? Her Merrill family physician, I recall his name as Dr. Gilmore, recognized her talents. He paid for her 3 year nursing tuition. What a man! What a girl!

*Pauline Browne
Wilmington, DE*

Pauline Browne - December 31, 2017 at 07:45 PM

RL

“ It was with great sadness reading Jeanne's obit. Joe, am sending prayers to you, your family and all of the Merrill Buckleys. Jeanne was always a kind and caring person including when we were young students at Sacred Heart and into our teen years at Merrill High School. There are so many fun memories growing up together, such as the Merrill Teen Dances. Jeanne's beautiful obit describes the young girl that I had the honor to call "Friend".
Sincerely, Rita (Mayan) Laberteaux

Rita (Mayan) Laberteaux - December 31, 2017 at 02:17 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Jeanne Patricia Learman.



December 31, 2017 at 07:33 AM

MB

“ We first met Jeanne at the bridge table and it was not long after that we learned what a multi-talented and caring person she is. I was always impressed by her business acumen and her service to the community. It was obvious that she really cared passionately. Her sparkling personality brought out the best in Joe. They were clearly a couple whose personalities complemented one another. She will be missed by those whose lives she touched.
Martha and Paul Bhatia

Martha Bhatia - December 30, 2017 at 08:22 PM

CJ

“ *Jeanne was such a special person in so many different ways! Years ago when I was a brand new golfer, she was so kind, patient and encouraging as she helped me with club selection, distance, chipping. etc. She and I went on some fun ski trips to Breckenridge & Vail, CO. We were both working long hours back then so we really enjoyed getting away. We would hit the slopes first thing in the morning and skied all day until we were exhausted. Jeanne was good at whatever she endeavored to do. I admired her dedication to her many leadership roles with the Travis Pointe Country Club Women’s Golf Association, Ozone House and Habitat for Humanity. Jeanne will be greatly missed. Sending warm thoughts and prayers to Joe, Audrey, Stan and Steve.*

Cindy & Rob Jones

Cindy Jones - December 30, 2017 at 02:27 PM

BF

“ *What a shock to hear that our dear Jeanne has passed from this life to the next. She will never actually be “gone” as she left so much of herself here. Her life will continue to shine in the legacy of her wonderful family and the effect she had on the lives of friends and strangers alike who benefitted from her boundless energy and generosity of spirit. Jeanne showed us all how to really live. Our prayers are with you Joe, Audrey, Steve, Stan and families. Love,*

Betsy & Dave French

Betsy French - December 30, 2017 at 12:41 PM

BB

“ *Jeanne, you will be sorely missed. What an incredible life you lived!
A beautiful lady, inside and out.*

Love,

Your friends from the Women's District Golf Association.

Barb Baughman - December 30, 2017 at 11:53 AM

JW

“ *My sympathy to Jeanne's family
She was wonderful to work with in saline community hospital
May she rest in peace.
Jean Wegner*

Jean Wegner - December 30, 2017 at 10:55 AM

PV

“ *Oh my goodness, I am very sad. She was a wonderful person . Very
sweet and kind to everyone. I know she had some health issues,
but seemed-I thought -to have them in check. She was a lovely lady.
My heart and ny thoughts are with Joe and the rest of her great
family.*

Phil Venables - December 29, 2017 at 11:48 PM

MM

“ Jeanne, You and your delightful smile, humor, and kindness will never be forgotten! I met Jeanne in 1966 through her cousin, Sr. Ann Fleming, RSM. (I believe they had the same grandfather Grandpa Patrick Ryan.) I was in need of a place to live and Jeanne and her roommates (all from the ‘Thumb’) welcomed me with open arms. What a fun time we all had together in that two bedroom upper flat. Jeanne was studying anesthesia at the time. I was always intrigued with how bright and focused she was. Unlike me, the oldest of only two siblings, Jeanne, the second oldest old 10, could study in the midst of the loudest parties. I always envisioned her early child experiences in a large family had prepared her with better powers of concentration than I was ever able to develop. Three of us all married within months of each other. Jeanne was making her own gown and brides maid dresses. I, on the other hand, made only the head pieces for my brides maids. Energy! That girl could run circles around most others our age. Joe, Stan, Steven, and Audrey, I pray that God’s angels wil enfold you and guide and care for you through this very difficult time. You are all in my thought and prayers, Mary Mittelstaedt

Mary Mittelstaedt - December 29, 2017 at 09:44 PM

PW

“ We’re so sad to hear that Jeanne lost the battle she fought so valiantly. What a special lady! Bet she’s already organizing events and planning parties in heaven. But she will be so missed here. Our hearts go out to Stan and the family.

Pat and Frank Whelan - December 29, 2017 at 04:58 PM

EH

“ So sad to hear the news of Jeanne's passing. I will always remember her as a confident, smiling, loving grandmother to the entire Learman family. We send our deepest condolences.

David and Elena Hesse

Elena Hesse - December 29, 2017 at 04:43 PM

SF

“ Both David and I graduated with Jeanne from Merrill High School in 1962. She and Joe were at our 55 year class reunion in September, and she was just as bubbly as ever. She and her cousin, Jerry Buckley, even volunteered to plan our 60th reunion. She always had such a positive attitude and a loving person. You will be missed deeply
Jeanne.

Sharon (Clark) Fleming - December 29, 2017 at 03:49 PM

MH

“ Joe, We are so sorry for your loss....We treasure our invites to your house to play cards!...Also memories of transportation to and from Ann Arbor in my convent days! Tom and Mary Jane



Mary Jane horner - December 29, 2017 at 03:34 PM

WB

“ We send our condolences. Jeanne was a beautiful person. Not only caring for others, but fun and competitive on the tennis court and golf course. She always made us feel welcome. We will miss her.

Walt and Nancy Byers - December 29, 2017 at 03:33 PM

CK

“ 1 file added to the album *Jeanne Patricia Learman Tribute Wall*



Corey & Kathy - December 29, 2017 at 01:24 PM

CB

“ 3 files added to the album *New Album Name*



Corey & Kathy Bakian - December 29, 2017 at 12:26 PM

RW

“ *Words never work very well at a time like this. We are deeply saddened by the loss and extend our deepest sympathies to you all. Know the entire family and extended family of Jeanne are in our prayers. God Bless.*

Wunderlichs

Richard C Wunderlich - December 28, 2017 at 07:24 PM



“ *Pink Potpourri Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jeanne Patricia Learman.*



December 28, 2017 at 04:07 PM

LR

“ *Lee And Sheila Reichenberger lit a candle in memory of Jeanne Patricia Learman*



Lee and Sheila Reichenberger - December 28, 2017 at 11:08 AM

DG

“ *Joe and Family,
I am so sorry for your great loss.
Jeanne was the most AMAZING lady I have ever had the pleasure
of knowing.
she will be missed.
Love,
Debi Grybas*

Debi Grybas - December 28, 2017 at 08:01 AM

SP

“ I pray that God has his arms wrapped tightly around all of you during these difficult days. Jeanne instilled so much “good” in all of us. I will never forget her zest for all that she did! Nor will I forget her never fading smile. She approached everything in such a positive way. I will never forget our fun Tennis trips to Arizona (although I think we all want to forget the one trip where we squeegeed more courts than we played) and all the happy hours and/or dinners after Tennis at Travis.

May you serve, slice, and poach with the angels now my dear friend.



sarah pinter - December 28, 2017 at 07:37 AM