



Susan Davis

Teacher, Mother, Role Model, Kindhearted Soul,
Family Woman
July 26, 1945 ~ October 20, 2024

Dear Citizens,

Just over a week ago we sent an announcement about the passing of Susan Davis. Since then I have taken the time to reflect about Susan and her family and what I would share.

Susan was one of the most compassionate people I have ever met. She always inquired about how you and your family were doing. She would update me on her three sons, and her eyes would immediately get a twinkle as she relayed something about each of them.

I remember when her boys were very young and she was continually taking note of their activities. She was thoughtful and respectful of them. If they needed to be steered in the proper direction she quietly nudged them and they changed course. If she had other styles of correction I was not privy to them, and I only make mention of it because her style of

guidance was so far superior to my own and others’.

I heard her praise and encourage them often. She was a cheerleader for her family.

I generally avoid putting religious observations in my remembrances because not only am I more spiritual than religious and but also our membership derives from many different faiths and backgrounds. In the instance of remembering Sue this would be a great omission, because Sue truly lived her faith and family as one. She wasn’t at all preachy; she was simply a continual mentor of kindness and acceptance.

Susan’s life was intrinsically linked to her spiritual commitments. I remember when her husband Russell converted to Catholicism and later became a deacon. At her graveside service he presided, and he joked that many folks thought he became Catholic because “Sue made me.” He said he became Catholic because “I wanted what Susan had.”


I believe it is possible for someone to glow in their faith, and if so, Sue was indeed radiant. She touched people with her smile and capacity to be an active listener. Even her laugh was kindhearted and warm.

At her church service Monsignor Louis Marucci gave her eulogy and spoke of her embrace of him as an extended family member when he joined the St. John Bosco parish as a young priest. A short time after being assigned to the parish he was stricken with multiple sclerosis. Everything was brand-new for him: the parish, the illness (at first yet to be diagnosed), and the congregants. I remember this time well. Susan clearly adopted him during this difficult period and he expressed his gratitude at her funeral service. He mentioned that her profession as a special education teacher could not have been in better keeping with her abilities and kindness. She always offered encouragement and compassion.

One of her sons spoke of her shopping and gift-giving abilities – always just what a person needed. All spoke of her kindness. Clearly her best gift to the community was the example she set for each of us. She showed us that it only takes a moment to be thoughtful, to be kind.

Once again our condolences go to her family: husband Russell, sons Dr. Russell O. Davis III (Marybeth), Dr. Brian Davis (Kelly), and Matthew Davis (Katherine), and her cherished grandchildren, Declan, Drew, Brooke, Delany, Ryan, Samuel, and Mateo and to all her family members and friends. She will be sorely missed by the community.

Sincerely,



Jane Morton Galetto
CU Maurice River Board President

Susan Davis Obituary

July 26, 1945 ~ October 20, 2024 (age 79)

Susan Elizabeth Davis, a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, cousin and friend, passed away suddenly on Sunday, October 20th, 2024, at the age of 79. Born in New York, NY, Susan's life was a testament to love, dedication, and service to others.

Susan was a cherished resident of Millville, NJ, where she devoted many years to her vocation as a Special Education teacher with Millville Public Schools. Her passion for education and her genuine care for her students left an indelible mark on countless lives. Her many other passions included nurturing flowers and gardening, traveling and spending quality time with family and friends. She particularly enjoyed vacationing in Ocean City, NJ, dancing Zumba, indulging her sweet tooth, taking leisurely walks with her husband, shopping, and staying active through working out.

Susan's legacy continues through her loving family. She is survived by her beloved husband, Deacon Russell O. Davis, Jr., her loving sons, Dr. Russell O. Davis III (Marybeth), Dr. Brian Davis (Kelly), and Matthew Davis (Katherine), and her cherished grandchildren, Declan, Drew, Brooke, Delany, Ryan, Samuel, and Mateo. She also leaves behind her brother, Joseph Carlozzo, Jr. (Aileen), her sister, Laurie Poeschel (Mike), and several beloved cousins, nieces, and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Joseph and Sophie Carlozzo, whom she loved deeply.

After moving from North Jersey to South Jersey to be with her husband, she always cherished her trips back to visit her beloved parents, siblings, and extended family. During her early married years, she traveled the East Coast to passionately support with her husband their three sons at their soccer and sporting events. A true sports enthusiast, she enjoyed watching Philadelphia sports teams alongside her husband and sons, sometimes being the last one awake to catch the end of a game.

As her children grew, Susan found new ways to engage with her community. She rode with the Multiple Sclerosis 150 Holy Rollers team, volunteered with Hospice, and participated in veterans' outreach at the Millville Army Airfield Museum. A woman of deep faith, she contributed her time to St. John Bosco and later All Saints parish, serving as a Eucharistic minister, Lector, RCIA teacher, volunteer in funeral ministry and as a teacher for English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL). She also supported her husband in his ministry as a Deacon.

Upon becoming a grandmother to seven, she reignited her love for sports fandom by attending countless grandchildren's games and activities. Her unwavering devotion, generous heart, and unconditional love will be remembered forever.

Family, friends, and community members are invited to attend viewings held on Tuesday, October 29th, 2024, from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm, with a family eulogy at 7:45 pm, and again on Wednesday, October 30th, 2024, from 9:00 am to 10:15 am at Christy Funeral Home, 11 West Broad St., Millville, NJ. A funeral mass will begin on Wednesday at 11:00 am at the Parish of All Saints, Buck & Depot Sts., Millville, NJ. Interment will follow at Holy Cross Cemetery, Millville, NJ. In her spirit of giving, Susan's family kindly requests, in lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy be made through financial donations or devoting time to a charity of choice. Memories of Susan and condolences for her family may be shared on her tribute wall.



Susan making calls to vets at the Millville Army Airfield Museum

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