



Jeanne Barker Aronoff

July 6, 1968 - April 7, 2026

Jeanne Barker Aronoff of Austin, Texas, passed away peacefully on April 7, 2026, at the age of 57 after a 4-year-long battle with ALS. She was born on July 6, 1968, to John Gerald and Carol Barker in Hammond, Indiana. After graduating from Ball State University with a BS in Nursing, Jeanne became a Surgical ICU Nurse in Chicago, where she met her husband, Michael. She later obtained her MBA in healthcare from the University of Memphis. She and Michael married in 1994 and together shared 32 wonderful years.

Jeanne was selflessly committed to her family. She was a fiercely devoted mother, supporting her children in all their endeavors. She found peace and spirituality in nature, and particularly relished in the profound beauty captured in the photography of flowers. Her smile always shone brightly, lighting up the lives of anyone in her presence. Jeanne was always looking to challenge herself, developing many different skills during her lifetime; she was equally adept at building a deck for her home as she was baking a professional-quality cake for her kids' birthdays.

Jeanne was also a caring and passionate soul, whether it was to a close friend, acquaintance, or simply someone in need. She simply saw what was needed and provided it. She saw challenges and opportunities as reasons to excel, not as reasons to back away. She was a loyal friend and partner, never wavering in her support and love. She will be sorely missed.

She is survived by her husband, Michael; her sons, Alex and Drew; her daughter, Olivia; her mother, Carol Barker; her siblings, Kathy Barker (Euan), Jerry Barker, John Barker (Dana), and Tom Barker; and countless other friends and family.

A celebration of Jeanne's life will be held at St. Andrew's Episcopal High School on May 3, 2026, at 9:30 a.m. CST. For Jeanne's Celebration of Life, DRESS IS "NICE CASUAL".

In place of flowers, the family asks that you please direct donations in Jeanne's memory to The ALS Association (als.org) or the Gleason Foundation (teamgleason.org).

For those wishing to participate virtually in Jeanne's Celebration of Life, please copy and paste the following link into your browser:

<https://sasaustin.zoom.us/j/84609913292>

For anyone traveling to Austin from out-of-town, there is a room block at the Westin Domain:

<https://book.passkey.com/go/JeanneBarkerAronoff>

- 20 rooms are reserved at a group rate of \$169/night plus tax.

- Self-parking is available at \$29 per day plus tax
- The room block will be released after April 24. After that date, the hotel will honor the group rate only on a space and rate available basis.

The room block is for the nights of Saturday (5/2) and Sunday (5/3). Upon request, the Westin will honor the group rate for additional nights before & after the room block on a space available basis.

Note that there are several hotels located near the venue for Jeanne's Celebration of Life for those who have tight travel connections: Hampton Inn Austin/Oak Hill, Residence Inn Austin Southwest, AC Marriott Austin Hill Country

Please contact Deborah Strull if more rooms need to be added to the Westin's group rate room block: deborah.strull@gmail.com

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAY 3. 9:30 AM (CT)

Chapel at St. Andrew's Episcopal School
5901 Southwest Parkway
Austin, TX 78735

Tribute Wall

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“ 1 file added to the album Slideshow



aronoff.drew - May 04 at 11:20 AM

DH

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Daphne Hoffacker - April 27 at 03:23 PM

JM

“ Juliet Maccoll lit a candle in memory of Jeanne Barker Aronoff



Juliet Maccoll - April 26 at 10:00 PM

GT

It was my pleasure to be able to meet Jeanne and take care of her. What an amazing personality. I know she is missed dearly. RIP my friend

Gary Tate - May 03 at 10:25 AM

JM

“ 2 files added to the album I Dream of Jeanne



Juliet MacColl - April 26 at 09:44 PM

JM

“ *It was such an honor to care for Jeanne. The respect and love I felt for her is unexplainable. Jeanne's love for her family was unwavering. Jeanne reminded me of a flower: Flowers are beautiful and colorful gifts from nature. So was Jeanne. They grow on plants and bring joy and happiness to everyone. Jeanne grew on people bringing joy and happiness to everyone she met. People are given flowers to show love, friendship, and kindness. Jeanne showed love, friendship and kindness to everyone she knew. Flowers make our surroundings happy and beautiful. Jeanne was a joy to everyone and brought beauty and happiness in everyone's life she touched. Everything and everyone has power --- You, Me, Water, Fire --- but the strongest is the flower. That was Jeanne.....*

Juliet MacColl - April 26 at 09:34 PM

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“ *Jeanne was the kind of person you meet and never forget. I had the pleasure of growing up just a few houses down from her in St. John, and later reconnecting when we both found our way to Austin. She was a ball of energy and determination, someone who faced every challenge head-on. I am so grateful for all the moments I got to share with her, from bus stops and building snowmen to parenting and get-togethers in Austin. May her spirit live on through her beautiful family, Michael, Alex, Drew, and Olivia.*

Lisa (Weidner) Robin - April 16 at 12:48 PM