



## Jeneen D. Leogrande

December 22, 1951 - April 12, 2017

Jeneen Leogrande, beloved wife of Frank Leogrande and mother of Jonathan Paul Leogrande, died on Tuesday April 12, 2017 at approximately 3:00am. In addition to her Husband Frank and Son Jonathan, she is survived by her Daughter-in-Law Cassandra Leogrande and her three beautiful grandchildren, Isabella 4, Olivia 2 and Isla 3 months, and her sisters-in-laws Marie Joswick, Pasqua Tischhauser and Diane Leogrande; brothers-in-law Brian Joswick, Dominick Leogrande and Al Tischhauser

Jeneen was born on December 22nd, 1951 in the Bronx New York. She moved to New Jersey in 1968 and in 1975 she met, fell in love with and married the love of her life Frank in 1977. Together they had a son Christian who was born in 1980 but died 3 months later of pneumonia. Later, in 1981, she had Jonathan who became the sun in her sky. Jeneen moved to Florida in 1989 and in 1997, she pursued a career in Real Estate Appraising and became a Certified General Appraiser. In 1997 she founded Grande Appraisals, which would go on to be one the most successful appraisal firms in Central Florida to this day. She trained over 15 appraisers in her career, many who went on to successful appraisers of their own.

Jeneen was not only a cancer survivor but a true warrior, having survived over 15 surgical procedures due to complications from Lung Cancer, and persevered through over 100 hospital visits and stays in the past 6 years. She was the recipient of ground breaking stem cell surgery performed at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, a procedure that will go on to save hundreds more lives as a result. She also lived with acute BiPolar Disorder but never let that be a barrier to living a full, loving, happy and productive life. Despite all her trials, pain and suffering, she always kept her incredible smile and sparkling eyes, believing always that tomorrow would bring a better day. She had no quit in her, surviving long enough to see her 3 beautiful grandchildren born. In the end, she went out on her own terms.

She will always be remembered in her family's heart as well as the hundreds of friends, nurses, doctors and co-workers as the most courageous and loving person that were blessed to have her in our lives. In Lieu of flowers, we are asking that donations in her memory be made to the Mayo Clinic, <http://www.mayoclinic.org/giving-to-mayo-clinic>, Jeneen,

Best Mom, Best Friend, Best, Wife.....Best Ever!

# Cemetery Events

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**Highland  
Memory  
Gardens**  
3329 E. Semoran  
Blvd.  
Apopka, FL,  
32703

**APR 22** **Public Visitation for Family and Friends** 11:00AM - 01:00PM

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DeGusipe Funeral Home & Crematory - Maitland Chapel  
9001 N. Orlando Avenue, Maitland, FL, US, 32751

**APR 22** **Celebration of Life August 5th, 2017 1200 Noon at** 01:00PM  
**DeGusipe Funeral Home and Crematory**

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9001 N. Orlando Avenue, Maitland, FL, US, 32751

**APR 22** **Graveside Service** 02:30PM

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Highland Memory Gardens  
3329 E. Semoran Blvd., Apopka, FL, US, 32703

# Comments

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“ I met Jeneen about 7 years ago when she joined Curves. Her beautiful smile would light up my day and I always looked forward to seeing her. Our friendship grew quickly. I will never forget the day that she invited me to go to the rehearsal dinner for JP's upcoming wedding. I said to her that I really appreciated the invite but that was a time for the wedding party and for family. She looked at me and said " but Debbie, you are a part of my family". My heart just melted. From that moment, there wasn't anything I wouldn't do for her. She showed unconditional love to me, over and over again. When I couldn't come to a Proverb 31 party with her because of a family matter, she ordered me a cute little jewelry carrier for my travels. Each time I would go on a cruise, she would let me borrow this lovely cream colored purse. I must have borrowed it at least 5 times and one day when I came over she said, "I looked everywhere I could to try to find you a purse like mine but I couldn't find one. I hope you like the one I did pick out for you." It was the most perfect small gold purse with tiny gold hearts! How happy I am that Jeneen will always be traveling with me! My most treasured gift though, is the beautiful throw she knitted for me with a little tag that says "Made especially for you by Jeneen LeoGrande".

I mention these gifts not to brag, but simply to express what a kind and loving friend she was, always thinking of others. I tried to come visit her as often as I could, which unfortunately wasn't often enough. On one of our lunches, I expressed how sorry I was that I had not been over in awhile. She said, "Debbie, never apologize for that. You are a busy person and you have your own family to worry about. I'm happy for whatever time we get to spend together." I am so very blessed to have been a part of Jeneen's life. I love you so much, my dear sweet friend and I will never forget you!



Debbie Alford - April 21, 2017 at 08:25 PM

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“ Bright and Beautiful Spray was purchased for the family of Jeneen D. Leogrande.



