



## Jette Rea Anderson

January 5, 1944 - March 21, 2021

Jette Rea Anderson, aged 77, passed away peacefully on March 21, 2021 at her home in Laguna Beach. She has had family ties to Laguna going all the way back to her childhood summers spent on Victoria Beach. Jette was married to mortgage banker A. Gary Anderson for 19 years, and they had two children; Erik Kjell Anderson and Erin Jette Anderson. Jette went back to school and completed her JD at Pepperdine Law School graduating Magna Cum Laude. Jette went on to become a senior partner attorney at Covington and Crowe Law Firm in Ontario, CA for 21 years. She was the first female partner at this firm and specialized in estate planning, probate and general business. The last few weeks of her life she was comforted at home with loving family members , close friends and her treasured dogs, Bo and Maggie. Jette leaves her loving family with many detailed wonderful memories. Surviving her is her son Erik (wife Samantha) of Newport Beach and daughter Erin of Yorba Linda. Jette was blessed with seven grandchildren Kal, Gunnar, Mary Grace Anderson and Austin, Brady, Parker and Morgan Lastinger. Also missing Jette is her brother Jim Rea (wife Linda) of San Francisco and niece Suzanne (wife Hanna) and their son Julian of Boston. Jette also has a large number of very close cousins that live in the surrounding area that she grew up with in Burbank and Glendale.

The family will be having a “Celebration of Life” to honor this wonderful woman who we all miss.

Donations can be made to Tony’s Treehouse in lieu of flowers.

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# Comments

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“ We are so grateful to have known Jette in our neighborhood! She was a wise and witty woman, and we pray for the family’s peace and comfort in their loss. Steve and Peg Donner

**Peg Donner** - April 03 at 04:41 PM

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“ Jette and I met December, 2018, when she emailed regarding our annual Adopt-A-Family holiday event. She inquired about ‘adopting’ one of the local needy families on our list, to provide presents and a holiday meal for them. I quickly learned that Jette was no stranger to the world of non-profit! She had read an article in StuNewsLaguna about our little grass roots organization, Tony’s Treehouse. Our story touched her and she signed up for our Adopt program. That was just the beginning of a beautiful relationship between Jette, me and the Treehouse.

Over the next few months, we set a lunch date to meet up at one of her favorite spots in Laguna Niguel. When Sue and I met Jette face to face, we instantly felt like we’d known each other all our lives. Jette listened intently when we told her all about our small foundation. I was blessed with the opportunity to hear about her experience and receive kind words of wisdom. I soaked it up! That was just the first of many opportunities I had to see first hand, Jette’s Love and Light.

My deepest gratitude Jette, for your strong and steady influence. For your Love of Charity and passion of supporting those behind the scenes. Your loving presence will be dearly missed my friend. Becky Martinez

**Becky Martinez** - March 31 at 06:44 PM

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“ Jette lived a wonderful life.  
She and Gary were very dear people in my life.  
She was a wonderful mother to her kids.  
And a darn fine lawyer who provided assistance to me often.  
Condolences to her family.

**Jack Anderson** - March 26 at 10:25 PM

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“ Jette first brought the Anderson Family into my life over 40 years ago, and I have benefitted ever since. She came to Covington & Crowe in late 1978, I think, and like Mike Millazzo and many marvelous people at C&C, she did blaze a path. I was named her "managing" attorney--I'm not sure how much managing I did, but I'm sure at times I tormented her life. She probably told her family about the documents she would write and give to me to review, and I would send them back with many red marks... But that didn't last long, as she was a bright, quick and able thinker and attorney. Jette brought along the whole sprawling Anderson clan. I can close my eyes and picture Arnold, with his white hair and pipe, coming in to Jette for advice on one thing or another, even after Jette and Gary were divorced. And even after they were divorced, Gary kept the legal business of Directors Mortgage at his ex-wife's law firm. When does that ever happen? I was lucky enough to ride along on the Directors Mortgage growth boom until it was huge. Then with Gary's untimely death, I met Dan Coelho, who I had the good fortune and was blessed to be able to work with for years as the business affairs of Gary's part of the Anderson family were slowly unraveled. As I think back on it, Jette was almost too kind to be an attorney. I'd go in and flop down on a chair in her office (which was usually close to mine), because her office was a lot less messy than mine, to talk through some legal or other problem. And then there were the gatherings of some of the C&C clan down in La Chiminee. When I was coping (or maybe not coping) with my own divorce 30 years ago, Jette helped me, maybe because of her own personal experiences. She kindly invited my two kids, Jaime and Teddy (I still get to call him that although he is 40) and me down to the Laguna house several times--she knew that would take my mind off of my own problems. I flew from the C&C nest in 2001, and I knew that Jette wasn't well, although I had no idea what was wrong. There was a private part of her that she didn't share, at least with me. Ever since, although I saw her only infrequently, there was always, always that famous Jette Christmas card. There was Jette and some of her little furry friends, usually sitting on the sand or on some rock by the water. Jette must have known Dorian Grey, because I swear that in 20 years, in those pictures she never aged.

Erin and Erik, I see your Mom and Dad in both of you. I know that Jette's passing leaves a small hole in my heart, so I can't imagine how much her passing means to you. You join the group of orphans whose parents have both passed away. Please accept condolences from both Jill and me.

If I had to use one word to describe Jette, it would be the one word I always used to describe her to Jill. Jette was "elegant". To use a Star Wars reference, her passing has left a disturbance in the Force.

I will miss her greatly.

Ted Hopson



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Jette Rea Anderson.



March 25 at 08:38 PM

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“ Ahhh...Mrs. Anderson was always so kind to me!

When, in high school, we needed a judge for our Business Law class? She HAPPILY volunteered and it was a GREAT event! She told me I'd make a great lawyer! :) I won my case! YAHOO!! All these years later - I still remember this!

May your memory be eternal!

**Cheryl Osipov** - March 25 at 01:51 PM

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**McCormick & Son** - March 25 at 11:11 AM



“ May God bless you on your Journey

**Rosemary Rocha** - March 25 at 03:06 PM



“ Jette lived next door to my husband Dean and I for nearly 20 years. We were lucky to have her as a neighbor, and so enjoyed our many conversations and visits. We always kept an eye out for each other and she was an important part of our Woods Cove neighborhood. We will all miss her wit and neighborly spirit!

Bill Vitale

**Bill Vitale** - March 26 at 07:04 PM