



## Gregory P. Kennell

February 19, 1961 - March 3, 2017

After a Herculean battle to survive against all odds, Gregory Kennell (aka: Greg Kay Jones) has lost his final battle. He died at Staten Island University Hospital on Friday, March 3 at 4:45 am.

Greg was born in Hornell N.Y. and was raised in Arkport N.Y. He attended SUNY New Paltz. He later moved to New York City where he worked as a Curator of fine art, working in many of New York City's prestigious art galleries. He was a long time MAC board member where he fought tirelessly for the voice of the cabaret community. Greg later worked at Staten Island Designer Greeting, greeting card company. In between Mr Kennell worked as a graphic designer for some of the biggest and brightest Broadway, Jazz and Cabaret artists, designing CD packages and promotions. Greg was most proud of - his work as first art director for Cab Scenes Magazine from 1995-2001.

Gregory Kennell met Mark Simeone (known as Marcus Simeone) on April 6th 2001 and remained together until 2009. After a brief separation in 2009 Marcus was alerted that Greg was gravely ill in a comatose state in St Vincent's hospital in Manhattan. According to Greg and Marcus the best years of their relationship were Greg's post paralysis as they spent the next 7 years not only fighting for better health care and advocating for Greg's own health but seeing the world spending time with friends and enjoying life, he in his

wheelchair and Marcus by his side.

Besides Marcus, Greg is also survived by his beloved mother Earlyne, his brother Jeffery Kennell and his wife Cordula and their three children Maggie, Lena and Wyatt. He was also very proud of and doted on his three adopted godsons: Albert Cardone, Bernard Daniels and Michael Wagner. As well as their adoptive daughters Victoria Davis, Lizzie and Terriann Eadicicco. Their families welcomed him openly and became part of a large extended and giving family who visited and selflessly helped him through many hurdles - as well as sharing the good times.

A memorial, as well as a celebration of Greg's life through reading performance and song in Greg's memory will be at All Saints Church 2922 Victory Blvd on Staten Island on Saturday March 18th at 12 pm. All are invited to attend. Marcus and family be receiving guests after the memorial at a reception at the church.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 18. 12:00 PM (ET)

All Saints Episcopal Church  
2329 Victory Blvd  
Staten Island, NY 10314

# Tribute Wall



“ *John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Gregory P. Kennell*



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**John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals Inc.** - March 08, 2017 at 08:48 AM

PL

*Very beautiful and touching tribute. sending love, comfort, and healing for everyone. Marcus how beautiful. Thinking of you family and friends at this time...*

*Pica Louise*

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**Pica Louise** - March 09, 2017 at 04:50 PM

MS

*A heartfelt, touching tribute!! Thank you and bless you!!! Merlin Sampson and family*

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**Michelle Sampson** - March 10, 2017 at 11:30 AM

DM

*Thank you for sharing these memories Marcus and your beautiful voice...be assured that just as you so lovingly took care of and watched over Greg, he now watches over you and will always be there. Please know our love, support and prayers are with you and family. Love, Diane Trinkaus and Jeanne MacDonald*

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**Diane Trinkaus & Jeanne MacDonald** - March 10, 2017 at 12:41 PM

TM

*Always remember the whisper, but for now listen to the shouts of love that are coming your way and remember they are from your friends who love you are by your side though you can't see them always either. Trudi Mann xo*

**Trudi Mann** - March 11, 2017 at 04:57 PM



*Just watched a loving tribute to a brave and wonderful man from his brave and wonderful partner. Fate was kind to bring them together. The memories will never fade Marcus. Hugs from Ed Kurtzman*

