



Susan A. Rodrigue

June 16, 1964 - July 12, 2019

AUBURN- Susan Anne (Mortensen) Rodrigue, 55, of Auburn Maine passed away peacefully on the morning of July 12th at the Androscoggin Hospice House after a long illness with two of her best friends by her side, her husband Dan and her sister Linda. Susan "Sue" was born to Paul and Sarah (MacDonald) Mortensen in Middletown Connecticut. They moved to Lewiston when Sue was two, where she was raised, educated and worked all her life. Sue's goal in life was to comfort those in need and help those who needed it most. Her love and kindness was not just at work but at home and in her community. If there was a need, Sue would always be the first to volunteer. Upon graduating from Lewiston High School, she pursued her passion for helping others in nursing, graduating from the University of Southern Maine with a Bachelor of Science Degree in nursing and later her Masters of Nursing Degree. In 1991 she married the love of her life Daniel Rodrigue, and they had two beautiful children. During this time, Sue was integral in launching the Children and Adolescent Psychiatric Unit as the Nurse Manager at St. Mary's Regional Medical Center in Lewiston. As time went on, Sue found she missed patient care and returned to school to become a Nurse Practitioner. While pregnant with her children, Mackenzie and then Ethan, she would trek to Portland until her schooling was complete. She became a Family Nurse Practitioner in 1999 and a Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner in 2002. At the time Sue piloted that position for St Mary's to assess whether Nurse Practitioners would benefit St Mary's. Today, there are multiple Nurse Practitioners which benefit the patients, doctors and the hospital thanks to her groundbreaking work. Sue was highly regarded by staff and patients and in 2013 was recognized with the St. Marguerite D'Youville Award for Respect.

Sue was a loving and caring wife, mother, sister and daughter. Her kindness could be seen in her eyes and felt with her infectious smile. She loved to shop and to surprise loved ones with bargains she discovered. She was always looking for a bargain, especially for shoes. She enjoyed trips to Portland and the coast, especially walking on the ocean beaches. She enjoyed reading and crocheting. Sue will be dearly missed. She was predeceased by her father Paul and her mother Sarah.

She is survived by her husband Dan, daughter Mackenzie, and son Ethan. She had four sisters, Paula Paladino and husband Henry, Linda Mortensen and partner Kim Pinard,

Karen Mortensen, Wendy Maxim and husband Ron, and two brothers Eric Mortensen and partner April Caron, and Dana Mortensen and partner Kelly Dousteau, and many nieces and nephews.

The family would like to extend thanks to Dr. Jeffery Brown and staff of St. Mary's, Dr. Noreen Flanagan and staff at the Memory Clinic, Dr. Elizabeth Fagan of the Fagan Center for Communication, Tina White, Linda Chase and staff of Trusted Souls, and the Androscoggin Home Health Care and Hospice House for the outstanding care the was provided to Sue.

Online condolences and sharing of memories may be expressed at www.lynchbrothers.com.

A Memorial Mass honoring Susan's life will be held on Saturday at 11:00 AM at Sacred Heart Church. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Foundation. (alz.org/maine) . A memorial gathering will be held on Friday from 6-8 PM and also on Saturday morning from 9:30 AM till we proceed to Sacred Heart Church for the celebratory Mass at the Pinette Dillingham & Lynch Funeral Home 305 Alfred A. Plourde Parkway in Lewiston, 784-4023.

Events

JUL **Visitation** 06:00PM - 08:00PM

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Pinette Dillingham & Lynch Funeral Home & Cremation Services
305 Alfred Plourde Parkway PO Box 181, Lewiston, ME, US, 04240

JUL **Visitation** 09:30AM - 10:30AM

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JUL **Service** 11:00AM - 12:00PM

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Sacred Heart Church
Corner of Western Avenue and Minot Avenue, Auburn, ME, US, 04210

Comments



“ So sorry to hear about Sue. She had a great smile and was always very sweet to me when I worked at St. Mary's. Sending prayers.
Abigail Porter, LCSW

Abigail Porter - July 20, 2019 at 09:29 PM



“ Bonjour Daniel et Tante Marielle et famille,

.Nous désirons vous offrir nos sincères condoléances pour le décès de Susan.

Serons avec vous par la pensée et affectiion.

Lucille et Paul-André XOX XOX

lucille - July 20, 2019 at 08:17 AM



“ Sue was such a kind and loving person. I loved when we worked together at many functions Sr. Liz will bring us together on. I will miss you. Rest in Peace and God Bless you. Family I pray that you find strength and peace with the passing of Susan. My sincere Sympathies to you all.

Rachel Dixon - July 19, 2019 at 03:25 PM



“ I first met Sue about a year ago. Walking into Trusted Souls she greeted me with a big smile and a long 'story'. From that moment I was smitten. Her smile lit up the whole room. Even in the progression of her disease she was there trying to help when another appeared to be in need. At Christmas there was a table full of goodies including the best chocolate fudge. I came upon her enjoying some and asked "What have you got there?". She held her hand up, pointed to the door and said, in her way, "Go away. I have this covered." My friend I am going to miss you terribly. I was truly blessed to have met you and had the pleasure of being of service to you. My sympathy to Dan and your beautiful children.

Paula Hamilton - July 19, 2019 at 12:37 PM



“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Susan A. Rodrigue.