April 19, 2017 at 11:20 PM

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“ Jeneen will always be my favorite patient. Never in my 18 years of nursing have I given a patient my phone number, but Jeneen and Frank became family while Jeneen was hospitalized. After months of being in the hospital and missing her granddaughter, Isabella's 1st birthday we were determined not to let her miss Christmas. Over a few weeks we got everything set up so that she could be at home to celebrate with her family. We've kept in touch since then and Frank would send me updates and pictures of their travels, dates and pictures of their 3 beautiful granddaughters.

Jeneen will always be remembered as fighter. She's the only patient I know that would wake up after surgery and want to go for a walk. Her fighting spirit and smile will never be forgotten. I always looked forward to seeing that smile when she'd come for a follow up visit. Jeneen- you are our my angel in Heaven looking down and always smiling on us as we work to help other patients. Love you and miss you bunches. XOXO



Kristin Cushenbery - April 19, 2017 at 10:38 PM

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“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Jeneen D. Leogrande.



April 19, 2017 at 10:15 PM

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“ 104 files added to the album LifeTributes



DeGusipe Funeral Home & Crematory - April 19, 2017 at 12:07 PM

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“ Touching Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Jeneen D. Leogrande.



April 17, 2017 at 12:53 PM

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“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Jeneen D. Leogrande.



April 17, 2017 at 11:46 AM

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“ Rose Ann & Brian purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Jeneen D. Leogrande.



**Rose Ann & Brian** - April 17, 2017 at 07:35 AM

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“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Jeneen D. Leogrande.



April 16, 2017 at 03:54 PM

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“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Jeneen D. Leogrande.



April 14, 2017 at 07:27 PM

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“ Bill and Pat Amendolare purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Jeneen D. Leogrande.



**Bill and Pat Amendolare** - April 14, 2017 at 06:07 PM

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“ When I first met Jeneen she was in bad shape...in the ICU, on the ventilator with tubes and drains every where. She looked so tiny in that bed. The report I had received from the day shift nurse was grim to put it lightly. Her chances of survival were slim. BUT it didn't take long for me to realize that she was a determined little force to be reckoned with. It became very clear that she was not ready to go quietly into the night. She was a fighter and had absolutely no thought whatsoever of giving in.

And then. I met Frank...wow! Here was a man who didn't accept the word No. Siitting in the corner night after night on his laptop. ..when he wasn't actively helping in Jeneen's care. He always made sure to help...turn her...wash her...interpret her jesters and mouthed words while intubated. He was attentive and always gentle. What I remember most...was the way her eyes would light up when he was near...her respirations would slow down and a sort of contentment would come over her. She knew that as long as he was near... She would be ok or at least as Ok as it could be in her dire circumstances.

Night after night, Frank scoured the internet...looking for answers...looking for hope...procedures, tests, anything that might help his beloved Jeneen. He was tireless in his pursuit and it is because of his relentless pursuit that she survived as long as she did. Like her...giving up was not an option.

I have taken care of many, many people in my 30 years as an ICU bedside nurse but the kind of true love, devotion, and determination that I witnessed while caring for Sweet Jeneen will be remembered and in my heart forever.

She AND Frank fought a hard battle with grace and dignity. Rest now Jeneen and know that u will forever be remembered. And Frank...you too...need time to rest and heal. You are as brave and strong a man as could ever be. Warm hugs to you.

**Brenda Rivera** - April 14, 2017 at 05:09 PM



“ Wow Brenda! Thank you so much. Luv you.

**Frank** - April 17, 2017 at 03:06 PM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



**Karen Krucker** - April 14, 2017 at 04:50 PM

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“ Emily Joyner lit a candle in memory of Jeneen D. Leogrande



**Emily Joyner** - April 14, 2017 at 04:44 PM

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“ Heaven needed another angel, and Jeneen so bravely and valiently earned her angel wings. She was the most loving and generous friend and "sister" I have ever known. I, as many others, loved her dearly. No one ever really dies as long as someone remembers them, and when there is no one left to remember, it just means that we are all together again. Until then, my dear friend, thanks for the memories, your friendship and love.



Jane





“ Laura Leogrande lit a candle in memory of Jeneen D. Leogrande



**laura leogrande** - April 14, 2017 at 03:41 PM

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“ 1 file added to the album The Family Memories Album



**DeGusipe Funeral Home & Crematory** - April 14, 2017 at 11:57 AM



“ My cousin Frankie and family we are truly sad for your loss she gave it all to stay with you , John Paul his wife and grandchildren. Family was her life. She is a true inspiration. May you cherish all of her memories forever.  
All our love your cousin Mary Leo Grande and family

**Mary Leo Grande** - April 15, 2017 at 04:26 PM



“ Thoughts and Prayers for the Leo Grande family

**Michael Carter** - April 21, 2017 at 08:26 AM