

It is with deep sadness, yet immense gratitude, to share that our beloved Jean passed away yesterday (October 27) in Sarasota, FL following a nearly 11-year, courageous battle against breast cancer. As I hope you all know, Jean never allowed cancer to define her.

In fact, she led her life during all the treatments and setbacks with purpose, dignity and unwavering commitment to her family and friends around the world. Her deep faith, positive attitude, and selfless personality actually became stronger and grew over the years. She practiced gratitude daily, regardless of the situation.

Jean adapted to change and new environments at an early stage. Her father, Ronald Rosie, was a Captain in the U.S. Coast Guard which required many moves and relocations for their family during Jean's younger years. Not surprisingly, Jean quickly made new friends and formed long-lasting relationships every stop of the way. Those early life experiences served her well as a flight attendant for United Airlines, Horizon Air, and Alaska Airlines.

Following our marriage, moves and relocations to many great cities continued -- from Seattle, to Hawaii, to Baltimore to Chicago -- just to name a few. With each move Jean's focus was getting our family settled immediately. She was quick to immerse herself with our daughters in school, their teams and their local communities whether it was for months or years. Again, at every home base, Jean made memorable and long-lasting friendships because of her generous spirit.

Jean was an accomplished artist whose work was sold on Etsy and resides in many of our friend's homes. She was an avid home decorator and designer and spent many hours with architects and contractors.

And no one could throw a party better than Jean, and in some cases, she replicated restaurants in our home.

Of her many roles throughout her life, Jean took the greatest pride in being a devoted mother, wife, and friend, and she was overjoyed to embrace her newest role as grandmother to Theo, Jack and Veronica.

We know that Jean's life story will not come as a surprise to all who know and love her. Jean's life prior to and during her battle with cancer was one of love, kindness, and strength.

On behalf of Jean, our family would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to Dr. Cliff Hudis and Nancy Daly, from the American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO) and the incredible doctors, nurses, PAs, research professionals, hospice workers and countless unsung heroes at Northwestern Memorial Hospital in Chicago, Johns Hopkins Sibley Memorial in

Washington, D.C., H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center & Research Institute in Tampa and Sarasota Memorial Hospital here in our hometown.

At each appointment Jean commented that it was apparent these people were doing the very best they could to provide empathy, compassion, support and love for those afflicted by cancer. Over the past couple of years, Jean benefited from how fast medical trials and new treatment options are available to help cancer patients *beat* cancer.

I am beyond blessed to have shared 44 years with Jean. She leaves us with a strong and loving family who reflect the foundation she built: our daughter Laura and her husband Zach Bowling, and their sons Jack and Theo; our daughter Ashley Alto; our daughter Amanda Welsh and her fiancé Lizz Caputo; and our daughter Sarah and her husband Lewis Bauer, and their daughter Veronica. She is also survived by her sister Sheryl Vanderwalker and her husband John, her mother Mildred Rosie, and 14 nieces and nephews she deeply adored.

Jean's life will be celebrated with family and friends in Baltimore and Chicago in the coming weeks.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to ASCO Foundation's, Conquer Cancer, the global community of advocates, patients, doctors, researchers, and caregivers dedicated to improving the lives of people affected by cancer. Please click [here](#) to further assist with their breakthrough work in cancer research.

Thank you all for your ongoing and immeasurable love, friendship, and support – we are beyond grateful.

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