



## Jocelyn Kay White

*March 9, 1953 - April 18, 2021*

Jocelyn White, who passed away in Dallas, Texas, on April 18, 2021, was a groundbreaking TV and radio personality who made her mark as the first weather woman to appear on nighttime news broadcasts in Little Rock and then Dallas-Fort Worth. She also was one of only five women in the country to achieve the Seal of Approval from the American Meteorological Society.

Born to Burl Joe White, Jr. and Joyce (Briggs) White in Crossett, Arkansas on March 9, 1953, Jocelyn graduated from Crossett High School in 1971. She was Honor Graduate, winner of the prestigious Georgia-Pacific Scholarship, winner of National Teachers of English "Creative Writing" Award and voted "Most Likely to Succeed."

In 1975, she graduated cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts in Journalism and English from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock. There, she created and edited the school's yearbook and magazine. She began her broadcasting career at KTHV-TV in Little Rock. She covered state politics and became the station's first nighttime news weather woman. From 1977 to 1980, she was at KARK-TV in Little Rock, where she was a feature reporter and weekend weather anchor.

In 1980, Jocelyn moved to Dallas to work at KDFW Channel 4. She was Dallas's first AMS-credentialed weather woman. At Channel 4, she was also arts and entertainment editor and movie and theater critic. She produced numerous series for "sweeps" months and hosted such shows as "Texas Steppin' Out" and "Jocelyn's Weekend," which won the prestigious Dallas Press Club Katie Award.

In 1991, Jocelyn struck out on her own with Jocelyn White Productions/Skinny Jo Enterprises, creating such television shows as "Saturday Night with Jocelyn White," "Texas Country Nights," "D Magazine on TV," "Hot On! Homes," "Designing Texas," and "Designing America" (which aired nationally for eight years on Mark Cuban's HDNet). She won Katie, Emmy, Matrix, TELLY, and numerous other awards and accolades. She wrote articles for the Dallas Times Herald, D Magazine, and the Dallas Morning News. She wrote chapters for the books "Texas Men" and "Texas Women". She ghostwrote speeches and presentations for numerous corporate execs and politicians. And she did interviews for the "E" Network.

If that wasn't enough, Jocelyn had a celebrated radio career. She was the news anchor during the historic Ron Chapman Morning Show on KVIL, and she was the host of a weekly morning show on KVIL called Sunday Morning with Jocelyn White. She was Kidd Kraddick's original sidekick at KISS-FM. (During her tenure, the Kidd Kraddick show went "from Worst to First" in Dallas-Fort Worth radio ratings). She hosted a daily health talk show on KGBS, and she co-hosted "Booray and Jocelyn in the Morning" for the ABC Radio Network. She did news for the Terry Dorsey Morning Show on KPLX and for the "Robbins, Kenny and Cowan" show (and later the "Moby in the Morning" show) on Eagle 97.

But what gave Jocelyn the most pleasure was her volunteer work for several non-profit charities. She served as chairman of the board of directors for Equest and the SPCA of Texas. She was on the board of directors of the Dallas Arboretum. She chaired the SPCA's Texas Fur Ball, the Equest Gala, and the Mad Hatter's Tea for the Women's Council of the Dallas Arboretum. She also worked with Fort Worth's National Cowgirl Museum and Hall of Fame.

Interested in all things regarding pets and animals, Jocelyn loved her three rescued Pugs, a rescued Chihuahua, and her horse named Fabio, who was recently retired from Equest. It was the tales of animal rescues that led Jocelyn to create her pet TV show.

Jocelyn is survived by her husband, Claude E. "Kim" Seal, II. She is also survived by her mother, Joyce White of Homer, Louisiana; her brother Joey White and wife, Erin, of Homer, Louisiana; her nephew Weston Hayes White of Homer; Kim's son Brad Seal of Dallas, Texas; goddaughter, Jacque Kennedy Jacobs, goddaughter and namesake, Jocelyn Blair Kennedy; longtime special friend, Terri A. Kennedy; and a host of friends that she dearly loved.

At the end of the day, Jocelyn admitted to one motto "Never Boring; Never Bored" and one mission statement "Think PAWSitive!".

A memorial service will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, April 30, 2021 at The Century Ballroom at The Adolphus Hotel, 1321 Commerce Street, Dallas, Texas 75202. The service will be live streamed at the following link: <https://celebrationoflife.tv/blog/jocelyn-white>

Memorials may be made to:

Equest; PO Box 171779, Dallas, TX 75217

SPCA of Texas; [spca@spca.org](mailto:spca@spca.org)

Women's Council of the Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Garden; 25 Highland Park Village, Suite 100 #219, Dallas, Texas 75205

## Memorials

*I am saddened to hear of Jocelyn's passing. She brought such professionalism to the television industry and was beloved by many. Rest In Peace.*

**MARTIN LANDRY, MAY 2, 2021**

*Jocelyn, You will be missed by so many - our beautiful Angel in Heaven. Love,*  
*Connie Rhoades*

