



Susan Faye Stilwell

January 24, 1957 - November 9, 2015

The family of Susan Stilwell sadly announces her passing on November 9, 2015, at the University of Alberta Hospital, after several valiant health battles. She will be dearly missed and remembered by her loving husband, Don; son, Daniel (Genevieve); daughter, Sarah (Matthew); her sisters Sharon (Larry), Linda (Ryan), Judy (Ron), Nancy (Greg); her brothers Wayne (Sue), Doug (Sherry), Conrad (Sylvia), Chris (Cindy), Larry (Marjie), Rick; her sister-in-law, Cheryl; her mother-in-law, Lois; and her many nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Susan was predeceased by her mother, Lena; her father, Leon; her brother, Ken; and her father-in-law Reg.

Susan leaves behind an incredible legacy of her love of travel, and continued to do so despite all hurdles she faced. A very special thank you to her team at the Mazankowski Alberta Heart Institute - thank you for your endless compassion and support.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, November 14 at 10:30 a.m. at St. David's United Church (4614 48 Street, Leduc T9E 5X7)

In lieu of flowers, please make donations in memory of Susan to the University Hospital Foundation to help support the programs that have helped

her:

Mazankowski Alberta Heart Institute 2A9.006 MAHI, 8440 – 112 Street NW,
Edmonton, AB T6G 2B7.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

NOV **14.** 10:30 AM (MT)

St. David's United Church
4614 - 48 Street
Leduc, AB

Tribute Wall

DS

“ Don,

On behalf of the Skeffrey family, we send our heartfelt condolences. You and your family are in our prayers. There are no perfect words right now but I pray God comforts you at this time and touches you at your point of need.

*With love and an overflow of blessings,
Courtney, Diana, Dina & Ethan*

Dina Skeffrey - November 20, 2015 at 12:09 AM

DA

“ Dear Don, our hearts and deepest sympathies go out to you and your family. Love, David, Anna, Sebastian and Sofia Aguilera

David Aguilera - November 15, 2015 at 06:40 PM

GM

“ Don,

Bruce and I still think of you and Sue and the inaugural years of Travel Trends in Leduc. We enjoyed our time working with you. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family today, and in the coming days ahead.

Gaby

Gabrielle & Bruce Mutch - November 15, 2015 at 12:33 PM

“ Dear Don, Daniel, and Sarah -

Trying to think of the perfect words to comfort you in your time of grief, and nothing seems to fully capture the incredible woman you called Sue/Mom.

Susan was such a bright personality, always loving being around people, and especially the ones she loved the most. She was one of the most hospitable and thoughtful women I have ever known, and I'm honored to have called her my friend.

I will never forget the time when Don asked Susan and I to drive the new CV Sprinter to Miami from Ft. Lauderdale. Easy enough task, right? WRONG! This was before the time of smart phones and Google Maps! Susan and I started chatting away, as we always did, and before we knew it, time had gotten away from us, we were lost, only to take about 15 minutes getting our bearings, and learning that we were in HOMESTEAD! We pulled over to a gas station, called Don, and laughed our way all the way BACK to the hotel in Miami. Don wasn't happy with us when we finally arrived, but we were as happy as could be! WE laughed about that for years afterward.

I would also like to finally confess... Susan has been keeping a secret for me for about seven or eight years. When she came to Oregon to visit me, I picked her up at her hotel and off we went. The airport drive was confusing at the time, and not only did I run a red light, I made an illegal u-turn, and was going slightly over the speed limit. Needless to say, I was pulled over, and to make matters worse, I didn't have the new insurance card in my car! As the officer scolded me and wrote my ticket, Susan sat beside me, giggling under her breath. When we drove away, we both just laughed and laughed, and I made her pinky swear to never tell anyone, especially my husband, about my nasty little ticket. Being the good friend she was, she never breathed a word to anyone, and yet we found ourselves with yet another story we laughed about every time we saw one another.

And there are more stories just like this... filled with spending quality time with Susan and lot, and LOTS of laughter. We laughed at their Florida home, we laughed during Amazing CV Race, Epcot, we laughed at the office, we laughed at trade shows... we just laughed all the time.

I loved Susan, and she and Don became a part of my extended family. I am so grateful for the past 15 years of Susan's friendship, and she will always be remembered by all whose lives she touched.

I love you, Susan. Rest in peace.

