



Jeri Rasmussen Gorman

October 29, 1955 - March 18, 2018

Jeri Rasmussen Gorman, of Carneys Point, formerly of Pennsville, passed away at the age of 62 on Sunday, March 18th, in the comfort of her loving family after an extended illness.

Jeri was known for her kindness, particularly with animals. She never met a cat she didn't love, and was exceptionally soft-hearted, giving many stray felines a loving home. Though she was known as the neighborhood "cat whisperer," she also owned horses and dogs, and provided shelter and food to homeless raccoons and possums during brutal winter nights. Her penchant for "critters" kept birdfeeders full for both flying friends and local squirrels.

Jeri was predeceased by her parents, Richard and Mary Rasmussen. She is survived by her husband of 33 years, Mike; the children she raised, Meghan Mallick (Darrin) and Ryan Gorman (Yvonne); grandchildren Harper Gorman, Miles Gorman and Emily Kahawai (Chad); sisters Jan D'Urso (Tony) and Jill Macconi; brother Jon Rasmussen (Sue); nephews Matt (Anita, children Kellan and Mae) and Mike D'Urso; and nieces Dana and Jackie Rasmussen; along with several of her beloved cats and a lone Chihuahua.

Always physically active, Jeri was very proud of her time bodybuilding, ultimately taking the trophy in the Lehigh Valley contest in 2004. Recently, she pursued ballroom dancing, perfecting her skills to rapidly become an exemplar. She was a superb pianist, playing just about any tune solely by ear. Jeri loved Mexico, particularly the beaches of Cancun and the Mayan ruins. She treasured her times at the family's "Ocean Gate Estate," particularly when

the grandchildren visited. Most of all, she treasured being part of Salem County – the people, the local flavor, and the kindness.

An alumnae of Penns Grove High School, she was also a graduate of Salem Community College (Associate's), Glassboro State (Bachelor's), and Rowan University (Master's). Jeri taught multiple levels of Spanish for 33 years, and served in various supervisory roles at Woodstown. In addition, she served as advisor to the cheerleaders, the school newspaper (Woodstonian), and the Spanish Club. Her piñata projects were legendary, and her Latin dance fieldtrips highlighted the year for many students and staff. Under her tutelage the newspaper earned multiple awards in graded competitions. The first to arrive each day, she was known for her smile, her enthusiasm, and her positive manner with students and colleagues. Jeri was always the “go to” person of the faculty.

The passing of Jeri Rasmussen Gorman – wife, mother, grandmother, teacher, humanitarian – leaves a great void in the lives of family, friends, colleagues, students, and pets.

Friends may call on Thursday, March 29th, from 6PM to 8PM and again on Friday, March 30th from 9AM to 10AM in the Davidow Theater of your Salem Community College. A memorial celebration of Jeri's life will take place at 10AM on Friday, March 30th, also in the Davidow Theater of Salem Community College. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Salem Community College Foundation or the Salem County Humane Society.

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Tribute Wall



Krystina Gorman

“ Mrs. Gorman was one of my favorite teachers back in high school. The news of her passing has been one that has truly crushed me, as she has left such a positive impact on my life! All I can say is how sorry I am, as no words can make this better. She will ALWAYS be remembered as being such a beautiful person, inside and out.

Krystina Gorman - March 29, 2018 at 03:30 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Jeri Rasmussen Gorman.



March 28, 2018 at 09:25 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jeri Rasmussen Gorman.



March 28, 2018 at 08:03 PM

BH

“ Dear Mike Gorman and Family

*We were so saddened to hear of Jeri's passing. Please accept our deepest condolences to you and family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.
Marshall and Beverly Hamilton*

Beverly B. Hamilton - March 27, 2018 at 01:14 PM

YV

“ 1 file added to the album Jeri



Yvonne - March 26, 2018 at 09:33 PM

VA

What a stunning picture of our beautiful Jeri

Vick Nixon Jeri old fitness trainer and - January 20, 2019 at 08:17 PM

BS

Peace be with you Jeri 🥹sincerely ❤️ Bob Sinning

Bob Sinning - January 26, 2024 at 01:57 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Jeri Rasmussen Gorman.



March 24, 2018 at 07:48 PM

GL

“ Jon & Family,
So Sorry For Your Loss... We Send Our Prayers & Blessings... With
Deepest Sympathy To All...
George & Connie

George Constance Lange - March 23, 2018 at 02:39 PM

HA

“ Home Partners of America purchased the Heave
nly Sentiments Spray for the family of Jeri
Rasmussen Gorman.



Home Partners of America - March 23, 2018 at 01:04 PM

SW

“ I was saddened to hear of Jeri's passing. The Rasmussens were a
wonderful family to grow up next to.
She is were I got the spelling for my daughters name.

