



EDWARD M. KENNEDY ORAL HISTORY PROJECT

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CURRAN AND CAROLINE RACLIN TIMELINE

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- 1954** Victoria (Vicki) Anne Reggie, the second of six children of Edmund and Doris Reggie, is born in Crowley, Louisiana. Her parents, the children of Lebanese immigrants, are devout Catholics. Her father is a city judge, banker, and politician. Her mother is an heiress to the Bunny Bread baking fortune. Her brother Gregory later describes their family life as “Mayberry-like. Our father came home from work every night, and everyone sat around the dinner table. There was no TV on. We said grace, ate dinner, and talked about what was going on in the world. We were all encouraged—no expected—to participate.” (Peter S. Canellos, ed., *Last Lion: The Fall and Rise of Ted Kennedy*, New York: Simon & Schuster, 2009, p. 285)
- 1976** Vicki Reggie graduates with honors from the Newcomb College of Tulane University in New Orleans. (Adam Clymer, *Edward Kennedy: A Biography*, New York: William Morrow & Co., 1999, p. 492)
- Summer* Vicki Reggie works as an intern in Senator Edward M. Kennedy’s (EMK’s) mail room. Except for a photo-op and a brief conversation as her internship was coming to an end, EMK and Vicki have very little contact that summer. (Clymer, p. 492; Canellos, p. 286)
- 1979** Vicki Reggie graduates summa cum laude from Tulane Law School, where she was an editor of the Tulane Law Review and had been inducted into the Order of the Coif. After graduation she moves to Chicago to clerk for Robert A. Sprecher in the U.S. Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals. (<http://www.kidsandguns.org>; *People*, 03/30/1992)
- 1980** Edmund Reggie directs EMK’s presidential bid in Louisiana. Doris Reggie casts the only Louisiana vote for EMK at the Democratic Convention. (Canellos, p. 282)
- Vicki Reggie marries Chicago attorney Grier Raclin. They subsequently move to Washington, D.C., to pursue their legal careers. She specializes in banking law and makes partner at the firm of Keck, Mahin, and Cate. (*People*, 3/30/1992; Burton Hersh, *The Shadow President*, South Royalton, Vermont: Steerforth Press, p. 107)
- 1981**
- January* EMK and Joan Kennedy announce that they are getting divorced. Joan Kennedy moves into the Kennedys’ apartment in Boston and EMK continues living in

McLean, Virginia. EMK and Joan Kennedy's divorce settlement is reached the following year. (Clymer, pp. 325, 354, 578)

- 1982** The Reggie's buy a summer home on Nantucket. EMK is a frequent visitor, and he and Vicki Reggie cross paths occasionally in the 1980s. (Clymer, p. 492; Hersh, p. 106; Canellos, p. 286)
- 1983** Vicki Reggie gives birth to son **Curran Raclin**. (*Cape Cod Today*, 10/03/2005)
- 1985** Vicki Reggie gives birth to daughter **Caroline Raclin**. (Canellos, p. 286)
- 1986** Edmund Reggie has emergency heart surgery. EMK calls Doris Reggie everyday while her husband is in the hospital and also speaks with Reggie's doctors.
- 1987** The bank founded by Edmund Reggie, Acadia Savings and Loan of Crowley, collapses as a part of a nationwide wave of bank failures. Reggie is tried for questionable lending practices. He eventually pleads no contest to one count of misapplying bank funds, pays a fine, and serves three years' probation and four months home detention. (Canellos, pp. 284-285)
- 1990** Vicki Reggie and Grier Raclin divorce. (Hersh, p. 107)
- 1991**
- June* EMK attends a fortieth wedding anniversary dinner for Edmund and Doris Reggie at Vicki Reggie's home. EMK invites her to dinner the next day and the couple begins to date. Later that summer, EMK begins to spend a lot of time with Vicki and her two children. (Walsh, *The New Yorker*, 03/31/1997; Clymer, pp. 492-493)
- EMK gives an important speech at the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University in which he acknowledges that he has made mistakes in the conduct of his private life. EMK says that his shortcomings will be addressed. Vicki Reggie and one aide attend the speech with EMK. (Walsh, *The New Yorker*, 03/31/1997; Clymer, pp. 502-503)
- EMK and Vicki Reggie go to Hyannis Port, where Vicki Reggie first meets Rose Kennedy. (*Her Grace Above Gold: In Loving Remembrance of Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy*, collected by Edward M. Kennedy, Deschamps Printing Company, Inc., 1997, pp. 246-248)
- Fall* EMK starts regularly having dinner with Vicki Reggie and her kids at their house. "Some nights he would get there before I did," Vicki later recalled, "and he would be sitting there playing with the kids. He tried to amuse them with animal sounds, and read stories and joined in on puzzles or drawing." (Clymer, p. 493)

