



## Susan Ann Marie Fortier

November 29, 1965 - July 13, 2012

TURNER - Susan Ann Marie Fortier, of Minot beloved mother of Jessica Smith and loving grandmother of Madilynne Smith, died unexpectedly in an automobile accident on July 13, 2012. The only daughter of Renaud and Jane Fortier, she was born on November 29, 1965 in

Lewiston, ME. Along with her six brothers, Susan was raised in their country home in Minot, ME where she learned to love all of God's natural gifts. She attended Minot Consolidated School and graduated from St. Dominic's Regional High School in 1984. Her beloved daughter Jessica was born soon after and together they made a home in Auburn, ME while Susan was employed at KB Toys. After 27 years in the toy retail industry the company closed. Susan then pursued her dream of receiving a higher education. In 2011, surrounded by her family and friends, she proudly graduated Phi Theta Kappa from Central Maine Community College with a Medical Assistant degree. She was hired at WorkMed through St. Mary's Regional Medical Center and also at Big Lots where she became close to many. She truly enjoyed her work and her co-workers, stating that every day on the job was exciting and rewarding. As much as she enjoyed her work, nothing could compare to the love she had for her granddaughter Madilynne Jane. Susan will be remembered for her infectious laughter and smile, her devotion to animals and her love of nature. Susan will be sadly missed by all those who knew and loved her, especially her daughter and son-in-law Jessica and Justin Smith, her beloved grand-daughter Madilynne Smith all of Belgrade, brothers: Michael and wife Susan Fortier of Lewiston, Ronald and wife Kim Fortier of Norristown, PA, Robert Fortier, Richard Fortier both of Lewiston, Donald Fortier of Sabattus and Raymond Fortier of Buckfield and many nieces and nephews. She was pre-deceased by her parents Renaud and Jane Fortier of Minot.

Rest in peace our dear Susan, we will love you forever. Online condolences and sharing of memories may be expressed at [www.lynchbrothers.com](http://www.lynchbrothers.com) FORTIER died in Turner, July 13, 2012, a resident of Minot. A Memorial Mass of Christian burial honoring Susan's life will be held THURSDAY 11:00AM Sacred Heart Church, Auburn. Committal prayers to follow at St. Peter's Cemetery, Lewiston. In lieu of flowers donations to the Madilynne Smith's college fund c/o Mechanics Savings Bank 664Main St., Lewiston, ME 04240

Family and friends are invited to a memorial visitation Wednesday 2-4 and 7-9PM at the PINETTE & LYNCH FUNERAL HOME 305 Alfred Plourde Parkway, Lewiston, 784-4023

# Tribute Wall

LJ

“ Sue and I went to high school together. We had good times with Elaine and Michelle. I miss her smile and sense of humor. She was a wonderful, beautiful person. My kids used to love seeing her at KB Toys when they were little. She was always so friendly. God Bless.

Linda Jones - July 24, 2012 at 05:47 PM

JG

“ Dear Jessica and family. I am so sorry for your loss. I can remember Sue's infectious laughter and smile every time we came in to visit at the toy store. She used to 'put up" so well with my father, Gary. May she remain forever in your hearts and memories.

Jennifer Gallant - July 20, 2012 at 07:54 AM

WV

“ Jessica..although you do not know me..i wanted to let you know your mother did not die alone..My son stopped and spent the last few minutes with her..he did go to the wake last night,so please know she did not go alone..i am so sorry for your loss..no words will ever be enough.. i am praying for you and all of your family....

vicky verrill - July 19, 2012 at 10:14 AM

JG

“ Ron and Bob, So sorry for your loss to you and your entire family. Thoughts and prayers are with you in this difficult time.

Jeannine Godin - July 19, 2012 at 09:36 AM

KI

“ im very blessed to have been able to work with you and get to know you im very sad you have left us so soon but im sure your in a better place you will be missed R.I.P my friend ill see on the other side someday

KIMMY - July 19, 2012 at 12:23 AM

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KIMMY - July 19, 2012 at 12:22 AM

RP

“ *The Central Maine Community College community was deeply saddened to learn of Susan's passing. Susan was an outstanding student in the medical assistant program here, as evidenced by her earning the College's highest honors - President's Honors. She also was a member of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, the international honor society of two-year colleges. Susan was a model student and an inspiration to many of her peers. She will be missed. We extend our sympathy to Susan's family and friends.*

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**Roger Philippon** - July 18, 2012 at 12:30 PM