**CONNIE RHOADES, APRIL 30, 2021**

*To quote one of Joce's favorite songs in high school by Blood Sweat and*

*Tears: "You've made me so very happy, I'm so glad you came into my life, You've made me so very happy, I want to thank you girl." Love and prayers for family and all who loved her. Mimi Garison*

**EMILY STEPHENS , APRIL 30, 2021**

*Our thoughts and prayers now and in the coming days. Joycelyn was so special to her family and I pray your good memories are a blessing and will go with you always.*

**DORIS LOWE, APRIL 30, 2021**

*I am sorry to lose such a delightful person. The Arboretum has lost someone so special.*

**SUSAN COOPER, APRIL 30, 2021**

*So sad! What a beautiful lady!!*

**ANITA CARPENTER STANLEY, APRIL 30, 2021**

*It is so very hard to believe that Jocelyn is no longer with us on Earth. I have lots of fond memories of us growing up together. One of my favorite memories of Jocelyn was when we both lived in Little Rock, and she was the weather girl. She came and talked to my elementary students about the weather in an assembly. This was my first teaching job, and I was so proud to have Jocelyn present to my students. She will be greatly missed . Jocelyn was such a kind soul, and was such an inspiration to every life that she touched.*

**JEANNIE FERRELL ERWIN, APRIL 30, 2021**

*I had the honor of knowing Jocelyn White for over 30 years. She was a dear friend and one of the kindest and most honest souls I have ever encountered. No challenge was too big for Jocelyn. Her positive attitude, perseverance and creativity shone repeatedly throughout her life like a bright sun that also warmed everything and everyone around her. I'm grateful for the time we spent together and the many memories that will keep her alive in my heart. Goodbye dear friend and may God bless you.*

**PATRICK BRICKER, APRIL 29, 2021**

*Thanks*

**BUBBA LOVETT, APRIL 28, 2021**

*I am sorry for the the passing of my cousin. We played some kind of word game on the internet I was really not very good at it and she was great at it I will miss her greatly. My condolences go out to our families.*

**DANNY BLACK, APRIL 28, 2021**

*A childhood of giggles with a beautiful spirit that will be missed.*

**LEESA HAIRE, APRIL 28, 2021**

*This World will miss this Angel!! She was such a kind and compassionate soul. We have all the family in our prayers!!*

**ZANE DEES, APRIL 27, 2021**

*Just wanted to let you know you and your family are in my thoughts & prayers.*

**MELISSA WATTS, APRIL 27, 2021**

*I will always remember my high school friend and her brother Joey. You will be missed by many.*

**TOMMY JOE RODGERS, APRIL 26, 2021**

*Jocelyn was so kind. She was always ready with a smile and kind word. Her love for her dogs knew no bounds. I am so happy to have known her.*

**TROY COBB, D.V.M., APRIL 25, 2021**

*I knew Jocelyn from her many years of philanthropic service to our community. She was always laughing and full of light. A beautiful soul to be around and an inspiration to us all. Sending prayers to the family she left behind. She will be sorely missed in our community.*

**CYNTHIA SMOOT, APRIL 24, 2021**

*Jocelyn will always be remembered, her death was very untimely. May God Bless her and may she RIP.*

**JANE FOX LOMBARDI, APRIL 24, 2021**

*We didn't share enough laughter or enough time together, Jocelyn. Your smile and wit will never leave me. Love always,*

**LEE BAILEY, APRIL 23, 2021**

*Jocelyn was the best!*



**LINDA SPINA, APRIL 23, 2021**

*Jocelyn had an amazing gift to connect with people in person and through the media. I had the honor of knowing her and working with her for the causes she was passionate about. Her love of animals and gardening is legendary. She loved the work of Equest, SPCA and the Women's Council of the Dallas Arboretum and our very special "A Woman's Garden". She was the ultimate professional softened by her beautiful southern ways. She gave animals she rescued a heaven on earth and helped others to find the same special care and comfort through her work with local animal organizations. May God speed her next journey. My thoughts and prayers are with all of Joce's family and friends for comfort and peace.*

**NIKKI J. BENEKE, APRIL 23, 2021**

*No one in the world could get more done in the least amount of time. She is a remarkable woman that has left our sight but never our hearts. We had a wonderful friendship and I was always playing Matchmaker for her. She indeed found her soulmate all on her own. Joce. YOU are loved and missed.*

**YVONNE H. CRUM, APRIL 23, 2021**

*Thank you for all the work you did on earth to save animals. God bless you.*

**LYNNE MILLER, APRIL 22, 2021**

*Joci, I will miss talking to you every day. Your text to me just before you died meant everything. Your belief in me made a huge difference in the darkest hours of my life. I know you will smile down on us forever.*

**PATRICIA ARMSTRONG , APRIL 21, 2021**

*Jocelyn was a blessing to many, especially the animals in her life and hundreds if not thousands more in local animal organizations she supported. Such a kind and sweet spirit. I had the pleasure of working with her during her SPCA of Texas Board Service; her little chi, Webster, was a darling. God Speed her next journey and heal the hearts of those missing her earthly*