December EMK testifies at William Kennedy's Smith's trial. Vicki Reggie, who had helped EMK prepare his testimony, is in the courtroom. (Canellos, p. 281)

EMK sails from Hyannis Port to Nantucket to ask the Reggies for permission to marry their daughter. (Canellos, p. 289)

1992

January EMK proposes to Vicki Reggie at a performance of *La Boheme* at the Metropolitan Opera in New York. EMK and Vicki decide not to announce their engagement until the end of the school year for **Curran and Caroline Raclin**. (Clymer, p. 511)

March EMK and Vicki Reggie decide to announce their engagement after learning that *The Washington Post* has received unconfirmed reports of the couple's engagement. **Caroline Raclin** had reportedly told some of her classmates at school about the engagement. (Clymer, pp. 512-513)

April EMK and Vicki Reggie visit EMK's sister, Patricia Kennedy Lawford, in St. Croix over the Easter holiday. While snorkeling, EMK gives Vicki her engagement ring. (*The New Yorker*, 03/31/1997; Clymer, p. 512)

July EMK and Vicki Reggie are married in a small ceremony at EMK's home in McLean, Virginia. **Curran and Caroline Raclin** are the ring bearers. The couple are married by A. David Mazzone, a federal judge whose appointment EMK had sponsored. EMK had not yet been granted an annulment of his first marriage from the Catholic Church. The annulment is later granted in 1994. EMK and Vicki Kennedy honeymoon in Vermont. (Walsh, *The New Yorker*, 03/31/1997; Clymer, pp. 512, 564; *Boston Globe*, 10/07/1993)

Fall EMK and Vicki Kennedy conduct a number of interviews. During a luncheon for about a dozen of Boston's most influential professional women Vicki wins over the group by revealing details about herself and about how her relationship with EMK developed. (Clymer, pp. 518-519; Hersh, p. 109; Canellos, p. 306)

Vicki Kennedy takes on a more active role in EMK's political life. She becomes his most trusted political advisor and sounding board. EMK regularly includes Vicki in staff strategy sessions, and she routinely accompanies him to important events. At the same time, she imposes more structure on EMK's personal life and begins to take charge of Kennedy family matters as well. (Canellos, p. 307)

1993

March President Bill Clinton nominates Jean Kennedy Smith Ambassador to Ireland.

Summer EMK names his nephew, Michael Kennedy, chairman of Citizens Energy Co. in Boston, as the manager of his 1994 senate campaign. EMK decides that his campaign will highlight his fight for the middle class and working families in his home state, and that his senate work will concentrate on Massachusetts. (*The Boston Globe*, 11/10/1994)

Fall EMK, Vicki Kennedy, and her seven-year old daughter **Caroline Raclin** host a lunch for 1,200 influential New England women and five women Democratic Senators to kick off EMK's reelection campaign against Republican challenger Mitt Romney. (Clymer, pp. 533-534)

December EMK and Vicki Kennedy travel to Ireland to visit Jean Kennedy Smith.