Sheri Robinson Watts - March 23, 2018 at 11:56 AM

SB

“ Mrs. Gorman was a wonderful person and a great teacher. She truly
cared for all her students and helped grew in me a love for the
Spanish language. I always enjoyed her class and Spanish club!
She will truly be missed.

Shelby Burnett - March 22, 2018 at 09:52 PM

JO

“ *Jeri positively impacted my son's life. This eloquent tribute is written by him, from the heart. Luke Lindeman, a former student and current friend.*

A few days ago, my mother told me that one of my teachers had passed away. That was fairly unfortunate news to hear no matter who it was. Then she told me the name. This woman wasn't just a teacher to me. She was so much more. She represented a safe space during a time where I was trying to figure out who I was and wanted to be. Her classroom wasn't just a classroom, it felt more like a community. She respected her students and earned the respect of all of us, as well as her fellow teachers. There was never a single class, high school or college, where I wanted to be in the front row, center seat except for hers. After graduating high school, I tried to make a conscious effort to visit during breaks from college to go see her and catch up. Her Spanish class was the highlight of every day in high school and I'll never forget that. Salem County unfortunately lost a wonderful, irreplaceable person. Rest in peace, Jeri Gorman. Vaya con Dios.

Joanne - March 22, 2018 at 03:07 PM



“ *Headlines Hair Salon would like to send our Deepest Sympathy to all of Jeri family and friends. She will be missed so much at our salon.. like clockwork, about every five weeks Jeri would come though the door with that beautiful smile, milky white skin, an amazing hair.. everyone would say....." you never look like you need to be here" she was such a natural beauty, On a more personal note as her stylist for at least 25 years I loved her as a friend and will miss her so much..*

Andrea and the staff at HEADLINES HAIR SALON

Andrea Smith - March 22, 2018 at 02:42 PM

DM

“ *Diana M. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Jeri Rasmussen Gorman.*



Diana M. - March 22, 2018 at 01:09 PM

RW

“ *My family and I have only known Jeri for a brief time, but in that time I cherish her warm smile, love and care for her family and animals, and beautiful positive spirit. Our prayers go out to Mike and the rest of her family for comfort and encouragement during this difficult time.*

Robin Wilson and Family

Robin Wilson - March 22, 2018 at 11:58 AM

BS

“ *Thoughts and prayers to the family and friends of Jeri - I remember going to sleep over Jill's house from my house on Erie Avenue so knew Jeri as her little sister. The tributes tell me what an accomplished, loved woman she grew to be. May those memories help get you through this very tough time.*



Brenda Orr Sprigman - March 21, 2018 at 09:49 PM

PK

“ My entire family (Claudia, Carl, Lydia, and me) are thinking about Mike and the extended Gorman family right now, as well as so many in our high school and college communities. BOTH Jeri and Mike Gorman have made an impact on my life in such a positive way! Even before I began working at Woodstown High School in 1987, I knew stories of the legendary Michael Gorman...and then I got to know his wonderful wife, my friend and colleague, Jeri, when I went to work there. She was equally legendary. Working with Jeri for at least a quarter-century at WHS...creating segments on AM Woodstown for her when she did special things with her Spanish classes like dancing field trips, creating pinatas, making a class movie for our annual WHS Film Festival (a very funny movie in Spanish with English subtitles),and working with her as an Academic Team Leader for several years were all such positive experiences. She was so supportive of the musicals and plays we produced in our HS drama club, as well. Even in her retirement, she came back to WHS to co-chaperone a couple of trips to NYC with me and Ashley Whitmore, our French teacher, and we truly enjoyed our time together with the students on those trips. She was always a light in this world, she will be missed, and the world is a better place for all of us who knew her and we can carry a piece of her wonderful character with us always.

Paul Kranz - March 21, 2018 at 04:20 PM

KB

“ Thoughts and prayers to Mike & his family. Jeri is now @ peace free from all the pain. Great memories will help ease the pain. God Bless the Gorman family & God Bless Jeri.

Kerry & Sharon Bradford - March 21, 2018 at 04:16 PM

CW

Sorry to hear of her I passing. R I P Jeri

Cheryl Foster Williams - March 22, 2018 at 12:45 AM

DC

" I was so sorry to hear the news of Jeri's passing. We went to school together and were friends. She had a radiant smile that was contagious. We seemed to bump into each other at Cracker Barrel or the Acme, where we would catch up on each others lives. She will be sadly missed by many! Our prayers and thoughts will be with the Rasmussen & Gorman families. May you rest in peace Jeri"

Debbie & Dale Curtis

Debbie & Dale Curtis - March 26, 2018 at 08:26 PM



“ So very sorry for your loss. I was a nearby neighbor in Hollywood gardens and was class of 1970. I knew your family well and prayers to your siblings and family and friends to heal with Gods presents.

