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### **Celebrity Wedding Celebrant with Rheumatoid Arthritis**

My name is Clover Jean. I'm a celebrity wedding celebrant with Rheumatoid Arthritis living and working in Amsterdam, The Netherlands. I am also an all-round artist: singer, stand-up comedienne, presenter.

In 1999 I was diagnosed with rheumatoid arthritis-lupus. Before the illness, I worked as a management assistant at a well-known tech firm. One workday morning I awoke to find I was stiff; my right elbow, fingers and knees were swollen. I had great difficulty getting out of bed. I put it down to tiredness, working too hard and spending too much time at the gym.

However, the problem persisted over a month, so I went to my GP. He referred me to a rheumatologist and the prognosis was Rheumatoid Arthritis-Lupus. Work became unbearable, my world collapsed, and I had a mental and physical break down. I was in denial phase, so took a sabbatical. Thereafter, I decided to concentrate on my hobbies and make them my profession.

Singing, improvisation and comedy are my passions. After studying singing, cabaret, clowning, celebrancy and music, I founded Clover Jean Weddings & Entertainment in 2008.

It's important to me to have a profession as a celebrity wedding celebrant. Performing gives me extra energy every time. That's the adrenaline kick, the ego talking. Too much of a good thing is dangerous, it's addictive. Every performance leaves my body feeling weak, and exhausted. It takes a toll on me, but I wouldn't change it for the world!



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But the story doesn't end there.... sometimes my body and mind let me down. From stage 1, 2 and 3 I am now at stage 4 the damage is done, and there's no going back. I'm at peace with it and face reality head on. So, I'm happy to focus on my celebrant business, comedy skills and singing career. My website [Clover Jean Weddings & Entertainment](#) is full of ideas for you about wedding & entertainment ideas. My biggest dream is to create a show that highlights the disease Rheumatism.

All in all, I am blessed to have a great support system, my precious family, friends, and [Reade – Rheuma care](#). Although the disease is progressive and has a huge impact on my life. Clover Jean Weddings & Entertainment is a great source of energy and inspiration. I love entertaining and sharing the power of my passion. Despite the debilitating illness, I am living the best life ever!

**Tip:** Don't let a chronic illness define or determine the quality of your life. Take care of yourself. Stay true to yourself, be realistic and find the right balance. Do everything in your own way and at your own pace!