1994

Spring At Vicki Kennedy's urging, EMK's campaign staffers investigate Romney's business. (Clymer, p. 550)

Caroline Raclin makes her first communion. EMK gives her the rosary that the Pope had given him fifty-five years before. (Clymer, p. 534)

May Jackie Kennedy Onassis dies in her home in New York with Caroline Kennedy and John F. Kennedy, Jr., at her side. EMK and Vicki Kennedy visit her that day and are on a plane back to Washington when she dies. EMK delivers a eulogy at the funeral at St. Ignatius Loyola Church in New York. She is buried next to John F. Kennedy (JFK) in Arlington National Cemetery. (Clymer, p. 542)

July Vicki Kennedy resigns from her law firm over its decision to represent Libya in a wrongful death suit filed by a family of a victim of the 1988 bombing of Pan-Am flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland. (*The Boston Globe*, 07/21/1994)

September EMK and Vicki Kennedy host a series of gatherings at their Boston apartment for supporters, and Vicki appears in television ads for the campaign. "I reject strongly the label of my husband as a womanizer," Vicki explains. "I know the tremendous respect he has for me, and for his daughters, and for his mother. I think that says it all." Vicki later says that she loves campaigning. "People are so warm and so open and talk to me about the difference Ted has made in their lives, or talk to me about the concerns in their lives. It's wonderful. I love it." She is reportedly seen as a great political asset by EMK and others. "Think how much more difficult this campaign would have been without her," muses Democratic consultant Ann Lewis. (*The New York Times*, 09/24/1994; Canellos, pp. 297-298; EMK and Vicki Kennedy interview with Natalie Jacobson 10/29/1994)

October On the 12th, *The Boston Globe* and *The Boston Herald* jointly invite the candidates to two debates. EMK and Romney agree to both debates. (*The Boston Globe*, 11/10/1994)

On the 29th, EMK and Vicki Kennedy are interviewed on Boston television. In reply to questions about whether he had been particularly lonely before meeting Vicki, EMK says: “Probably. I don’t think I probably knew how lonely I was until I met Vicki. I had no idea of ever having a serious relationship like this in my life. And all of that went aside when I met her, and she became a part of my life.” (Adam Clymer, *Edward Kennedy: A Biography*, New York: Harper, 2009, p. 543)

November EMK beats Romney. Doris and Edmund Reggie join EMK, Vicki Kennedy, and other Kennedy family members in Boston to celebrate the victory. (*The Boston Herald*, 11/09/1994, *The Boston Globe*, 11/09/1994, 11/10/1994)

EMK’s son, Patrick Kennedy, is elected to the U.S. House of Representatives from Rhode Island's 1st District, where he still currently serves. EMK and Patrick Kennedy establish a routine of meeting for lunch every Tuesday when both are in town. (Clymer, pp. 559, 577; <http://www.house.gov/patrickkennedy/congressman.html>)

1995

January EMK’s mother, Rose Kennedy, dies from complications of pneumonia on the 22nd, just a few months short of her 105th birthday. EMK, Patricia Kennedy Lawford, Jean Kennedy Smith and Eunice Kennedy Shriver had gathered in Hyannis Port to be with Rose Kennedy during her final days. Rose Kennedy’s funeral service is held at St. Stephen’s Church in the North End of Boston, where she had been baptized in 1890. EMK and Vicki Kennedy both speak at the service and EMK gives the eulogy. Kara Kennedy serves as a pallbearer. Rose Kennedy is buried next to Joseph Kennedy at Holyhood Cemetery. EMK honors her memory by going to mass everyday for a year. (Clymer, pp. 562-564; Canellos, p. 309)

1996 EMK and Vicki Kennedy travel to Florence, Italy, to commemorate the 30th anniversary of the Florence Flood.

1997

February EMK and Vicki Kennedy sell their home in McLean, Virginia. They rent a house in northwest Washington, D.C., until 1998, when they buy a house in the Kalorama embassy area. (Clymer, p. 592)

March Roger Tamraz, a Lebanese oil financier at the center of a Democratic fund-raising scandal surrounding the 1996 election, discloses that he was a fund-raiser for EMK, sought his help on an oil pipeline deal, and had hired Vicki Kennedy to help him with some legal matters. EMK’s senate office denies there is any conflict of interest. (*The Boston Globe*, 03/21/1997)