**Ed Kurtzman** - March 12, 2017 at 10:08 AM



*Beautiful. Very moving. I'm glad we all got to know him. God bless him.*

**Marco Brehm** - March 13, 2017 at 11:12 PM

HG

*So lovingly put together. Marcus he will always be with you. Hugs.*

**helena Grenot** - March 20, 2017 at 10:38 AM

JW

*Chocked up. I 💕 you Marcus Simone*

**James Walker** - March 20, 2017 at 10:45 AM

MO

*Greg was , and will forever be, our angel of strength! It is because of your love for each other, Marcus, Greg had a beautiful life of love, devotion and an incredible extended family. You both worked as a team . You are both an example of true love. Some never find love like yours. However, you both certainly restore my faith in love. Greg believed in my talent and saw endless possibilities both personally and professionally. I am broken hearted and wish he and I could laugh one more time.*

*I love you, Marcus. You taught me so much, especially about being a devoted caretaker to my father. You and Greg were there throughout my fathers illness. I will carry Greg with me always, a fighter and a lover of life and to those around him.*

*Love  
Your silly sis  
Maria*

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**maria ottavia** - March 20, 2017 at 12:30 PM



Yolanda  
Mapes

*such a beautiful memorial. Sending so much love to your family and friends.*

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**Yolanda Mapes** - March 20, 2017 at 03:06 PM

TM

*So tenderly, lovingly, touching.*

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**Trudi Mann** - March 21, 2017 at 02:54 PM

MM

*So beautiful Marcus. An exquisite, heartfelt tribute of love and devotion. How wonderful for you and Greg to have found that in each other. That love will always remain. My heart goes out to you!! ❤️❤️❤️*

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**Margie Morris** - March 22, 2017 at 07:57 AM

RO

*Beautiful you were both so blessed for the time you had together*

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**roberta** - April 05, 2017 at 10:52 AM



“ Gregory P. Kennell

October 04, 2023 at 06:13 PM



“ What a beautiful tribute Marcus. I know today will be filled with every color, sound, feeling and emotion that you can experience. Just like the life you live and the life you shared with Gregory. I believe that the form changes but the content stays and lives on, larger and stronger than before. I hope your senses are prepared to be dazzled by what's to come.

Tim

Tim Di Pasqua - March 18, 2017 at 12:17 PM



I only wish he was right here, like always either before 2009 or after 2009 . 17 years too long. I wanted live, I asked for it, I got it but I ne ER realized that yes, live cuts both ways

marcus simeone - March 21, 2017 at 01:21 AM



“ Diane D'Angelo purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Gregory P. Kennell.



Diane D'Angelo - March 15, 2017 at 05:03 PM

FK

“ From, Valerie Kanofsky purchased the Love's Journey for the family of Gregory P. Kennell.



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**From, Valerie Kanofsky** - March 14, 2017 at 04:59 PM

MO

“ I am honored to have been blessed with such a caring, courageous, brilliant, talented, supportive and loving friend. I am heartbroken !



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**maria ottavia** - March 12, 2017 at 04:29 AM

 Lori Meath

“ What a beautiful and poignant obituary for a man who sounds fascinating. God bless all who will miss him terribly.

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**Lori Meath** - March 11, 2017 at 06:38 PM

EA

“ My thoughts are with you all at this most difficult time. It has been a long battle that everyone faced with grace and tenacity. Treasure the memories.  
*Elizabeth Ahlfors*

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**Elizabeth Ahlfors** - March 09, 2017 at 03:01 PM

