

Who is Gail Jasne?

66 year old woman with a strong personality, spirit to live, strength and endurance.

◆Wife ◆ Mother ◆Sister ◆Friend

Hard worker

Active community supporter

Boston Red Sox fan, but married to a Bronx Yankee boy - a dangerous combination.

I was raised in the small town of Milton Massachusetts. I had a happy, busy childhood culminating in a bachelor's degree in Accounting and Management from the Wharton School and master's from NYU Stern School of Business. While my professional career has been full and exciting (includes working at Biomatrix on groundbreaking research in hyaluronic acid through CFO at Stewart Tabori & Chang publishers and currently CFO at Jasne & Florio law firm), my life is my family.

I waited a long time to meet Garry, my Prince Charming, my soulmate, my best friend, my partner in crime. We met on a blind date in 1990 and married a year later in my childhood Temple in Milton.



In May 1997, we gave birth to our first child, Allison, after several IVF trials. Her original due date was the one year anniversary of the day my mother-in-law passed away - was that not some sort of sign?

Five months later, we found out that we were pregnant again - without IVF this time. Sadly, my mother was terminally ill. When Jenie was born, she had blond hair - just like my mother! Another sign?

Did I happen to mention that Jenie came into this world in her own way? Delivered at home on the bathroom floor. She was 8 lbs, 3 ounces, full term. We shared an ambulance ride to the hospital. I definitely proved to the doctors that I have an extremely high pain tolerance.

I can't say enough about our wonderful daughters. They are adorable and, luckily, best friends.

My husband opened his law firm in 1997. I ran his office. Allison and Jenie came to work with me. (We had no money, no help and no sleep.) They learned quite early on what it takes to have your own business. I am the CFO and office manager as well as working as a CPA (sometimes affectionately called a Certified Pain in the you know what.)

As life continued on for our family, besides working full time for the law firm, I've been continually committed to various family and community activities, including:

- ◆White Plains schools volunteer ◆Class parent for both daughters ◆PTA Treasurer
- ◆ Girl Scouts Cookie Sales Chairperson (a very popular person) ◆ Carpool driver
- ◆ 3rd grade religious schoolteacher ◆Softball, little league, ice skating and soccer mom
- ◆PTA scholarship committee chairperson ◆ High school community service coordinator ◆Treasurer, Hillair Circle Civic Association

I have never said no to a request to volunteer.

In 2009, I was diagnosed with Familial adenomatous polyposis (FAP) upending my life.

FAP is a rare, inherited condition caused by a defect in the APC gene. FAP causes polyps to form in your large intestine and rectum, and upper gastrointestinal tract. If untreated, the polyps become cancerous.

Within a 9-month period of time I had 3 surgeries - Whipple, ileostomy and thyroid removal. Between the 2nd and 3rd surgeries, our family planned and celebrated the Bat Mitzvahs of our daughters. And believe it or not, our children had the same Bat Mitzvah portion that I had 40 years earlier. Perhaps another positive sign?



My FAP is now under control. The only negative occurrence during that time was that unfortunately we were told that our daughters inherited the FAP gene from me. This causes me a lot of grief and guilt which I still deal with. Both girls have had colonoscopies, endoscopies, and other medical procedures since 2010. Both had a temporary ostomy and now a J-pouch. Jenie had her thyroid removed and Allison is still being monitored. They have had many hospitalizations including obstructions and I have been with them for every situation, even during COVID.

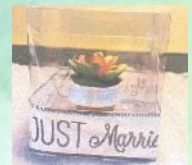
I have raised them to accept that everyone has medical issues, and this is a challenge that needs to be incorporated in their lives. FAP does not and should not stop them from achieving their goals.

Allison and Jenie have both done well academically and professionally. Allison graduated with her Bachelors and Masters from Drexel University. Although COVID has put her playwright dreams on hold for now, she is currently teaching Creative Writing and Theater in a Philadelphia public high school - not an easy undertaking.

Jenie graduated from Northeastern University with her bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering and minors in Mathematics and Theater. She was selected to work at NASA/JPL on the Mars Rover that was launched in summer 2020. She is currently working as a Quality Engineer - but please do not ask me what she does as it is way above my understanding.

In 2019 I was diagnosed with nonalcoholic steatohepatitis (NASH), a condition unrelated to my FAP. Three years later, it has now progressed to the point of needing a liver transplant. Unfortunately, both daughters, husband and immediate family members are not compatible donors

Jenie moved up her wedding to this past October of 2022 partly because of my health. I created the party favors (not bad for an accountant!). Allison has moved up her wedding to April of 2023 because she is afraid I won't make it to her wedding.



Despite having been hospitalized for the better part of the last 2 years, I have been able to maintain all my commitments.

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I continue to manage our business and have kept my CPA license current. The medical staff would witness me working on my computer in my hospital bed.

I have also been the Treasurer of the Ostomy Association of New York for over 10 years. We have not missed a newsletter mailing or any other activities. We help newbies (new ostomates) as well as old-timers who are having problems with their ostomies. We help ostomates continue to enjoy their lives.



For over 18 years, I have run the largest holiday toy drive for the White Plains Youth Bureau. Being hospitalized did not stop me from getting this done these years, just in a different way.



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Mrs. Gail Jasne
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Dear Mrs. Jasne,

Thank you so much for your contribution to the White Plains Youth Bureau's Annual Toy Drive. It was only because of you that 270 children received roughly 810+ wonderful Holiday gifts this year! It was due to your generosity that we were able to distribute holiday joy to so many. Despite the chaos of the past few years, the end of 2022 was a bit brighter for many of our families.

As always you go above and beyond to make this event a huge success! Thank you for your attention to detail. I have to say that the 2 Easy Bake ovens were a hit! Both parents called to say how grateful they are! Their respective daughters started baking right away! Once again Thank you!!!!

May your new year be as joyful as the holiday was for the young people you helped this holiday season!

Sincerely,

Eric Rios
Program Coordinator

As you can see, I am not done yet with what I was put on this earth to accomplish.

*Thank you for reading this.
Gail*