



Jeanette Cordero

June 2, 1941 - August 2, 2023

Jeanette Cordero, daughter of Anne & Elbert Woods, was a sweet, dedicated woman full of faith. She was devoted to her husband of 53 years, Manuel Cordero, and her daughter, Cristina Cordero.

She will be remembered for her fantastic storytelling, well-written letters with impeccable spelling and grammar as well as her elaborate spreads of food at parties. Her laugh, generosity and kindness were infectious. Crafty in all the best ways, thorough and loved a good challenge!

The middle of three siblings, she was smart, funny and always reading. She applied her talents to her Executive Assistant role of over 20 years with Block Medical Center. Tirelessly researching and creating presentations used nationwide to further cancer care, she was forever a student and always eager to learn. Her career in various healthcare settings further illustrates her reverence for life and concern for others. Her work was described as demonstrating the highest standard of excellence and an extraordinary example of dedication.

In addition, she volunteered for a Hospice program for several years ensuring the compassionate and ethical care of the very ill, supportive care of patient's families and quality of life. To further support those efforts, she was a Eucharistic Minister for St. Gertrude's Church.

August 2, 2023 she passed away at home with family. She was loved and may now rest peacefully with her Creator.

Donations to Catholic Charities in her honor, an organization she proudly supported, are welcome.

To honor and celebrate this incredible woman, please join us for visitation (with refreshments) on Wednesday, August 9, 2023 from 5-8pm at Barr Funeral Home. A memorial mass will be held at St. Gertrude's Church Thursday, August 10, 2023 at 11am. She will be laid to rest at Rosehill Cemetery, Chicago, IL.

Cemetery Details

Rosehill Cemetery

5800 N Ravenswood Ave
Chicago, IL 60660
(773) 561-5940

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 9. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Barr Funeral Home
6222 N. Broadway
Chicago, IL 60660
(773) 743-4034
info@barrfuneralhome.com
<https://barrfuneralhome.com/>

Funeral Mass - Meet at Church

AUG 10. 11:00 AM (CT)

St Gertrude Catholic Church
1420 W Granville Ave
Chicago, IL 60660
(773) 764-3621

Tribute Wall



“ *Jeanette Cordero*

October 08, 2023 at 11:31 AM



“ *Treasured Memory - 8" x 7" Frame (Holds 4x6 Photo) was purchased for the family of Jeanette Cordero.*



August 10, 2023 at 12:11 AM



“ *Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Jeanette Cordero.*



August 08, 2023 at 03:37 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jeanette Cordero.*



August 08, 2023 at 03:32 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Jeanette Cordero.

August 08, 2023 at 03:32 PM



“ Jeanette was my everlasting friend. We shared laughter and complexity, as our Gemini personality always did, with enormous respect and not once being unloving toward each other. We supported each other while our kids were scared taking swimming lessons at the YMCA, or any of those activities, where we as moms ache seeing them scared and away from us. Her life was her family. I will never forget her beautiful Thanksgiving dinner where she taught me what that menu includes. She taught me how to prepare 2 of those entries that I still treasure. She knew what each of my kids liked and disliked, that for me was all I needed being away from all my loved ones in a foreign country. Our kids went to college and started their own lives but no one can erase the laughter we shared with your beautiful family, sailing away on the Agitator through those 4th of July celebrations and a heartwarming August “Cabbage patch” birthday party for my daughter. Thank you. We love you and our most sincere sympathy to the loves of your life, Manolo and Cristina. You are already missed. Love, Lucy

Lucy Composto - August 08, 2023 at 03:20 PM

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“ It would take weeks to share all of the many times Jeanette came to the rescue when a patient needed a letter of support or a shared moment of tenderness. As my executive assistant, she was always on top of everything that needed to be done, and would never let a day be completed without being sure all of our patient wishes, letters and needs were addressed. Our cancer clinic was always a bit brighter when Jeanette was with us. While time has passed since she retired, I have often thought fondly of Jeanette whenever my desk is overloaded and is a mess. I smile knowing she'd not allowed it to be. Coming back to my office after seeing morning patients, I always knew Jeanette had arrived by the order she brought to our clinic, my office and particularly my desk. She gave me two gifts over the years, both is which I have and continue to treasure. One was an ornamental glass ball mimicking a ship stabilizer, an apt example of what every cancer center needs to help balance patients and staff, and who Jeanette always tried to be throughout her precious life. And a clock with all the numbers bunched up, making it near impossible to tell the time. It had the word “Whatever..” emblazoned across the clock's face! I have to laugh whenever my inability to stay on time reels up - which is always! ...since I always feel a patient may need and deserves more time. Jeanette got that and supported and reminded me of that often. Her memory and reminders will stay with me throughout the remainder of my clinical career and as long as I work toward helping patient reach for complete recovery of their lives. My wife and clinical partner, Penny Block and my heartfelt love goes out to both you Manuel and Cristina. You both were the love and joy of Jeanette's life. Penny and I send our deepest and heartfelt condolences to you both. We know how much she will be missed. Doc Keith
— Keith and Penny Block

Keith Block, MD - August 06, 2023 at 08:08 PM

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So sorry to hear of Jeanettes passing. Both Judee an I have pleasant memories of seeing the Cordero family at sailing gatherings when we were all active in the sport.

Judee and Bob Locke

Bob locke - August 08, 2023 at 11:06 AM