JM

“ *I am so sorry for your loss Jessica and all the family. You were all her joy. I worked with Susan at WorkMed and also worked with her 20 yrs ago at KB toys. When I heard she had become an MA and had applied to WorkMed I was all for her because I knew she was a genuinely good and kind person, a hard worker and her energy was contagious. I am so grateful for the chance I got to know her better, she was truly a blessing to us and I will miss her very much. Please know you are in my thoughts and prayers.*

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**Julie Millett** - July 18, 2012 at 02:40 AM

MR

“ *Jessica, sweet little Madilynn and Family, Susan was a gift and a joy to work with at WorkMed. Always eager to learn more and always with a SMILE. I remember her so vividly, full of life, love and laughter. I miss her dearly. I wrote a poem that I shared with the WorkMed Team and would like to share it with you. "SUSAN" We may never know why God blessed us with your presence only for a short while. You have crossed our paths and touched our Soul and you will never be forgotten. My deepest sympathies, Mona*

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**Mona Robitaille** - July 18, 2012 at 01:01 AM

MR

“ *Jessica, sweet little Madilynn and family, Susan was a gift and a joy to work with at WorkMed. Always eager to learn more and always with a SMILE. I remember her so vividly, full of life, confidence and energy. So young... so tragic - I miss her dearly. I wrote this poem and shared it with the WorkMed Team and would like to share it with you. "SUSAN" We may never know why God blessed us with your presence for only a short while. You have crossed our paths and touched our Soul and you will never be forgotten. My deepest sympathies to you and your family. Mona*

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**Mona Robitaille** - July 17, 2012 at 11:05 PM

MR

“ Sue and I worked at Tons of Toys together. I have fond memories of time we shared there with Betty, Belinda, Raymond, Scott, Sue A. and Brian. You will be missed by your retail family too.

Mikel Richards - July 17, 2012 at 08:28 PM

CL

“ Jessica and Fortier Family, I haven't seen Sue in many years, probably since my parents sold the North Auburn Cash Market several years ago, but in reading the condolences sent by others, it is obvious that she impacted many lives in a positive way. It is always sad when we lose a loved one, especially before their time. Keep her memories alive by sharing wonderful stories of time spent together! My thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. Cheryl Lang

Cheryl (Breton) Lang - July 17, 2012 at 05:53 PM

GK

“ Jessica - I worked with your Mom at WorkMed and was very saddened to hear of the accident. I was thinking of what would be thoughtful and meaningful to say = when I came up with the idea; I had just submitted her 12 month performance review....after re-reading it - I knew it would be appropriate for you to see and think about. Below is the exact words I sent to my manager: Susan is very self-motivated, dedicated and enthusiastic. Likes to be busy and fits in well with the team. She is knowledgeable and intelligent enough to learn any and all aspects of WorkMed Health Services. She can be self-directed and responsible enough to be left alone and to go onsite to provide services within her scope of experience. I see her as a very selfless person; always willing to give more without asking for anything in return, She seems to always have a positive outlook and is helpful to everyone. Susan is great to work with, I like having her on the Team and hope she stays with WorkMed....I have also told her, I hope she continues her education as well. God bless and, wishing you the best in the future.

Greg Kellough - July 17, 2012 at 03:07 PM

MH

“ Jessica, please know that your mom was a wonderful , giving person. If you could see the way her eyes would light up when she spoke of you and little Madilynn, look up in the sky at night, the sparkling stars you see, will be her eyes looking down at you, sending you love and memories to cherish forever. I will miss her love of flowers and speaking of your grandmothers garden. God Bless you during this difficult time.

Marcie Hill - July 17, 2012 at 01:00 PM

SF

“ My dearest Susie-Q, Only a few days ago you sent me a 20% discount to Big Lots...I meant to call you that night, but never got around to it. If I had, our conversation would have been a fun one! We first would have talked about your job at WorkMed...once again, I would have encouraged you to apply to one of the offices so you could have full time status with benefits. You would have laughed at me and you would have gone on and on about just how much you loved your job and the people you work with, and how everyday is an exciting and rewarding one, learning something new everyday...so you would wait it out until something opened up full time at WorkMed. We then would have talked about Jess's car accident and how blessed we all were that she was okay and doubly blessed that Madi had not been with her. You then would have told me just how much you love little Madi and how happy you were when Jess was born, how you never could have imagined it being better than that, but having a grand-child was even better! We then would have laughed out loud,you with your contagious laugh, we would have carried on about what a pair of crazy "Memere's" we had become! We then would have exchanged information about all the brothers and how they were doing...you would have asked me about my girls and their many "happenings"...we would have made plans to have Jess and Madi over to swim with Zane. I didn't know that day would soon come, but you would not be there to share the joy of seeing our little ones together. It saddens me to know that you will never know just how much I loved and respected you. Your generous, non-judgemental ways and your faith in God humbles me. I never told you how I, 10 years older than you, admired your strength and courage. I shall never forget the words you said one day not long ago, a lesson I shall try to live by this day forward: "I have come to believe we are all a product of where we have been...and if we have been hurt by someone, we need to remember we have not walked in their shoes and we don't know where they have been, so we need to forgive them-and in doing so, will also set us free." Rest peacefully, sweet Sue, all will be well...we will love you forever.