Trudy Schaeffer - March 21, 2018 at 03:31 PM

KR

“ Jeri's BlueBallRoom Dance Family will always remember her for the hundreds of kids she introduced to Latin dancing each year and for her ultra-fun Showcase performance. What a great lady!

Ken & Roseanna Richards - March 21, 2018 at 02:08 PM

TG

“ Mike and family, I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your wife. My continued thoughts and prayers are with all you. May God bless you and keep you in this time of sadness. Tamra Garbutt

Tamra Garbutt - March 21, 2018 at 12:48 PM

NS

“ NJ Network of Superintendents purchased the Pr
etty Please for the family of Jeri Rasmussen
Gorman.



NJ Network of Superintendents - March 21, 2018 at 12:28 PM

BA

“ Brianna Arney lit a candle in memory of Jeri
Rasmussen Gorman



Brianna Arney - March 21, 2018 at 10:41 AM

GM

“ Gerry Marini lit a candle in memory of Jeri
Rasmussen Gorman



Gerry Marini - March 21, 2018 at 10:35 AM

GM

*Dr. Gorman and family,
I am so sorry for your loss. Peace.*

Gerry Marini - March 21, 2018 at 10:35 AM

JD

“ Thoughts and Prayers to all.



Jeffrey Dennis - March 21, 2018 at 09:39 AM

L(

“ Sincere sympathy to Jeris family. We were in school together, although I left before graduation at PGHS... Jeri taught me how to apply eyeliner ... which I wear everyday...
With condolences... Linda Schiavone

linda daniels (schiavone) - March 21, 2018 at 09:11 AM

DD

“ Heartfelt sympathy to you and your family.

Denise & Russ Dersch - March 21, 2018 at 08:28 AM

RP


“ I was one of Jeri's first students at Woodstown High School. I remember the Latin dance field trip like it was yesterday! She inspired me to take a couple classes of Spanish in college. I will always remember her passion and kindness. Rosemary (Sorbello) Poliski

Rosemary Poliski - March 21, 2018 at 07:13 AM

CL

“ *Jeri was a role model and mentor to me in so many ways and I will miss her dearly. Working alongside her for over 10 years, I have wonderful memories that I will cherish, of our lunches together, chats in the hallway, many meetings, and ladies nights. I always listened to her wisdom because she had a way of knowing the right thing to say or do in any situation. She was strong, elegant, and classy, and was well respected by so many. Rest In Peace, my friend* ❤️

Cheryl Levitsky - March 21, 2018 at 06:01 AM


Alyanna
Cruz-
O'Quinn

“ *President Mike Gorman,
Please accept my heartfelt condolences on the passing of your beloved wife. May her beautiful soul Rest In Peace in the loving arms of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.
She is no longer in pain. I pray that you and your family, finds some peace and comfort during this difficult time. Know that everyone at SCC loves you and stands besides you. May God continue to bless you and your family.*



*Much love,
SCC Student,
Alyanna C. Cruz*

Alyanna Cruz-O'Quinn - March 20, 2018 at 09:35 PM

BS

My sincerest condolences to all Jeri' s family & friends. May God grant you Peace , Strength & Comfort.

Barbara Sanderlin - March 20, 2018 at 10:52 PM

FF

“ Mike, pleaded accept my heartfelt condolences on your wife? jeris passing. I thank Our Lord and Savior that she is no longer in pain. I would love to attend her memorial service, however, I have obligations during Holy Week at my parish since I am the Akolyite responsible to prepare for these precious days of Holy Week. With your permission? I would like to add your wife’s name to our prayer list. Peace and love for you and your family.

Fran Stringfellow Furth - March 20, 2018 at 07:01 PM

CS

“ I have so many wonderful memories of Jeri and I working together over the years. I would always be invited to visit her classroom to take part in her annual pinata project and she would beam with pride as the students explained their ideas. I enjoyed helping her with all of her fundraisers for the Spanish club but especially enjoyed the annual sub sale where we would build submarine sandwiches with the students in the cafeteria as she made jokes and laughed her way through the process. My favorite memories of Jeri were on the Spanish club trips to the Blue Ballroom in DE. It was one of the highlights of my career as she would be my dancing partner as we did salsa and merengue dances with the students. Though I have two left feet she would always be patient and kind as I worked through the steps. It was some of the most wonderful times to participate with such a gifted and talented a person as she was. She was always humble, smart, articulate and full of common sense decisions. Seeing the best in all of us was her gift. In my position working with her as the assistant principal, she would go out of her way to leave me thoughtful reminders that I was appreciated. I especially enjoyed the oatmeal raisin cookies that I would find waiting for me on my desk on the really tough days. There was never a time that her kindness and wisdom wasn't heart felt. I will miss her and cherish the memories we made at Woodstown High School. The world was a better place with her in it.

Christopher M Snyder - March 20, 2018 at 01:48 PM