*presence.*

LINDA YARBROUGH, APRIL 21, 2021

*Prayers and deepest condolences for your loss.*

CHUCK W, APRIL 21, 2021

*Jocelyn was a joy. Warm, loving, generous, fun and funny. But she was also a powerhouse. Savvy, smart and bold. It was an honor to be in her company. She will be sorely missed. Sincere condolences to her family.*

HAYDEN CRAWFORD, APRIL 21, 2021

*Sending my prayers and condolences for your loss. Nelle Still*

NELLE STILL, APRIL 20, 2021

*Joycelyn had a unique ability to make people feel good about themselves in a positive way and her sweet smile and enthusiasm for life itself was infectious.*

KENT POYNOR, APRIL 20, 2021

*Sending light and love to your family. I admire you as a journalist. You were by far one of the best. You will be missed. RIP Schnell*

T. SCHNELL BLANTON, APRIL 20, 2021

*Jocelyn, I know you are surrounded now after crossing The Rainbow Bridge by the thousands of dogs you saved. I am so fortunate to have known you and saved a number of those with you. RIP my friend*

ARTHUR BENJAMIN, APRIL 20, 2021

*May the Lord bless you & keep you ! In Him , Connie & Denny Carreker*

CONNIE & DENNY CARREKER, APRIL 20, 2021

*Rest In Peace my sister ! Connie C.*

CONNIE CARREKER, APRIL 20, 2021

*Jocelyn was a good friend of mine. I will miss her precious smile and winsome personality ! May God bless her family and may she rest in His holy hands!*

*Sadly, Connie Carreker*

CONNIE CARREKER, APRIL 20, 2021

*Remember Jocelyn well and I'm sorry!*

MARK H, APRIL 20, 2021

*Rest in Peace, my beloved niece Jocelyn. You were a shining star in so many*

*lives, and left us much too soon.*

**JOAN (BRIGGS) PRICE, APRIL 20, 2021**

*Dear Kim, David and I express our sincere sympathy for the loss of Jocelyn. May the peace of the Lord be with you and your family. Sincerely, David and Joselyn Furlow*

**JOSELYN AND DAVID FURLOW, APRIL 20, 2021**

*At Equest, we are so grateful for the gift of Jocelyn in our lives. Her love of horses and passion for helping others in North Texas will long be remembered. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family & friends, and with all those who knew, loved and admired her. She was a natural leader, fierce lady, and a great humanitarian.*

**ELLIE GRANT, APRIL 20, 2021**

*To the beautiful and lady Ms. White was. She will be missed. I remembered when she worked with Kidd Kraddick, and the radio bit, and shrinking of her tiny short, that she had to was and shrink. How a trooper she was. I will miss her.*

**DORA DOWELL, APRIL 20, 2021**

*Jocelyn was very much a uplifting spirit full of energy with a "make it happen" attitude and a graceful manner. Always a genuine smile. Gone too soon. We will miss you Jocelyn! Prayers for comfort and peace to all those fortunate enough to cross your path.*

**CAROL CHAMBERLIN, APRIL 20, 2021**

*Jocelyn White was a lovely addition to television news in DFW. I remember when she started at Kiss FM to help her friend, the late Kidd Kraddick, with his new morning radio show. We loved her voice and her professionalism. She helped us start our mornings and was the perfect blend with Kidd in the mornings. Jocelyn was sweet and professional. She was a beautiful human being . She will be missed so very much in DFW.*

**VICKI STINE, APRIL 20, 2021**

*Jocelyn, I'm so thankful to have known you. Your laughter and quick wit and kind, kind, soul are just a few attributes that made people so drawn to you. I'm*

*so blessed to have known you. You are one of a kind and will be missed, my friend.*

**LEANNA GOODWIN, APRIL 19, 2021**

*This lovely lady was my cousin and my dad's cousin. She was a few years older and used to kindly push the younger kids on the tire swing at family reunions. I really admired her and was very proud when she was on TV in Little Rock where I attended college. My husband and I moved to Dallas in the early 1980's and there she was on the News again! We were both busy and did not stay in touch. I do remember her friendly manner and generous spirit! My condolences to the family.*

**CAMILLE KATEB, APRIL 19, 2021**

*A trailblazing icon of the North Texas media market that paved the way for so many others. Condolences to her family, friends and colleagues.*

**JIMMIE RANES, APRIL 19, 2021**

*Jocelyn had a way of connecting with people. She made you feel as though you were the only person in the room, despite her Dallas celebrity status. Her enthusiasm was infectious and her megawatt smile was so welcoming. So down-to-earth, so strong. When she was emceeding an event, it was flawless. And her heart was in everything she did. Even when dealing with difficulties, she had such a positive attitude. Southern through and through (can you say Sweet Tea and Mint Julips?), she was a true Steel Magnolia. She planned to be at Mad Hatter's at the Arboretum on Thursday, April 15th - in a wheel chair with her oxygen tank. She said she had some crazy shoes she was going to wear. The plan was to decorate her wheel chair with flowers. It would have been like she was riding in on a float. Rest in Peace, sweet Jocelyn. You will be remembered and missed. All my love to your family on this terrible loss.*



**LINDA SPINA, APRIL 19, 2021**

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