**Margot Schneider**

When I was younger and lived in America I feel like I spent a lot more time with Ma Jeanne then I did in the last 10 years. She was a loving person, and an amazing cook. My fondest memories with Ma Jeanne would have to be in the kitchen. I love to cook and always have and maybe I got that from her, and I’d certainly be proud of it. Whenever we were together whether it was in Australia or in France we would cook something and talk about family recipes. I even remember making dinner with her in Australia where she taught me all the words for cooking utensils in French. I would call her up if I had a question about a recipe in her cookbook and she’d explain it to me and tell me where the recipe was from, i’m not sure how she remembered everything, I loved having those conversations, they will be something i’ll miss dearly. I will continue to cook from her book as a way to remember her and connect with her even though I will no longer be able to call her up and ask about the recipes. I will miss Ma Jeanne as we all will.

Sending love to everyone,

Margot

**Bennett Schneider**

I will always remember Ma Jeanne as being energetic beyond her years. Not only was she an avid traveller, she was extremely active wherever she happened to be. Whenever the family gathered at Lamothe, I was always struck with the level of effort Ma Jeanne put into making our stay special. This was most evident in her meals; she had everything planned days or weeks in advance, and spent lots of time in her kitchen and garden, and everything she put before us was always delicious; many a picture has been taken of Ma Jeanne’s table.

It is a rare thing for us, who are scattered all across the world, to all come together at one time and place, but two years ago we did, in celebration of Ma Jeanne and Beau Pa’s amazing 60-year marriage, at Lamothe; I treasure the memory of that time, because it was the last time we were all together, at one of my favourite places in the world. Returning to Lamothe again this year, it still felt like a home, even though Ma Jeanne and Beau Pa were unable to join us; they made it a special place for us, and it will remain so.

Ma Jeanne was extremely strong, thoughtful, and loving, and I will miss her very much.

**Gwenn Kilgor**

Dear Cathy, Don and all the family,

I was so saddened to hear of Jeanne's passing. I did not know that she had been having such a difficult time this past month. I was able to see her several months ago when she most generously gave me a copy of the "Freddie" book. She was happy, relaxed, and her usual buoyant self. In fact, she was planning to leave for France in just a few weeks, and I assumed she had done. I do hope she did make it for one last time.

Our paths crossed serendipitously several times, the latest being when I ran into her, not knowing she and Don were at Rossmoor, at our doctors' office. Our friendship was grounded in being sixties wives and mothers whose lives were focused on our families (I remember fondly our little Play School where Jeanne taught French then Art, and I music and story telling). But more than that we each, in our own way, reached out to the world beyond that as well. I treasure the pieces of her art I have in my home; she made an indelible impression giving a lecture about her art to my Women's Studies Class at West Valley College. She was a remarkable woman.

Please let me know if there is any way I can help at this very difficult time. I will be at the mass on Thursday. My love and heartfelt sympathy goes to all of you. I know what a monumental loss this is for you.

Hugs, Gwen Kilgour

**John Jenkel**

Dear Don , Cathy , and family ,

I was saddened to hear of Jeanne's recent passing.

Although it has been quite some time since I have seen your family , I still hold the memories of many dinners, barbecues , (seemingly endless ) cocktail parties , and long weekends at Tahoe with the Jenkel ,Snyder, and other families together. Jeanne always had a special presence about her . I remember trying to figure out who she really was, often seeking the answer in her artwork, much of which was hanging in the old Gassett, Perry, and Frank law office on North First Street in San Jose where I started my legal career. I can still picture the watercolor "Egg" series in the stairwell , as well as other paintings and collages with titles that absolutely perplexed me.

As all the families drifted in their own directions, I have thought often about yours, both in happy and in the more difficult times.

I think the last time that I saw all of you was the wedding at the San Jose Athletic Club. A happy time , and those are the images that I hold.

I wish you all strength and peace in this most difficult time. I will remember Jeanne fondly.

I regret that I am unable to attend the mass in Walnut Creek , but my sister Annie will be there, and will carry my the thoughts and wishes of our entire family with her .

With Condolences and Best Wishes,

John F. Jenkel

Vashon, WA.

**Mark Andersen**

Dear John and Family,

So sad to hear about Jeanne. A parent's death is something by which we measure our lives. Jeanne surrounds us every day. In our living room alone, we have eight of her works. When we are gone, all of Jeanne's wonderful art will go to our niece, and she will know the story behind each piece.

About 20 years ago, when my Mum died, one of my mentors wrote to me:

No matter how deep the grief, no matter how inconsolable the loss, someone, sooner or later, has to ask, "What's for lunch?"

I think Jeanne would be asking about now, "So, what are you all planning on serving for my wake?"

I am sure you all will tell and hear funny stories about Jeanne at her service and at her wake.

Love,

Mark

**Jane Jacobs**

Hi John

Thanks so much for taking time out to let me know where you will be.

Although I did not spend a lot a time with your mom, over the years, through contact

stories or images, I developed a sense of her. Her vitality, strength, creative productivity,aesthetic sensibility

determination,independent spirit and high standards were evident even from afar. It seems these qualities

permeated so many aspects of her life. It is good you and yours will be gathering together with your Dad and each other.

