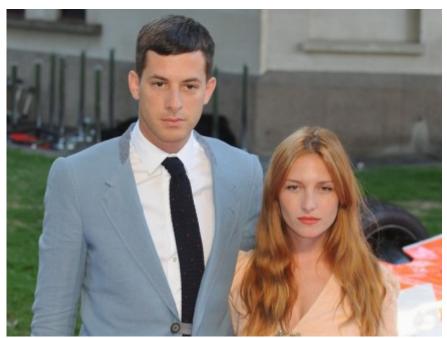
Mark Ronson and Wife Honor Amy Winehouse at Wedding





Mark Ronson, the

late Amy Winehouse's producer and friend, honored the singer at his wedding in Aix de Provence, France. Ronson married French model Josephine De La Baume. The producer, 35 and Baume, 26 tied the knot after planning their two-day wedding affair in just six months. Shortly after Amy Winehouse, 27 was found dead in her London home on July 23rd, Ronson took to Twitter to express his grief, "This is one of the saddest days of my life." A source told <u>UsMagazine.com</u>, "Amy was a great friend of both Mark and Josephine and they would have been thrilled to have her with them at their big day, but sadly it wasn't to be." The bride and groom found a way to turn their feelings of grief into feelings of gratitude toward Winehouse on the happiest day of their lives with a memorable toast.

What are some ways to remember deceased loved ones at your

wedding?

Cupid's Advice:

If you have a family member or friend who has passed away that you want to honor at your wedding (without tissue boxes and running mascara), find a way to incorporate the individual into the nuptials without ruining the joyous mood:

- 1. Favorite song: If your loved one had a song he or she enjoyed, have the DJ dedicate the tune to that person, and get the crowd up and moving. Think "YMCA" or "The Electric Slide."
- 2. Memorabilia: Something old, something new, something borrowed and something blue. Carry an item that belonged to the person who's no longer with you in your bouquet (a picture or jewelry, for example).
- 3. Wedding program: When you watch a movie or read a book, there's often closing credits that read, "In Loving Memory." Well, "In Loving Memory" can be the first words in your ceremony program dedicated to your loved one. Just remember to keep it simple and meaningful.

Have you ever been a guest at a wedding that turned sour because of a memorial to a deceased loved one? Share your experience below.

Blake Fielder-Civil Is Heartbroken Over Amy

Winehouse's Death





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incarcerated Blake Fielder-Civil and Amy Winehouse split in 2009, that does not make him any less heartbroken over her death. According to <u>UsMagazine.com</u>, Blake's now girlfriend Sarah Aspin relayed a message from Fielder-Civil: "I will never ever again feel the love I felt for her. Everybody who knew me and knew Amy knew the depth of our love. I can't believe she's dead." She also states that, "He just can't take it in that she's dead and he'll never see her again. Blake rang me on Saturday after the prison authorities told him she'd died. I just couldn't console him. He was in total shock." Employees at the Leeds' Armley Jail where Blake is being held have been told to pay extra attention to him at this hard time in his life.

How do you rebuild after the death of a significant other?

Cupid's Advice:

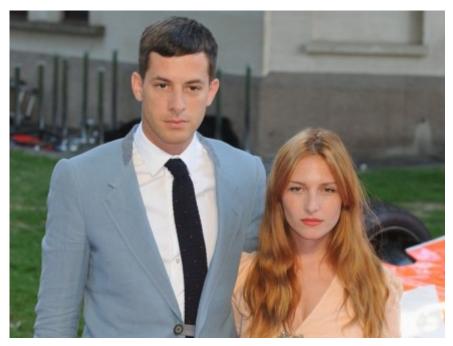
Death of a loved one is one of the most difficult events to overcome, and it can be difficult with which to come to terms. Cupid has some tips on how to rebuild:

- 1. Take the time to grieve: This is an important component of healing and moving on. Take a sufficient amount of time to grieve before you go back to your regular routine. This may be different for everyone, but is essential to avoid an emotional breakdown later on.
- 2. Talk: Your loved ones are there to support you. Don't direct your anger toward those who care about your well-being, and don't tune them out. Talk to them and listen to what they have to say. They may be able to help you cope in ways you can't on your own.
- **3. Join a support group:** Spending time with people who are going through the same thing as you is a great way to better cope with your loss.

