

# LAST WORD

## Jaclyn Smith

The glamorous grandma gets candid about everyday joys, girl power and her *Charlie's Angels* heyday  
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**G**ood genes. Greater charm. Jaclyn Smith, 73, who became iconic for playing sultry Kelly Garrett in the '70s hit show *Charlie's Angels*, will always be the epitome of brunette beauty. On the cusp of yet another movie adaptation of the original girl-power franchise – which also made stars out of Farrah Fawcett, Kate Jackson and Cheryl Ladd – we called up the busy Texas native (watch for her in the upcoming Lifetime movie *Random Acts of Christmas*) to chat about her time on the series, her 23-year-long romance with husband Brad Allen, and her greatest joy: granddaughters Bea, 3, and Olivia, 6 months.

### ANGELS FLYING HIGH

We had guards at all times [when *Charlie's Angels* turned into a full-blown phenomenon]. Our lives changed so drastically overnight that we could not walk down the street in the same way. You have to think back to a time with three networks! We didn't stand in line at a movie, or anywhere.



### BEING THERE FOR FARRAH

When you go that distance with a friend, you do hit the high points, but then someone gets sick and you rally around them. To watch your friend go through [cancer] and fight so hard, and leave behind a legacy like Farrah did is something that changed me. [Jaclyn herself battled breast cancer in 2003.]



### ANOTHER REBOOT

I think it is a winning concept. And I am sure Elizabeth Banks will bring something new to it. [The film is out next month.]

And, hey, yay for women! I think it will go even a step further with this new movie – the femininity will take another turn.

### FAVOURITE ROLE

Playing Jackie Kennedy [in the made-for-TV movie *Jacqueline Bouvier Kennedy*].

### PUTTING THE 'K' IN CLOTHING

"I first turned it down," the mom of two reveals about her fashion collaboration with Kmart – something she's been committed to for more than 30 years. "A lot of people told me not to do it." But basing her decision on the chemistry she felt with the people who had approached her – plus, the fact that her own mother had wanted to be a designer! –

she decided to take the leap, putting her name behind everything from blouses and blazers (right) to swimsuits and lingerie. The brand later extended to home furnishings, and Jaclyn has maintained a close ear to what her customers want (including staying in touch via social media). Never one to rest on her laurels, though, the head-turner also has her own line of wallpaper and an eponymous skin-care range (left). **H**



### DOCTOR IN THE HOUSE

My husband is a pediatric heart surgeon. We met when my parents were in from Houston, and my father got sick... he was one of the doctors on the case. It is wild, yes! And it has been 23 years now.



### DANCING QUEEN

I wanted to be a dancer. I still dance. My daughter is an incredible dancer, and my granddaughter Bea has now started. She just had her first dance class. It was probably the high point of the year for me! I went and sat there, watching my daughter watch my granddaughter. And it was like, "Hey, that was just like me watching her [as a mom], and now I am watching the both of them."

