



## Suzy Smith

September 5, 1945 - March 1, 2020

Suzy Smith, age 74, completed her victory lap to heaven on March 1, 2020. She is now cancer free and very happy. She was born in Thomasville, Georgia to Evelyn and Frank Smith. She had one sister, Sandy, whom along with her parents preceded her in death. Suzy was a Bible believing Christian who strived to be like Jesus. She was a proud “flag waving American” who loved to fly our flag at home and also to wear a flag shirt or hat every day. It was a privilege for her to thank all military personnel for their sacrifice and service. Suzy was a Mama to some special dogs, Sissy, Puff, Lucky Girl and Sugar Baby just to name a few. Suzy loved music, going to the beach and all sports. She was a good softball player and especially enjoyed softball and swimming. She enjoyed cheering on the Georgia Bulldogs and the Atlanta Braves. She was a wealth of knowledge about birds and passionate about photographing them. Over her lifetime she served as Program Director at the Service Club at Fort Stewart, Georgia. She worked at Abney’s Department Store in LaFayette for 10 years before becoming the shipping and receiving clerk and supervisor at Pyramid Mouldings in Rossville for over 20 years. A native of Thomasville, Georgia she moved to LaFayette in 1972 where she resided in Walker County and added to her family of friends. She loved her “claimed families” and blood relatives and had a special place in her heart for each one she loved. She had many lifelong friends and made new ones wherever she went. She had an infectious spirit and a smile that would light up the room. She had a gift of making people feel good about themselves and was a model of true

friendship. Suzy was a gift, she was unbelievably brave and had an amazing faith that helped her live courageously through all life's challenges, including cancer, into eternity. There will be a celebration of life held at a later date. No flowers please! In lieu of flowers Suzy requested that donations be made to Hospice of Chattanooga, 4411 Oakwood Drive Chattanooga, Tn. 37416. Online guest book at [www.wilsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.wilsonfuneralhome.com). Arrangements by W. L. Wilson & Sons Funeral Homes, LaFayette, GA.

# Tribute Wall

RH

“ *Richard & Pat Hardinger lit a candle in memory of Suzy Smith*



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**Richard & Pat Hardinger** - March 21, 2020 at 10:33 PM

JC

“ *Margaret sent me a letter yesterday to let me know of Suzy's death. My mother, Annette Armstrong, and Suzy were paternal cousins. Suzy was always very attentive to my dear mother and insisted on a strong and steady relationship, even visiting her consistently when she and my father moved to Savannah in 2004. I am grateful for their connection. It was a meaningful and valuable "cousin"ship.*

*Jan Armstrong Conners*

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**Jan Armstrong Conners** - March 10, 2020 at 03:15 PM

AT

“ *Suzy was an amazing friend and my wife Bethany and I are so thankful to have met her a few years ago by chance at Mckay's Bookstore in Chattanooga. We bonded over a love for birds and she invited us over to see her beautiful rare Rufous Hummingbird that visited her house for many winters. It was evident that Suzy had a passionate love for animals and others rooted in her faith in God. We are thankful to have known her and glad her suffering is over.*

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**Andrew Theus** - March 09, 2020 at 11:51 AM

DN

“ Suzy was an amazing friend. She made me want to be a better person and encouraged me in my walk with the Lord. After she was diagnosed with cancer, we shared several conversations about life and death. It comforted me to know that she had no fear of death and was ready to go home to be with Jesus. I will miss her smile and her many encouraging words. I give thanks to God for Suzy's friendship throughout my life. She will be missed.

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**Deane Norwood** - March 06, 2020 at 09:01 AM

PA

“ Suzy was my dear cousin. I loved her contagious smile and laughter. Although Suzy was 7 years younger than I, as we became adults we really connected. She often gave me her wise advice and was always interested and ready to listen to my concerns.

Suzy loved birds as I do. She would sit for hours with her camera to get just the right photo of the birds that gathered around her home. I have a collection of over 600 bird photos that she sent to me over the years - each with a carefully written description on the back.

Suzy and her best friend Margaret were a wonderful pair - supporting each other in good times and bad. They were fun, forthright, and generous.

At the last, Suzy comforted me instead of the other way round. She told me many times to be happy for her, because she knew she was going to be with her Lord, and with her family and friends who had gone before her.

We won't ever see another person like Suzy.

