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The youngest daughter of a Los Angeles architect, Judith Exner was exposed by a congressional committee that pinned her acquaintance to John F. Kennedy Jr.'s Judith Campbell Exner was the first woman to publicly acknowledge her affair with President John F. Kennedy, but not at her own discretion. An FBI investigation into JFK's murder and some crowd deals uncovered Exner's name and brought them to the country to expose him. But what did Judith Xenner really know? The early life of socialite Judith Xner Judith Kerner was born into a well-off family in 1935 and raised in the wealthy neighborhood of Pacific Palisades, California. Exner's father was an architect and a good enough family shared a street with Bob Hope. At the age of 18, he married actor William Campbell, whom he met at the age of 16 while partying with Robert Wagner. Campbell had played in some West in the 1950s before making a name for himself as a guest star on several television shows, including Perry Mason and Star Trek. Perhaps that's why Judith Xner's life took a turn for the dramatic when she met the actor. Hulton Archive/Getty ImagesWilliam Campbell and Judith Xenner Campbell at the premiere of Hell and Back in 1955. The young woman's first marriage kept her in touch with all sorts of Hollywood elites, but most notably Frank Sinatra. Exner met the singer in November 1959 after she was divorcing Campbell, and she invited him for a vacation in Hawaii. The two had a romantic relationship for several months. It was on the evening of February 7, 1960, when Exner's life changed forever: that night in the audience at one of Sinatra's shows in Las Vegas was John F. Kennedy. He was a senator from Massachusetts at the time and is running to become the Democratic nominee for president. Sinatra introduced him. Judith Axner recalled the meeting in an interview with People magazine. When you talked to Jack [JFK], he just talked to you. He was endlessly curious about everything and everyone. He loved gossip. That night, he didn't want me to leave my side. AFP/AFP/Getty ImagesFrank Sinatra (L) with U.S. President John F. Kennedy, circa 1960. Xner spent the next day with Kennedy in Sinatra's place. Exner claimed Kennedy called him every day for a month after that encounter in Las Vegas. The night before the New Hampshire primary on March 7, 1960, Kennedy and Xner loved for the first time in New York City, according to their account. Kennedy needed help to win the West Virginia primary, and he felt that Sam Giancana, also known as the Chicago Godfather, could assist. Xner had met Gienkana on some of Sinatra's shows, and so he met Gienkana at Kennedy's behest. I feel like I was set to become a courier, Xner explained. I was a perfect choice because I could come and go without notice, and if seen, no one would It anyway. By April 1960, Judith Xner worked as a courier between Kennedy and Gienkana. In all, Exner claimed he arranged 10 meetings between Giancana and Kennedy to help him get elected. The Courier said the mob owner once bragged to him that Kennedy would not have been elected if not for his connection in Cook County, Illinois. LA Timesfrank Sinatra (R) with Mafioso Sam Giancana. In a highly cramped race, Kennedy needed Illinois to ascend to the White House. For the next 18 months, Judith Xner served as a personal contact of the president among the crowd. I thought I was in love with Jack. They trusted me and I was doing something important to them, I was 26 years old, and there was no big purpose in my life, Xner told People in 1988. Perhaps that is why I became involved in doing so, and did so with such enthusiasm. I think I thought I was doing something important. The tragedy attacks strained the relationship between Exner and Kennedy as the FBI began to sniff around his dealings with the crowd. Exner realized he was being chased. Acting FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover was put on assignment by Kennedy's brother Robert F. Kennedy to crack down on organized crime. It's not really known that RFK knew JFK had a relationship with mob boss Sam Giancana. But in any case, Hoover investigated Giancana, and eventually implicated Exner. The relationship between Kennedy and Xner went out between the investigation. She fell briefly into a romantic relationship with Giancana, but when she proposed, Exner ended it. It was just a year after the drama that on Nov. 22, 1963, JFK was assassinated. Flickr/U.S. Embassy New Delhi Cecil Stanton, White House/John F. Kennedy Library President John F. Kennedy during the Berlin Crisis, June 25, 1961. Xner fell into a deep depression. She attempted suicide, gave birth to an illegitimate son whom she left for adoption, and was followed continuously by the FBI. Eventually, he fell in love with golf pro Dan Exner again. They got married. But then in 1975, Xner was subpoenaed. Judith Campbell Exner's later years and notoriety no one knew about