1998

- January* EMK and Vicki Kennedy, as well as Trina Vargo, Kathy McKiernan and Chris Doherty, travel to Northern Ireland. EMK meets with Protestant UUP leader David Trimble in Northern Ireland to discuss the stalled peace talks. The Good Friday Agreement is reached later that spring. (Clymer, p. 594)
- May* Vicki Kennedy receives an Honorary Doctor of Laws degree from Suffolk University Law School in Boston for her service to the community. (<http://www.kidsandguns.org>)
- Summer* The Kennedy family holds a reunion in Hyannis Port over the Fourth of July weekend. Over 100 Kennedys attend. (Clymer, p. 603; *The Boston Herald*, 07/07/1998)

1999

- July* JFK, Jr. and his wife, Carolyn Bessette Kennedy, die in an airplane accident off the coast of Massachusetts. The couple had been traveling to Hyannis Port to attend the wedding of Rory Kennedy, Robert F. Kennedy's (RFK's) youngest child. Carolyn Bessette Kennedy's sister, Lauren Bessette, also dies in the accident. EMK flies to New York from Cape Cod to comfort Caroling Kennedy and her children. EMK and JFK, Jr., both served on the board of the Institute of Politics at the Harvard's John F. Kennedy School of Government. JFK, Jr., with EMK's help, was scheduled to become chairman later in the year. EMK delivers the eulogy at a private mass held in New York at St. Thomas More church and takes the role of family patriarch. (Clymer, pp. 603-605)
- October* Vicki Kennedy helps found Common Sense About Kids and Guns, a group that brings together opposing sides of the gun control debate to encourage parents to follow precautionary measures to keep guns out of the hands of children. The coalition includes "gun manufacturers, the nation's mayors, child safety advocates, crime prevention activists and pediatricians." (*USA Today*, 10/07/1999; <http://www.kidsandguns.org>)

2000

- February* EMK is admitted to a Washington, D.C., hospital to be treated for bacterial pneumonia. (*The Boston Herald*, 02/10/2000)
- August* At the Democratic National Convention, EMK honors his brother JFK and endorses the presidential and vice presidential nominees, Al Gore and Joe Lieberman. EMK is introduced by his niece, Caroline Kennedy Schlossberg, in a speech marking the 40th anniversary of her father's nomination. (*The New York Times*, 08/16/2000)

November EMK and Vicki Kennedy travel to the United Kingdom to give the first Smith Memorial Lecture. EMK also meets with Prime Minister Tony Blair to discuss the 2000 election and the situation in Northern Ireland.

2001

February An analysis of the spending for EMK's 2000 Senate Campaign by *The Boston Herald* reveals, among other expenses, that the campaign paid for an apartment in Boston for Edmund Reggie. Aides report to the *Herald* that Reggie was a close advisor to EMK during the campaign and that the campaign paid the rent for the apartment "in lieu of compensation." (*The Boston Herald*, 02/23/2001)

June **Curran Raclin** graduates from the Maret School, a private high school in Washington, D.C. EMK is the keynote speaker. (*Boston Herald*, 05/17/2001)

Fall **Curran Raclin** enters Boston College. (*Boston Herald*, 05/17/2001)

November 9-11 terrorist attacks kill over two thousand Americans, including 78 Massachusetts residents who boarded one of the planes from Logan Airport that hit the World Trade Center. EMK calls every one of the families. (Vincent Bzdek, *The Kennedy Legacy*, New York, Palgrave, 2009, p. 213)

2002

February EMK celebrates his 70th birthday. Vicki Kennedy organizes birthday parties for EMK in Washington, D.C., and Boston. (*The Boston Globe*, 02/22/2002)

Fall In the wake of a killing spree by the so-called "DC Sniper," **Caroline Raclin** helps to organize a small rally for gun control at the Capital. Representative Dennis Kucinich (D-OH) speaks to the group.

November EMK, Kara Kennedy, Caroline Kennedy and Ed Schlossberg travel to Paris for the opening of the Jackie Exhibit at the Louvre.