Jennifer
xoxo

Jennifer Alvarez - November 14, 2015 at 02:11 PM

LL

“Smiles, laughter, hugs and love is the best way I can best describe Auntie Susan. These are my thoughts of her from as far back as I can remember. We enjoyed listening to her travel stories and her adventures (and funny mis-adventures). Our family loved being around her.

She brightened up any room she walked into, raised the spirits of any person she talked to and always made people smile.

Although we will still have the smiles, laughter and love when we think of Auntie Susan.....it is the hugs that we will now miss from our dear sweet aunt.

Uncle Don, Daniel and Sarah our love and thoughts are with you. Auntie Susan cherished her family the most in life.

Our love – Paul, Lauree, Cameron and Austyn Lafreniere

Lauree Lafreniere - November 13, 2015 at 11:23 PM

JP

“ I will never forget our time in Ottawa together, Sue. We had the most fun! You were the best lunch, fashion show, jazz dance partner a woman could ask for. It was difficult to pick one memory to share, The jazz dance lessons where we laughed all the way through the class, the fashion show lunches in the fancy shmanzy dining room where we apparently did not show the proper decorum or our trip to the horse races. I think the best memory for me was when we dropped the boys off at the airport and took your brand new van out of the parking lot. The attendant was not too attentive and he dropped the arm down, repeatedly, all the way down the entire length of the vehicle. We were so afraid to pick the guys up again on Sunday! It wasn't funny then but it became one of my favorite memories. You always loved to laugh, Sue! We will miss you so much.

Jan Papp - November 13, 2015 at 12:36 PM

JP

“ Don, Daniel and Sarah
Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family right now. We can't imagine what you are going through. Sue always has had a very special place in our lives and she will be greatly missed. She was such a warm, loving dear friend; words cannot express the loss her passing has left in this world. Love to all of you.



Jan and Louie

Jan Papp - November 13, 2015 at 12:25 PM

BS

“ *Don and Family,
So Sorry to hear of your loss and deepest sympathies ! I have
wonderful memories when i worked for you and Susan and will
forever. She will be sadly missed but never forgotten. Rest in
Peace.*

Brenda Spady

Brenda Spady - November 13, 2015 at 12:22 PM

HS

“ *Don and Family,*

*I'm so sorry to hear of you and your families loss. Susan was a
great woman and a great boss. I enjoyed my time immensely when I
worked with both of you in Leduc at Travel Trends. My condolences
to you and your family and I hope you can find some comfort
knowing that Susan is resting comfortably now.*

Henrik Sorensen

Henrik Sorensen - November 13, 2015 at 10:43 AM

YH

“ *Don, and Family,
Our Deepest Sympathy to you and your family, of your recent loss,
not only , truly a great happy spirited lady, but wife, mother and a
great leader.*

Yvonne and Andy Hodson

yvonne hodson - November 13, 2015 at 08:53 AM

RJ

“ Don,

It is impossible to tell you in just a few short words how much your wonderful Susan meant to us. She was not only our smart, compassionate, level-headed and always fun-to-be-with travelling companion but a dear and true friend who would go the extra mile in friendship from sorting out a holiday booking problem, to ordering a special birthday cake to putting surprise chocolates on your pillow at bedtime.

To to you, Daniel and Sarah, she was the special kind of mom who cheered you on with your hockey and figure skating and for us, when coming to our cabin, she thoughtfully brought water(we have no running water), toilet paper and Dunkaroos! We've never had better gifts and Susan was a gift that we were so grateful to receive and one we shall never forget.

*With heartfelt sympathy,
Roger and Lin*

Roger Johns - November 12, 2015 at 09:23 PM

DP

“ *Daniel P. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Susan Faye Stilwell.*



Daniel P. - November 12, 2015 at 03:45 PM

DP

“ Dear Don,

We were truly saddened at the news of Susan's passing and we want to send our deepest sympathies to you and your family. We always enjoyed working with you and Susan on our common endeavors, and she was such a sweet person to do business with. She brightened our office on every visit, and she will be fondly remembered.

We know that Susan left your family with the happiest memories, and we hope that those will comfort you in the days ahead.

Our best regards,

Dan, Clare and your friends at Royal Caribbean Cruises

Daniel Pierce - November 12, 2015 at 02:57 PM

X(

“ Ximena, Victor, Maggie and Manu (Barcelona) purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Susan Faye Stilwell.