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**Susan M Fortier** - July 17, 2012 at 11:39 AM

KR

“ Susan was such a wonderful client of mine and such a determination and commitment to her education. I enjoyed her smile and friendliness so much. She made me so proud to have known her. I am so very very sorry for your loss.

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**Keri Robichaud** - July 17, 2012 at 11:36 AM

CP

“ Jessica, Madilynne & Family Susan was a co-worker & friend. I've been blessed to have known Susan, her smile, energy and words of humor and wisdom has touched me in so many ways. Susan's presence will always be remembered here at WorkMed. RIP Susan!

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**Carol Plourde** - July 17, 2012 at 11:11 AM

DM

“ I am so sorry to hear of Susans' passing She worked for me shortly at FYE and I always enjoyed being with her. She was definitely a bright spot in the Auburn Mall.

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**Donna Martin** - July 17, 2012 at 10:59 AM

EB

“ I met Sue in high school. She was a smart and funny girl. We continued our friendship after high school. We had some crazy-good times! She was so very proud of her daughter! My mom would go to the mall daily and have coffee with her friends and she would always tell me when she saw Sue and she would always say how nice she was! I know that this as such a difficult time for all her family, but, I hope that you can all take comfort in the kind and heartfelt words that people are leaving for her, letting you know how very special she was. Be proud of Sue, your mother, your sister, your friend....she was an amazing woman! RIP my friend...

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**Elaine Breton-Thibodeau** - July 17, 2012 at 10:37 AM

KM

“ Susan was such a wonderful woman, and I truly am saddened by the news of her death, but she will live on in the family's hearts forever. Jessica your relationship with your mother was an inspiration to other mothers and daughters and a perfect example of how life should not be taken for granted. My condolences go out to the Fortier family. ~Kasandra (Robichaud) Mercier

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**Kasandra (Robichaud) Mercier** - July 17, 2012 at 10:17 AM

CC

“ Susan was a beloved colleague and friend and will be missed by the WorkMed team. She was such a committed employee, whose every action was in keeping with our core values of Respect, Compassion, Excellence, and Stewardship. I am so thankful to have known her. Rest in Peace Susan.

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**Cindy Cronkhite** - July 17, 2012 at 09:50 AM

AB

“ I worked at the Auburn Mall for many years while Sue was at KB. She was always so fun and friendly. My prayers and thoughts are with her family as they go through this difficult time. Rest in peace Sue.

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**Angel Bosworth** - July 17, 2012 at 07:55 AM

BN

“ Jessica and family. Your mother, as you already know was an amazing lady. I worked with her at Workmed at what a great addition she was to our family. Always smiling, positive attitude and just a genuine person. Her laugh was contagious and always put others first. Know that she loved you very much. Jessica you and your daughter were her life. She always talked about you two and was very proud of what you have become. Know that she is looking down on you and smiling. I hope that that will get you through this very difficult time. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Brenda Normandeau - July 17, 2012 at 07:12 AM

KD

“ I am so sorry for your loss Jessica. I know how special your mom was to you. She lives on in you and Madilynne.

Kelly D'Alessandro - July 17, 2012 at 02:32 AM

VL

“ My deepest sympathies to Jessica and your family. I worked with Susan at workmed and enjoyed working with her. She was such a joy and blessing to me and those who knew her. She was such a giving and loving person. I miss her smile and her contagious laugh. You will be missed . My prayers are with you all during this difficult time. So blessed to have known and worked with such a wonderful women.

Vicky Lacombe - July 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BK

“ Sue will be greatly missed. I worked with Sue at K B Toys and Toys & Toys. We took family trips together and had lots of good times. My sympathies to Jessica and all of Sue's loved ones.

Betty Krumm - July 16, 2012 at 07:34 PM

DC

“ I have know Susan for several years, first at Kay Bee toys and later as a store associate at BigLots. She was always with a smile and a pleasure to work beside. She will be dearly missed by all that she touched.

Doug Curtis - July 16, 2012 at 05:17 PM