July 19, 2019 at 08:20 AM



“ I am so sorry for your loss and wanted to share what a difference Sue made in my life. I will be forever grateful to Sue. She took me under her wing when I started as a brand new provider and taught me so much. She was ever patient and so very knowledgeable. She was universally kind and good natured to patients and staff alike. She created a path that myself and many others have followed as nurse practitioners, earning trust and respect from everyone she encountered. She was so proud of her family and especially her children, always glad to share photos and stories of them. She was able to balance family and career with grace, doing so much for everyone but never seeming tired. Thank you for sharing your wife and mom with the rest of us, we are all better for it.

Veronica Diamond - July 18, 2019 at 08:55 PM



“ Toutes nos condoléances Daniel, Mackenzie et Ethan pour la perte de Susan. Elle demeurera toujours près de vous. Nos condoléances à la famille Mortensen ainsi qu'à tante Marie et mes cousins et cousines.

Nos prières et nos pensées vous accompagnent tout au long de ces moments difficiles.

Ta cousine Chantal Fortin ainsi que mon conjoint Denis Lachance

Chantal Fortin & Denis Lachance - July 18, 2019 at 03:25 PM



“ It just seems like yesterday when I arrived in Watertown, Connecticut (1964) to help my sister, Sue’s mom as she then had 2 beautiful children 11 months apart. I remember being greeted with such a welcoming smile and unforgettable big eyes. Those caring eyes, her generosity and kindness were the qualities that made her loved by so many. So the phrase, “Only the good die young” surely applies to Sue. You have left a deep hole in our hearts and may you enjoy eternal peace. Will miss you always and give a big hug to your mom. Our deepest sympathies Dan, Mackenzie, Ethan & all the Mortensen family. Aunt Mamie, Uncle Bob, Donna, Glenn & Suzanne
A donation to the Canadian Alzheimer’s Association will be made in Sue’s name.



The Stewart family - July 18, 2019 at 02:14 PM



“ My heart was stunned to learn of Sue’s passing. She was a bright star and so full of love for her family, and someone I so deeply respected. I am left without words...just a deep “thud” that the earth lost her far too soon. My prayerful thoughts surround each of her beloved family members.

Calla Wells - July 18, 2019 at 12:44 PM



“ Dan Im so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers with you and your family at this time.

Allison Pease - July 18, 2019 at 08:36 AM



“ Sue was one of the kindest people I have ever met. Her heart was pure!!! . I am so sorry~ My thoughts and prayers during this unimaginable time are with her family. <3

Bernice - July 17, 2019 at 07:31 PM



“ Thank you Bernice!

Dan Rodrigue - July 17, 2019 at 09:14 PM



“ To Sue's family:

Sue was a person for whom I had great respect. She was a woman who treated her patient's with great dignity and compassion. I will always remember her smile, her love, and the way she could put so many words into such a short time frame. She truly was proud of her family and spoke highly of her husband and children. Her face lit up when talking about all of you. Rest in peace, dear friend. You will be missed by many. I hope you, the family, find peace knowing that Sue is with her loved ones in Heaven and watching over you.

Barbara Daigle

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Barbara Daigle - July 17, 2019 at 04:29 PM



“ Thank you Barbara!

Dan Rodrigue - July 17, 2019 at 09:16 PM



“ Nos sincères sympathies Mâtante Marielle de LOUIS FRANÇOISE QUI VOUS AIME

Lagueux Françoise - July 18, 2019 at 02:12 PM



“ Sue was a good friend to me throughout my childhood and I can imagine she was a fantastic mother, nurse, and wife.

I am so sorry for your loss. -- Illysa Izenberg (she knew me as Lysa Perry)

Illysa Izenberg - July 17, 2019 at 01:10 PM



“ Thank you Illysa!

Dan Rodrigue - July 17, 2019 at 09:17 PM



“ With love and hugs, Lisa and Fred Shardlow purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Susan A. Rodrigue.



With love and hugs, Lisa and Fred Shardlow - July 17, 2019 at 11:56 AM



“ Dan our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Ronald DeBlois - July 17, 2019 at 09:57 AM



“ Thank you Ron.

Dan Rodrigue - July 17, 2019 at 10:40 AM



“ You will be very much missed my friend. Carol Libbey

Carolyn Libbey - July 17, 2019 at 09:12 AM



“ Thank you Carolyn.

Dan Rodrigue - July 17, 2019 at 10:41 AM



“ Lynn Ward lit a candle in memory of Susan A. Rodrigue



Lynn Ward - July 17, 2019 at 09:09 AM



“ Thank you Lynn.

Dan Rodrigue - July 17, 2019 at 10:41 AM



“ She was one of the kindest, most beautiful people I know and I was blessed to call her my friend. Her smile and contagious giggle lit up any room she walked into. She will forever be loved and missed and will live on in my heart and precious memories ... my deepest most heart felt sympathy to Linda and her family.



Teresa Nutter - July 17, 2019 at 08:11 AM



“ Thank you Teresa!

Dan Rodrigue - July 17, 2019 at 10:42 AM



“ I had the pleasure of working on the Disciples in Mission committee with Sue for many years and she was so smart and hard working. She was respectful and a pleasure to have around. She impacted my life in a huge way. I will miss your smile and your presence. Our spiritual journey I will never forget. The great times we had with Sister Liz! Thank you Sue and I will miss you! Carlene Parent

Carlene Parent - July 26, 2019 at 01:25 PM



“ De Gaétan et Éric Fortin purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of Susan A. Rodrigue.



De Gaétan et Éric Fortin - July 16, 2019 at 09:02 PM