Exner's role in the Kennedy affair by this time. That was when a Senate committee sought to address her role in some secret operations involving the White House as they had White House phone logs revealing her contact with the president. She told the committee she had an extramarital relationship with Kennedy. She also said she had to ferry secret envelopes between the president and Giancana for 18 months. Exner later published a Tell All Book in 1977 called Mafia Moll: The Life of Judith Exner's Story, The Mistress of John F. Kennedy. She alleged many publishers turned her down for fear of government reprisals and she told People magazine she kept the affair secret because she He will be killed. And with good reason. Nury Hernandez/New York Post Archives/(c) NYP Holdings, Inc. with her husband Dan Exner via Getty ImagesJudith Exner on June 24, 1977. Before he could even be subpoenaed, Sam Giancana was murdered — shot seven times in the head in his own kitchen. I kept my secret out of fear. See what happened to Jack, and Sam, who was murdered in his home while under police surveillance. In a video interview with ABC's 20/20, Judith Xner explained more about her story as she suffered from terminal breast cancer. She wanted people to know her truth before it was too late: No one believed her story at first, and the Kennedy Estate repeatedly denied her allegations. She was, after all, the first woman to come out about Kennedy's indiscretion. The public disparaded her testimony. But historians take a different view. The details of Judith Campbell Exner's White House interior and its procedures, coupled with interviews with Secret Service agents, seem to confirm Exner's story that he had insider information about Kennedy and that he had served as his courier between the crowd and himself. At the dying, Exner cryptic in an interview: I don't think I should die with the mystery of what I did with Jack Kennedy, or what he did with the power of his presidency. I think I'm finally free from the past. I think my life has been attacked so much, that I would tell something so personal, he continued, the worst thing I did was fall in love with a married man. That man happened to be the president of the United States who fell victim to a murder that remains a mystery. Judith Campbell Exner died in Southern California on Sept. 24, 1999. After this look at Judith Exner and the affair that inherited Kennedy, take a look at this Kennedy conspiracy theory about an umbrella-wielding man, or seeing this piece on several skeletons in the Kennedy family closet. Alleged mistress Judith Xnergenjudith Eileen Catherine Immur (1934-01-11) January 11, 1934New York City, U.S. DiedSeptember 24, 1999 (1999-09-24) (aged 65) Other names of Duarte, California, U.S. Other namesjadyth Campbellejudith Campbell ExnerSpouse (s) William Campbell (m 1952; div. 1958) Dan Exner (m). 1975; September 1988) Children1RelativesSusan Morrow (sister) Judith Exner (January 11, 1934 – Sept. 24, 1999) was an American woman who claimed to be the mistress of U.S. President John F. Kennedy and mafia leaders Sam Giancana and John Roselli. She was also known as Judith Campbell Exner, and Judith Campbell. Early life she was born Judith Eileen Katherine Immoor in New Jersey; His father, Friedrich, was of German descent and an architect. Her mother, Catherine (née Shea), was of Irish descent. [1] [2] When he was a child, his family moved to the Los Angeles area where he grew up in the Pacific After her mother nearly died in an auto accident, Judith withdrew from school at the age of 14 and went to tuition at home. [3] Her older sister Jacqueline later became an actress and took the professional name Susan Moro. [4] Marriage and family In 1952, at the age of 18, Judith married actor William Campbell; They divorced in 1958. [3] Described as amazingly beautiful, he has claimed an 18-month relationship with then Senator John F. Kennedy, starting in 1960, which continued after he was elected president of the United States. [3] She had a son, David Bohrer, from a later relationship. In 1975, Campbell re-married, Dan Exner, to a golfer. They separated in 1988. On February 7, 1960, Frank Sinatra and Campbell were in Las Vegas, where Sinatra introduced him to John F. Kennedy, then senator from Massachusetts and the presidential candidate, according to Michael O'Brien of John F. Kennedy Washington Monthly. In her 1977 memoir, she said she became one of JFK's mistresses for a period of about two years, often coming to her White House after she was elected president. Her account was supported by phone records and other documentation, though Kennedy's staff and supporters attacked her veracity when she published her memoir. [3] A few months later in 1960, Sinatra introduced Campbell to Sam Flood, who was actually Sam Giankana, a leading figure in the Chicago Mafia. [3] He also got involved with him and knew his colleague John Roselli. The church committee received Exner's