Grizz and I are sending you love. I am working to see if there is a way to get out there for a few days after Rosh Hashana

(saturday). I'll let you know as soon as I've got the info. Please give your Dad and sibs my very deepest sympathy.

love, jane

**Bill Settle**

Dear John and Jill,

Stephanie and I are so very sorry to hear of the passing of Jeanne. I have so many clear and wonderful images of her from the time we were in High School. She was such a warm-hearted, caring and truly beautiful person and she made the lives of many people richer for knowing her. Certainly we both feel this in our lives.

It's so great that you had the opportunity to spend those three weeks with her in July. The family must be experiencing so many emotions right now. I'm sure the memorial will be a great and memorable experience for all. A time to say good-bye together is important, as I found out for both my parents. I have to say I don't feel any great and terrible distance from my folks. They are there every day in so many different ways, usually at quiet moments in the morning or evening. Wishing the same for you.

Please extend our most heartfelt and sincere condolences to Don and of course to Kathy, Martin, Fred and the rest of the family. We'll raise a toast to Jeanne and the entire family on Thursday.

Kindly let us know the address where the memorial will be held so that we can send flowers.

We're still in the US, now in Seattle with Kyra after being in Oregon for almost a month. We're scheduled to leave on Friday morning for Rome.

All our love to you and Jill,

Bill

**Stephanie Settle**

My dears, You, your family and all of your loved ones are so much in our thoughts and our prayers.

Just about a week ago I had a most vivid, beautiful and joyful dream about Jeanne. You all were in the dream with her, along with many others I had never met before. It was a vision vibrant in color, and rich with her warmth and humanness. It is unusual for me to have dreams of this sort, so strong and powerful that on waking it is hard to differentiate a dream from what we call "reality". Not surprising however, to have such a dream, as your mother will always be for me this vivid, beautiful, joyful, strong, powerful person. She just naturally carried these attributes and her virtues into my dreams, as she did in her life, and as I feel she so generously shared with all whom she encountered in this world.

We are there with you in spirit, and you and she are here in our hearts,

S

**Marthe Portal**

Cathy ,Don et TOUS.

Je craignais de recevoir ce message !

j’avais bien compris que cette maladie était trop dure malgré son énorme courage

Elle restera un exemple pour TOUS

Intelligence, Générosité , finesse , Talent et plus encore .

Ce jeudi 5 SEPTEMBRE JE SERAI EN UNION DE PRIERES AVEC VOUS

Merci de me dire quand aura lieu la célébration à Sainte Cécile du Cayrou.

Dans mon coeur je souhaite qu’elle a retrouvé ceux qu’Elle Aime

mais aussi Charles, Lucile Geneviève

je suis triste avec vous

et vous redis mon affection à TOUS

Marthe

**Pascal Couvry**

**From:** Pascal Couvry

**Sent:** Friday, August 30, 2013 9:55 AM  
**Subject:**

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A few words to tell her

Dear Mother in Love

J'aimais ton léger accent français quand tu parlais anglais

J'aimais ton léger accent américain quand tu parlais français

J'aimais ton envie de vivre

J'aimais ta générosité

Je n'aimais pas toutes tes peintures mais j'aimais toujours la passion que tu y mettais, les matières que tu mélangeais, les thèmes que tu y abordais, la façon dont tu en parlais.

J'aimais le tableau que tu avais installé dans le bureau de Don sur lequel tu avais collé une de tes nuisettes

J'aimais que ton vote neutralise le vote toujours républicain de Don

J'aimais la durée, l'équilibre et la complémentarité de votre couple

J'aimais ton amour de ta famille

J'aimais ton goût des autres, j'aimais ta curiosité

J'aimais la façon dont tu accommodais les avocats.

J'aimais ta cuisine bienveillante et toujours goutue

J'aimais tes maisons

J'aimais tes voisins de sainte Cécile, un peu moins celui de san José

J'aime tes fils, my américan brothers

J'aime ta fille

Je n'aime pas ne plus jamais entendre ta voix qui me réprimandait parfois et m'encourageait souvent

Tu es partie rejoindre ma mère, vous allez pouvoir reprendre vos conversations sur la famille, la place des femmes et peut être aussi les confitures.

Dis lui bien combien je vous aime, both of you..

Pascal

**Stephen Rosenberg**

Dear Cathy,

My sincere condolences on the loss of your mother.

During the occasions that we met and spent time together over

the years, she always impressed me a smart, sophisticated

and gracious woman. From my perspective, you were fortunate

to have her with you these many years.

Love,

Stephen

**Maggie Sabovich & Roger Karlsruh**

Oh Don....

We don't have words to express how terrible it is to lose Jeanne..She has always been such an inspiration to all of your children and family members and your friends throughout her life, and such a vibrant life force in her own right, that it is hard to imagine our lives without her.  You have both had such a wonderful rich life together, and it has been an absolute gift to Jeanne for all of your family to be able to be with Jeanne in this last year of her life.

Please know that our loving thoughts are with you and your family,

Maggie and Roger