Ximena, Victor, Maggie and Manu (Barcelona) - November 12, 2015 at 04:08 AM



“ Dear Don, Sarah and Daniel, your mother was a lovely lady and I felt we had a connection, or maybe she is the sort of person everyone has a connection with, because she was able to make anyone feel comfortable, be it high powered figures in commerce or the lonely person making their first cruise with CV. When she came to the UK we had such fun, even though we were working. Standing in Leicester Square waiting for Tom Cruise to make his appearance and then boasting how we were only a few inches away from him :-)
She was fun but knew how to work hard and play even harder! We will be thinking of you all on Saturday, and we will say a prayer for you all to have strength in the following weeks and months ahead! Lots of love and kind thoughts.....Krystyna and Malcolm, Felixstowe, UK.

Krystyna Stafford - November 12, 2015 at 03:22 AM

BG

“ Barbara Brown, Care Vacations Galveston purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Susan Faye Stilwell.



Barbara Brown, Care Vacations Galveston - November 11, 2015 at 11:27 PM

CS

“ CareVacations USA inc.SFL & Seattle purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Susan Faye Stilwell.



CareVacations USA inc.SFL & Seattle - November 11, 2015 at 03:26 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Susan Faye Stilwell.*



November 11, 2015 at 02:13 PM



“ *The OPS "Family" lit a candle in memory of Susan Faye Stilwell*



The OPS "Family" - November 11, 2015 at 11:36 AM



“ *Susan, you will forever be in my heart. I will never forget the ho ho ho-ing to the cruise lines at Christmas time. Or the countless manager meetings around the dining room table at the 400 house, Epcot, the walks, and the talks. You are greatly missed, until we meet again in heaven. Don, Daniel, and Sarah my deepest sympathy's, she fought the good fight, an is now on God's winning "TEAM"*



Kim Frantz

Kim Frantz - November 11, 2015 at 10:45 AM

BH

“ Don please accept our sincere condolences in the passing of Susan. She is safe in God's arms until you are both together again. She was a remarkable gal and we are blessed to have been able to know her.



Bobby and Suzie Hampton-Carter - November 11, 2015 at 10:22 AM

VR

“ We are very sorry, she was a remarkable person Im really touched with this bad news. Receive our affection and you all must consider that you have an unconditional friends in us.
Maggie and Victor

Victor Rosado - November 11, 2015 at 09:52 AM

KA

“ Kay lit a candle in memory of Susan Faye Stilwell



Kay - November 11, 2015 at 09:09 AM

KA

I will remember Susan with great fondess, she touched so many lives with her beautiful spirit. I am honored to have known her. Don, Daniel, Sara and family my thoughts and prayers are with you.

Kay - November 11, 2015 at 09:17 AM

SK

Don, Daniel & Sarah - you are in my prayers. My sister was very special to me and i will miss her greatly. She had the best sense of humor - I will miss our lonnnng and funny conversations.

Sharon Kinsella

Sharon Kinsella - November 11, 2015 at 04:02 PM

SH

Aunty Susan you will forever be in my heart! You are surely going to be missed at the "girls lunch dates". You are the most courageous woman I have ever known. Love you always Aunty!

Sherri - November 12, 2015 at 08:10 PM

DS

“ *Don, Daniel and Sarah I am so sorry for your loss. Susan will always be remembered in our hearts.*

Denise Smith

Denise Smith - November 11, 2015 at 08:02 AM

CC

“ *Sue you will always be remembered and forever loved. You were taken from us and given a beautiful life in heaven. Cheryl and John*

Cheryl Cuff - November 11, 2015 at 05:49 AM

LJ

“ *Love: Nancy, Greg, Brendan, Keltie, Jason purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Susan Faye Stilwell.*



Love: Nancy, Greg, Brendan, Keltie, Jason - November 11, 2015 at 01:31 AM

NA

“ Susan...my sister....I love you, miss you and you will always be with me.

Don, Daniel and Sarah you are Susan's world.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Love Nancy & Greg



Nancy - November 11, 2015 at 12:11 AM

BC

Don, Daniel, Sarah and family--As you share the stories and the memories of how Susan lived her life and how very much she meant, may you find comfort - and, throughout this difficult time, may you also know the deep sympathy and concern that is felt for you and all your family.

Betty Chambers - November 11, 2015 at 11:34 AM