December Kara Kennedy is diagnosed with inoperable lung cancer and told she might have less than a year to live. EMK does not accept the diagnosis and helps Kara find a surgeon in Boston who removes a portion of her right lung in January 2003. The surgery is successful. She undergoes chemotherapy treatment in Boston and Washington, D.C. EMK and Vicki Kennedy accompany her to treatments in D.C. Her cancer goes into remission. (<http://www.boston.com/>)

2003

Early EMK offers to fundraise for Massachusetts Senator John Kerry, a presumptive candidate for the 2004 Democratic nomination for president. He begins to call Kerry several times a week to offer advice on campaigning and policy issues. A

top Kerry aide says, “I think his desire to see John win is sincere, and I don’t think he’s doing the minimum to avoid getting criticized.” Pundits speculate that Kerry has become EMK’s vehicle for driving President George Bush out of office. (*The Boston Globe*, 07/24/2004, 05/10/2003)

April EMK and Vicki Kennedy travel to the Netherlands to visit the Freysingers.

May EMK hosts a dinner for Kerry and EMK’s friends in the labor community at his Washington home. EMK had thrown a similar dinner party for presidential aspirant John Edwards the previous spring. (*The Boston Globe*, 05/10/2003)

2004

February Edmund Reggie is inducted into the Louisiana Political Hall of Fame in Winnfield, Louisiana. EMK attends the ceremony explaining, “Usually, I’m either drawn here by Cajun cooking or by family, tonight it’s family.” (*The Associated Press State and Local Wire*, 02/01/2004)

May On the 23rd, Vicki Kennedy writes an op-ed for *The Washington Post* entitled “Altar Is Not a Battlefield.” The piece expresses her concern with regards to the denial of communion to pro-choice Catholic politicians, such as John Kerry. The subject catalyzes an ongoing debate within the Church during the election campaign. (*The Washington Post*, 05/23/2004)

June **Caroline Raclin** graduates from the Maret School. (*Washington Post*, 06/12/2004)

July Edmund Reggie negotiates an agreement for the governance of the Rose Kennedy Greenway, an area of parkland and open space created by the demolition of the Central Artery in downtown Boston. EMK, Governor Mitt Romney, Mayor Thomas M. Menino, and Turnpike Authority Chairman Mathew J. Amorello sign the agreement creating the Rose Kennedy Greenway Conservancy, an independent, nonprofit organization that will raise money to maintain and run the space. The Kennedy family will appoint one of the conservancy board members with the city, state, and Turnpike Authority appointing nine others. (*The Associated Press State and Local Wire*, 07/12/2004)

November Kerry loses to President George W. Bush.

2005 **Curran Raclin** graduates from Boston College. He goes on to volunteer for City Year, a Boston-based civic service organization modeled on AmeriCorps, before working as a Senior Team Leader in the marketing and advertising industry in the greater Boston area. According to his homepage on www.linkedin.com, **Curran Raclin** still appears to work in this position today. (*Cape Cod Today*, 10/03/2005; www.linkedin.com)

