



Susan Letendre

August 1, 2024

Susan was born on March 4th, 1949 in Springfield Massachusetts. She moved to Rhode Island in 1980 with her son, Rene, and ultimately settled in North Kingstown where she spent the final twenty years of her life.

Susan made her mark in the community as a pastry chef. She owned Suzanne's Creative Pastries in Wakefield for years and continued to sell her beloved baked goods to customers even after the closing of her shop.

Susan had a passion for social justice and worked for Witness for Peace and as an activist for Women in South America. She spent significant time in South America, Mexico, and Cuba.

Susan's focus on social justice, fair trade, and giving a voice to many in underrepresented segments of the world is what she was most known for later in life. Her company "Seven Story Market" championed real-world stories that had the power to shift the thinking and perceptions of many individuals.

Susan is survived by her brothers Peter and Clark, her son Rene, and her granddaughters Olivia and Harper.

A Service will take place on Saturday, August 24th at 10:30 a.m. It will be held at St. Augustine's Episcopal Church in South Kingstown.

Tribute Wall

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“ I had the honor and pleasure of Susan’s friendship for the better part of the last 5 years. We had the most profound spiritual conversations. Towards the end we shared our poetry with each other. I loved how at the end of our talks she wouldn’t just say goodbye, she would say, “love you, bye for now”. It was the promise of continued friendship. I will always cherish our friendship.

Kathleen G

Kathleen - August 14, 2024 at 08:17 AM

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She was a gem and inspirational woman!
So grateful to have known her the past 8 years.
Prayers for her beautiful family and wide circle of friends.
"Sorrow is not forever...
...Love is." MD Hughes

Tom H

Tom H - August 14, 2024 at 06:21 PM

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Susan was my 1st Cousin, our dad's Gerard & Frances were cousins. As children, we spent every Christmas Night at their beautiful home in Suffield, CT. Highlights were Aunt Shirley's Candy Cain cookies & Pecan Tarts, a "live" Christmas Tree in a pot & a Silver Dollar from Uncle Fran. During our adult lives our paths intersected a number of times: 1976 in Cambridge, MA, where we lived walking distance from each other & would dine & walk together. Susan was pregnant with her Son, Rene & was so looking forward to being his Mom. I was new to Cambridge & glad to have my older Cousin Sue, to show me around. Susan worked at Harvard Coop in those days, a perfect job for an avid reader. In later years we had many long phone calls to each other & Susan came to my 50th Birthday Celebration Party & graced us with her wise thoughts about aging as a single woman & feeling "invisible". Susan was never "invisible". She showed up for life with passion, conviction, compassion for those less fortunate than she & a certain grace. She will be missed by this Cousin.

Gail Letendre - August 17, 2024 at 07:25 AM

JR

My husband and I knew Susan through the bakery (wrote about her and her goodies for the local newspaper), through friendship in activist times (I set up a "Christmas market" at my house for the jewelry she brought from Guatemala) and many other times. I hadn't spoken to her during all these COVID times, though she sometimes replied on email to me.

SO very sorry to hear of her passing...she was a rare and caring soul.

Johnnie Rodriguez September 12

Johnette Rodriguez - September 12, 2024 at 01:07 PM