CM

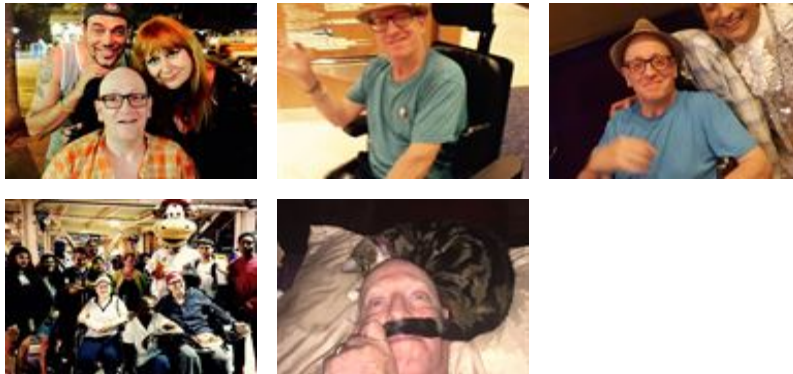
“ This photo slipped out of an album a few days ago and brought tears to my eyes. Greg, wearing one of my boas after my run at the Firebird over a decade ago- alongside Michael Nelsen, another cabaret afficianado. Greg will forever be a smart, spirited, opinionated voice for good. Because he lives in so many hearts, he will never die. Much love to Marcus and the rest of Greg's family.



Carolyn Montgomery-Forant - March 08, 2017 at 02:36 PM



“ 84 files added to the album LifeTributes



John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals Inc. - March 08, 2017 at 08:44 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gregory P. Kennell.



March 07, 2017 at 07:56 PM

BD

“ *Major condolences to the family of Greg, including the magical Marcus Simone. Love, Baby Jane*

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**Baby Jane Dexter** - March 07, 2017 at 12:43 PM

MM

*Oh, Lil brotherror  
My heart aches for you.  
My sincere condolences go out to you and Gregg's family.  
Love you more,  
Marge Mastro*

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**Marge Mastro** - March 09, 2017 at 04:26 PM

 John  
Sublett

“ *1 file added to the album Tribute wall*



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**John Sublett** - March 07, 2017 at 09:42 AM

 Sandi  
Durell

“ *I've known you both for a long time, together and separately. My heart goes out to you Marcus - a loving, caring partner with unlimited love - making Gregory's life as good and happy as it could be. He was a special guy! My heartfelt sympathies are with you and Gregory's family. Sandi Durell*

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**Sandi Durell** - March 07, 2017 at 07:13 AM



 John Sublett

“ *Though I knew you too little, you touched my life in a very caring way, the world is a little less sweet without you here - Remember my friend "THE END IS FAR"*

John Sublett - March 06, 2017 at 05:29 PM

EA

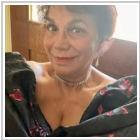
“ *Condolences for the family, we are truly sorry!*

Etha & Juerge W. Amling - March 06, 2017 at 05:06 PM

DE

“ *God bless you Greg on your journey. I know you will be watching over your family always.*

Devlin - March 06, 2017 at 04:49 PM



“ *What an experience to see Marcus and Gregory together. They shared such devotion and love, it was extraordinary. May he rest in peace and may his family, and especially Marcus find comfort in the love they shared.*



Yvette Malavet-Blum - March 06, 2017 at 04:10 PM

 Sue Matsuki

“ *You mattered my friend. You made me feel so loved and I LOVE that you respected and liked my work. I promise to watch over for Marcus and we will all always keep you in our hearts. You will be missed.*

Sue Matsuki - March 06, 2017 at 04:08 PM

MG

“Gregory was always so sweet to me, made me feel valued as a songwriter in the community, Marcus made a video of my song "Kindness Makes Me Cry" and Gregory is in it. a very good person , dealt a really tough hand. Marcus I send you my love  
Maria Gentile

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**Maria Gentile** - March 06, 2017 at 03:31 PM



“Greg and I met when we worked together at an ad agency maybe 30 years ago. He was brilliantly funny, incredibly smart and super sarcastic. I loved every bit of him. The world is a poorer place without Greg in it. How amazingly strong he was. Rest In peace, dear soul.

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**Ellen Strack** - March 06, 2017 at 03:24 PM

RL

“Our heartfelt sympathy to Mr Marcus Simeone and the family of Gregory Kennell. May God in his mercy grant Greg everlasting life. Ryan Scott Logan and Ruben D Ruiz

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**Ryan Scott Logan** - March 06, 2017 at 02:36 PM