- November* Raymond Reggie, Victoria Kennedy's brother, is sentenced to a year in prison after pleading guilty to bank fraud. Reggie, a prominent Democratic political consultant and fundraiser, obtains a light sentence after he testifies for the government in a case against a top finance aid for Hillary Clinton's 2000 campaign for the U.S. Senate from New York. (*New York Sun*, 11/30/2005)
- 2006** EMK travels to Rome, Florence, and London, with Vicki Kennedy, Pam Covington and Steve Engelberg. EMK meets with Italian Prime Minister Romano Prodi, Tony Blair, and then-British Labour Party leader/current Prime Minister Gordon Brown.
- May* Patrick Kennedy crashes his car in D.C. He enters the Mayo Clinic in Minnesota for addiction to prescription pain medication and depression. It is his second trip there in six months. (*The Washington Post*, 05/06/2006)
- 2007** EMK and Vicki Kennedy travel to Northern Ireland to attend the opening ceremony of the new power-sharing government at Stormont and are seated next Baroness Eileen Paisley, the wife of the incoming First Minister Ian Paisley.
- 2008**
- January* EMK publicly endorses Barack Obama. EMK, Caroline Kennedy, and Patrick Kennedy appear with Obama at American University in Washington, where JFK had proposed a nuclear test ban treaty in 1963. The next day Kerry Kennedy, Kathleen Kennedy, and Bobby Kennedy, Jr., publish an op-ed reiterating their support for Hillary Clinton. EMK campaigns for Obama in New Mexico and California ahead of Super Tuesday and in other states over the coming months. (Canellos, pp. 383-385)
- May* On the 17th, EMK suffers a seizure in his Hyannis Port home and is diagnosed with a malignant brain tumor. (Clymer, 2009, p. 618)
- Caroline Raclin** graduates from Wesleyan College. EMK is scheduled to give the commencement address, but Barack Obama takes his place after EMK is diagnosed with cancer. **Caroline Raclin** goes on to work as a clinical research administrator and research assistant in the Neurology Department at Massachusetts General Hospital after completing post-graduate chemistry courses at Boston University and Harvard University. According to her bio, she expects to pursue an MPH in Global Health and Epidemiology in the near future. (www.braingate2.org)
- June* On the 2nd, EMK undergoes successful surgery at Duke Medical Center in North Carolina. He returns home on the 9th. (Canellos, p. 392)
- July* The Kennedys hold a big family reunion at the Kennedy compound over the 4th of July. (Canellos, p. 393)

On the 9th, EMK makes a surprise return to the Senate and casts the crucial vote in favor of a bill to prevent planned cuts in Medicare reimbursements for doctors. Patrick Kennedy accompanies his father. EMK finishes a six-week round of chemotherapy and radiation later in the month. In an email to friends and family Vicki Kennedy writes that “even in the midst of this very serious business, we’ve shared a lot of laughter. But that is not surprising to those of us who love and know Teddy—there’s always laughter when he’s around.” (Canellos, pp. 394-395)

August EMK gives an address during the opening night of the Democratic Convention in Denver, despite being in severe pain from kidney stones. Vicki Kennedy, **Curran** and **Caroline Raclin**, EMK’s first three children, and Caroline Kennedy Schlossberg are in attendance. (Canellos, p. 399)

November EMK returns to the Senate after five months of cancer treatments. (Canellos, p. 408)

2009

August On the 11th, Eunice Kennedy Shriver dies. EMK is too ill to attend the funeral.

On the 25th, EMK passes away.

On the 28th, Vicki Kennedy, **Curran** and **Caroline Raclin**, and other Kennedy family members attend EMK’s memorial service at the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library. Vicki Kennedy stands for hours at the library to greet the tens of thousands of mourners and thank them for coming.

On the 29th, Vicki Kennedy, **Curran** and **Caroline Raclin**, and other Kennedy family members attend EMK’s funeral mass at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Basilica in Roxbury, Massachusetts. EMK had prayed at the church daily when his daughter Kara was undergoing cancer treatment at a nearby Boston hospital. **Curran Raclin** gives the first reading at the service, the Book of Wisdom 3:1-9, from the Old Testament. **Caroline Raclin** gives the second reading, Letter of Paul to the Romans 3:31b-35, 37-39, from the New Testament. Both of the **Raclin** children also serve as pall bearers. The attendees include 58 current Senators, 21 former Members, President Barack Obama, who delivers the eulogy, Vice President Joe Biden, and former Presidents Bill Clinton and George W. Bush. Later that day EMK is laid to rest next to his brothers JFK and RFK at Arlington National Cemetery. (<http://tedkennedy.org>; *New York Times*, 08/29/2009)

September Paul G. Kirk Jr. (D-Mass.), who was appointed to fill EMK’s Senate seat, is sworn in to the Senate. **Curran Raclin**, Kara Kennedy, Patrick Kennedy, and Vicki Kennedy are in attendance. (*Washington Post*, 09/26/2009)