Have you dealt with the loss of a significant other? How did you cope? Share your comments below.

Amy Winehouse Unexpectedly and Sadly Joins the 27 Club





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Lady Gaga said it best: "Amy changed pop music forever, I remember knowing there was hope, and feeling not alone because of her. She lived jazz, she lived the blues." With her soulful voice, peculiar demeanor and unruly habits, Amy Winehouse wowed audiences despite sometimes tripping on stage, throwing her shoes at people and struggling to stand up straight. Her fans still loved her. Now, with her music still echoing in their ears, they're left with an all-too-obvious reminder that life is short.

At 3:54 pm on Saturday, July 23, 2011, 27-year-old jazz-influenced soul singer Winehouse was reported dead. She was found in her London home, and a police source confirms that there were no sign of drugs near her body. A toxicology report may take weeks to complete, and until then, the cause of her death is unclear. Even so, Winehouse battled with a long-term — and well-known — drug addiction. Suspicions are in the air as to whether her addiction to crack cocaine, heroin, alcohol, ecstasy, ketamine and cigarettes may have played a part in her untimely death. Although she checked into rehabilitation centers at various times throughout her career, she believed that her illness was manic depression rather than alcohol or drug dependency.

As she was off-and-on with checking into rehab, she was similarly off-and-on with her marriage to Blake Fielder-Civil. With their shared drug abuse and Winehouse's penchant for adultery and violent, drunken moments, the marriage was severely damaged. In January 2009, Fielder-Civil divorced Winehouse after she admitted to adultery in court papers.

Her failed marriage may have caused Winehouse to sink deeper into depression. However, it seems like she tried to reinvigorate her love life through her most recent relationship with Reg Traviss, a film director. Their love was still going strong as recent as April, but took a downward spiral last month when Traviss ended their relationship. Heartbroken and inconsolable, Winehouse briefly checked into Priory Rehab Clinic in London and then proceeded to cancel her European tour. Traviss wanted to play a positive role in her life, but realized that he couldn't make her stand strong against her drunken demons, reported Celebs.

According to Drug Addiction Treatment, Traviss did the right thing:

"... your reasons for leaving must be based on the best interests of all concerned. The decision should come after all other options have been thoroughly explored, and/or you've come to the realization that by staying, you're doing more harm than good — harm to you, your spouse and your family."

Revealing how important love was to Winehouse, many of her songs were dedicated to her relationships — both the good and bad parts of romance. For instance, in her ballad "Love is a Losing Game," she sang about how she lost to love and laments the trouble that it has caused:

"Love is a losing game
One I wish I never played
Oh what a mess we made"

In addition to using her music as an outlet for her pain,

Winehouse may have used her drug addiction to wipe away her sorrows and regrets. But can addiction really cure a broken heart? Perhaps she should've looked to love as the ultimate reason to overcome her addiction. Just as both of these forces made their mark in WInehouse's life, this uniquely talented artist unequivocally impacted the lives of her fans. There will surely be a gaping hole in the world of music.

Sadly, with her early and unexpected death, Winehouse joins the 27 Club, an ironic club of deceased, influential rock artists who died at age 27, generally with some sort of controversy surrounding their death. Winehouse was aware of this group, also known as the Forever 27 Club or Club 27, and sometimes referenced its existence in interviews. Now, her name will be remembered along side legends like Jimi Hendrix, Janis Joplin and Kurt Cobain. May their souls rest in peace.

In light of Winehouse's death, what celebrity passing has most affected you and why? Share your thoughts below.