national media attention when he testified before the church committee investigating the CIA assassination attempt on Fidel Castro in 1975. [5] Rosely testified to the committee about the mafia's involvement in the CIA's effort on Castro's life. [3] When the church committee report was released in December 1975, it said that a close friend of President Kennedy had also been close friends of mobsters John Roselli and Sam Giannana. [3] Campbell's identity as a close friend was leaked to The Washington Post, which publicized it. [3] It was also published by William Sapphire in The New York Times. [6] The committee had sent him a subpoena to testify. By then, married to Dan Exner, Judith Exner called a press conference that month and denied any knowledge of the Mafia's involvement with Kennedy. In the memoir 1977, Exner published Judith Exner: My Story. [6] In his memoir, he said his relationship with Kennedy was completely personal. She also said that Frank Sinatra later introduced her to Sam Giankana, with whom she also became intimate. She said Giankana never asked him for any information related to Kennedy. She also said John Roselli was her friend. [3] In addition to his alleged affair with JFK, Exner claimed to have knowledge of other women who affairs with Kennedy. These cases involved one with Danish journalist Inga Aravad between late 1941 and 1942.[7] Exxoner also said Kennedy brought prostitutes to the White House swimming pool. [6] Journalists and some historians have also alleged that Kennedy made a series of cases, citing a memo by FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover as part of the evidence. [8] Exxonr said President Kennedy's special assistant, David Powers, helped establish encounters with President Kennedy. Powers later said Kennedy never had an affair with Exner. [9] Later accounts told a very different story about Exner Giancana and Kennedy, in a 1988 interview with Kitty Kelley of People magazine. [3] She said she had lied to the church committee and in her memoir out of fear of mafia retaliation. She said Kennedy had asked her to contact Giancana, and she helped set up a meeting between them during the 1960 presidential election. For about 18 months in 1960-61, Axier claimed he served as a presidential link with the crowd. He crossed the nation by taking envelopes between the president and Ginkana and arranged about 10 meetings between the two. He later claimed these messages related to the plan to assassinate Cuban President Fidel Castro. [3] In 1997, Exner charged more information and changed her story, in separate interviews with Liz Smith of Vanity Fair and Seymour Hersh. She said Kennedy told her about her plans related to Cuba, and used her to take money for Giancana, as well as arranging several meetings between her, Giancana and Roselli. She claimed Smith has terminated a pregnancy as a result of a final encounter with Kennedy in 1962. [4] She said she had paid for Kennedy from California defense contractors, including Robert F. Kennedy. A witness of Hersh who appeared to support Exner's story of moving money to Giancana later dropped his story. [3] Both liberal and conservative critics have attacked these accounts of the latter. They are mostly dependent on Exner and not supported by what's known about Kennedy and his staff. Her earlier accounts of her affair with Kennedy were supported by FBI reports, Secret Service and White House phone logs and staff documentation. He has been described as an incredible witness, with a history of instability, depression and paranoia and, until then, he was suffering from cancer. [3] Later years and death Judith Campbell Exner lived in Newport Beach and was a painter. He died of breast cancer on September 24, 1999 in Duarte, California. [4] Exner's memoir in popular culture was adapted as a made-for-TV film, Power and Beauty (2002), directed by Susan Sedelman, in which she was played by Natasha Henstridge. The material was linked to accounts published after her 1977 memoir. Judy Campbell was featured in the 1998 HBO film Rat Pack by Michelle Grace. 2004 episodes of the TV series The Sopranos Fran Felstein's character in In Camelot is based on Judith Xner. Campbell was portrayed by Megan Kennedy in the 2011 TV series. In 2016, she appeared as a character in the third episode of the television series Timeless, played by Elena Satin. Reference ^ Hodgson, Godfrey (September 26, 1999). Judith Campbell Exner - via the Guardian. ^ Susan Moro - The Times of Personal Life and Susan Moro. Susan Moro Pictures. ^ a b c d e f g hij k l m n o'brien, michael (December 1999). Exner file: Truth and fantasy from a president's mistress. Washington Monthly. Retrieved on September 3, 2015. ^ a b C Pace, Eric (September 27, 1999). Judith Exner is dead at 65; Claimed an affair with Kennedy. The New York Times. Retrieved on January 18, 2008. ^ Murder Records Review Board (September 30, 1998). 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