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**Pepper Ausley** - March 05, 2020 at 11:58 AM

PA

“ Margaret, I LOVE the picture of Suzy here on this page -- that beautiful sweet, sweet face and smile!!!! You both mean so very much to me!!! Meeting you guys was an instant "join the family" moment and it has been an absolute heavenly honor to know you both. Suzy's love and caring spirit is sooo infectious it just makes you want to be around her all the time. You, Margaret, are the same way. Do you remember the picture of the "Moon" that Suzy took and I asked "what setting on her camera did she use to capture that great shot" -- we all laughed so hard at her reply!!!! We have had so many great memories! I will miss Suzy but thankful to know that I will see her again in our heavenly home. Much love to you both as always. Hope to see you again and again at the beach. Pam Anders

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**Pam Anders** - March 05, 2020 at 11:00 AM

SR

“ Suzy and I met because of a love for dogs and their welfare. We became friends, and she was a good friend who was always willing to step up when needed. She had a deep love for our country, and an abiding faith in our Lord. Her positive attitude regarding her illness was remarkable and inspiring. I'll miss my friend.

Sandy Rhoads

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**Sandra Rhoads** - March 04, 2020 at 10:20 AM

FG

“ I remember watching Suzy as a THS cheerleader and being amazed at her pep and spirit. She displayed those qualities throughout her life in all she did. Suzy was a huge advocate for the THS Class of 63 and was constantly trying to keep us "reunited". We will all miss her infectious smile but do rejoice that she was, as she told me, a "child of God". She holds a special place in our hearts. Faye and John Guy

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**Faye Guy** - March 04, 2020 at 09:32 AM

JS

“ *Suzy and I played softball together in the early 80s. Countless hours chatting with her in the outfield are some of my favorite memories. She taught me about birds and shared her love of them, and birding became a major part of my appreciation of creation. Suzy was very loving and kind, and I will miss her in this world very much.*

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**Jo Sanders** - March 03, 2020 at 09:44 PM

RA

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



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**Russ Ausley** - March 03, 2020 at 05:21 PM

AR

*I love this picture of Suzy and her mom Evelyn. Suzy and I met after her father's passing and we became friends via the mail. Although we never met in person our friendship was so very important to me. I just recently learned of her passing. Knowing the woman she was I feel she's absolutely loving being in Heaven with Jesus, her family and friends she's lost along the way. Thank you to her friends that notified me that she had went to Heaven. Our earthly loss is our Lord's gain. Love you always Suzy, Evelyn and Frank.*

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**Angie Riddell** - May 14, 2023 at 09:48 AM

DL

“ Suzy and I went to school together and graduated from Thomasville High School in Thomasville High School in 1963. We have remained friends over all these years even though she moved to north Georgia and I moved to central Florida. We would plan our trips and meet from time to time for lunch. We especially arranged to eat supper prior to our high school reunions. She was a friend to all. Suzy had a positive outlook on everything! When she found out the dreaded news of her disease, she called me. She said she was prepared and knew that when her time was up, she was going to a better place. We talked about her Christian faith and I told her she was the model for us all. I will miss our frequent chats and the classmates of THS have truly lost a “spark plug” of joy and laughter.  
Dianne Brantley Lovett

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**Dianne Lovett** - March 03, 2020 at 10:14 AM

KF

“ Kathy Fountain lit a candle in memory of Suzy Smith



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**Kathy Fountain** - March 03, 2020 at 09:32 AM

MA

“ My boyfriend and I had the privilege of knowing Suzy for a short bit of her life. She (and her good friend Margaret) loved spending their Florida vacation time in Panama City Beach at our condo. When i first met Suzy, i felt like i had known her all my life. She had a way of making you feel like family! She always sported a smile although she struggled through that nasty cancer. Now she can Rest in peace. I will always have happy memories of meeting Suzy Smith. Prayers for comfort to all the people who knew her. Mona and Matt



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**Mona Anderson** - March 03, 2020 at 08:12 AM

BS

“ Suzy was definitely one special friend! She always knew what you needed or wanted, most times before you knew it yourself. So thankful to have so many precious memories of good times shared with her. I will miss her every single day but so happy that she is rejoicing with her loved ones now that left before her. I love you and miss you Suzy, til we meet again.

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**Barbara Shrake** - March 02, 2020 at 11:23 PM

LW

“ I had the privilege of working with Suzy Smith at Pyramid Mouldings for almost 10 years. I was the Personnel Manager and Suzy was the Shipping Department Supervisor. I have never met a person with more determination in carrying out their duties than Suzy possessed. She was adamant about crossing every "t" and dotting every "i" and she tried to instill this quality in every person that worked for her. Suzy never met a stranger. She would make you feel at ease even if you had never known her. She was an inspiration to all. She was be greatly missed.

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**Larry Watkins** - March 02, 2020 at 08:12 PM