CURRAN AND CAROLINE RACLIN KEY EVENTS

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<u>Year</u>	<u>Ages</u>	<u>Key Events</u>
1983		Curran Raclin is born.
1985		Caroline Raclin is born.
1990	5/7	Parents are divorced.
1991	6/8	EMK begins dating Vicki Reggie after attending the Reggies' anniversary dinner. EMK testifies at Smith's Palm Beach trial. Vicki accompanies EMK to the trial.
1992	7/9	EMK and Vicki get engaged and are married later that summer.
1994	9/11	Vicki, Curran and Caroline help EMK defeat Romney in tough campaign.
1995	10/12	Rose Kennedy dies.
1997	12/14	Kennedys sell home in McLean and move to D.C., buying home in D.C. in 1998.
1998	13/15	EMK holds family reunion at Kennedy compound in Hyannisport over 4 th of July.
1999	14/16	JFK Jr., wife and sister-in-law die in airplane crash en route to Hyannisport.
2000	15/17	EMK is admitted to Washington, D.C. hospital for bacterial pneumonia.
2001	16/18	Curran graduates from the Maret School, a private high school in D.C.; EMK is the keynote speaker. Curran enters Boston College that fall.
2002	17/19	Vicki throws EMK 70 th birthday parties in Boston and D.C. Caroline helps organize anti-gun rally in D.C. in wake of "D.C. sniper," at which Dennis Kucinich speaks; Vicki had founded gun control group in 1999. Kara Kennedy is diagnosed with lung cancer.
2004	19/21	EMK supports Kerry campaign; Kennedys have Kerrys over to house at Cape and in D.C. for private dinners to discuss campaign and for campaign events. Caroline graduates from the Maret School. She enters Wesleyan that fall.
2005	20/22	Curran graduates from Boston College; volunteers for City Year in Boston. Later begins marketing/advertising job in Boston area. Rosemary Kennedy passes away.
2006	21/23	Patrick Kennedy crashes his car in D.C.; re-enters rehab program at Mayo Clinic. Patricia Kennedy Lawford passes away.
2008	23/25	EMK endorses Barack Obama for president. EMK suffers a seizure in Hyannisport; diagnosed with malignant brain tumor. Caroline graduates from Wesleyan; Obama gives commencement address in place of EMK, who is about to undergo brain surgery. Kennedys hold family reunion over 4 th of July in Hyannisport. EMK makes surprise appearance at Democratic National Convention in Denver; Vicki, Curran and Caroline attend the convention.
2009	24/26	Eunice Kennedy Shriver passes away; EMK is too ill to attend the funeral.

EMK passes away. Curran and Caroline are pall bearers; give readings at funeral.

CURRAN AND CAROLINE RACLIN FACT SHEET

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Curran Raclin

- first child of Victoria Reggie and Grier Raclin.
- born in Washington, D.C., in 1983.
- his parents divorced in 1990.
- graduated from the Maret School, a private high school in Washington, D.C., in 2001. EMK was the keynote speaker.
- he and his sister were ring bearers for EMK's and Vicki Reggie's wedding in July, 2002.
- graduated from Boston College in 2005.
- works in the marketing and advertising industry as a senior team leader in the greater Boston area.
- gave the first reading at EMK's funeral mass; also served as a pall bearer.

Caroline Raclin

- second child of Victoria Reggie and Grier Raclin.
- born in Washington, D.C., in 1985.
- in 1993, Caroline and her mother hosted a fundraiser for EMK's re-election campaign.
- graduated from the Maret School in 2004.
- graduated from Wesleyan College in 2008. EMK was scheduled to give the commencement address, but Barack Obama took his place after EMK was diagnosed with cancer.
- completes post-graduate chemistry courses at Boston University and Harvard University.
- works as a clinical research administrator and research assistant in the Neurology Department at Massachusetts General Hospital.
- expects to pursue an MPH in Global Health and Epidemiology in the near future.
- gave the second reading at EMK's funeral mass; also served as a pall bearer.