



Suzanne W. Peden

June 6, 1942 - December 13, 2020

Suzanne Way Peden, 78, of Seneca entered into peaceful and eternal rest Sunday, December 13, 2020 at the residence of her daughter Ginger Michalek in Greer.

Suzanne was born June 6, 1942 to the late James “Big Jimmy” and Evelyn “Emmie” Way. She is survived by her beloved brother Colonel James Boyd Way, USMC (retired) and his wife Susan Owings Way of Greenville; her daughters Kathy (Jeff) Montjoy of Simpsonville, Ginger (Ken) Michalek of Greer and her sons James “Jimmy” Peden of Hendersonville, TN. She is also survived by the pride and unbridled joy of 4 beautiful grandchildren Ashley Suzanne Montjoy of Johnson City, TN, James “Jay” Bryan Montjoy, Abigail Grace “Abby” Peden and Caroline Rose “Rosie” Peden.

During the time of Suzanne’s youth, St. George was a small beau colic town filled with her maternal grandparents (Boyd and Grace Magill), her aunts and uncles, and cousins Bill Owens, Jerry Owens, Kathleen Owens Gudridge, Mike Walters, Curt Walters, Don Walters, David McCormack and Charles McCormack. As the first female grandchild she was most often with Grandmother Magill taking their afternoon nap or ‘helping’ Granddaddy Magill at the Dorchester Eagle-Record Newspaper office. Suzanne also spent the summers at The River (Edisto River) with many fond memories of general mischief involving her cousin Bill. She is a 1960 graduate of St. George High School having played on the basketball team and played the trumpet in the St. George High School Band. Suzanne continued her education at Anderson

College with a basketball scholarship and graduated in 1962. In 1963, Suzanne moved to Washington, D.C. to work with the FBI. In short order she determined the FBI did not allow women to be field agents and so she quit the FBI and moved to Greenville, SC. While in Greenville she worked as a nursing assistant at St. Francis Hospital and re-connected with Thomas "Tommy" Peden. Suzanne and Tommy originally met at Anderson College and began dating in 1964. Tommy was enlisted in the U.S. Army and ultimately stationed in Stuttgart, Germany. Suzanne and Tommy married June 10, 1965 in Stuttgart, Germany and would spend much time traveling and camping throughout Germany, Switzerland, and Italy. They returned to Lancaster, SC to begin raising their 3 children. They lived in Taylors, SC for a few years and moved to Seneca in 1976. It is in Seneca that Suzanne met her most beloved and best friend Loretta Randall. Sue, as Loretta called her, and Loretta forged an unbreakable and the most enduring friendship filled with life's sorrows and certainly but far more joy, spaghetti dinners and Mexican restaurants. Suzanne was a fierce tennis competitor and immersed herself in the Seneca tennis community with friends Betty Dubois, Betty Lou Dobson, and Lucille Myers. Her career in the Oconee County Library provided her with the ability to help others find the perfect book or research to fill her ever inquisitive mind. Suzanne's retirement was a milestone in her life and provided her the time to piddle and plant flowers throughout her yard and to spend time with her family; most especially her grandchildren and her much loved dog Charlie. Another hallmark of Suzanne's life was her love for animals; all animals. Over her life she always had a pet and was a particular lover of cats. She enjoyed feeding the birds and hummingbirds and even provided for the random squirrels, chipmunks, opossum and the occasional raccoon. Suzanne grew up learning of Christ as her Savior while singing hymns from the Cokesbury Hymnal with Grandmother Magill. She was a member of St. Mark United Methodist Church in Seneca. But her ultimate call to faith was found at the Seneca Presbyterian Church where she established her faith family. Suzanne found peace in the sanctuary not just during services but also

when she would spend time straightening the pews and sharpening the pew pencils. It was her way of providing a small service for the church she loved so much. And all who knew her, know that Thursday's were dedicated to her Bible study. That study group provided her with family, deeper understanding of faith and a 'belonging' that fed her very soul.

Suzanne Way Peden, daughter, sister, mother, and friend would want each of you to remember her in your own special way, but foremost know that she loved you.

Memorial services will be held Saturday, December 19, 2020 at 2:00 PM at The Wood Mortuary, 300 W. Poinsett St., Greer, SC with webcasting available at www.thewoodmortuary.com Interment services will be arranged for June 6, 2020 at the St. George Cemetery, St. George, SC.

In lieu of flowers, it is Suzanne's wish for donations to be made to Lutheran Hospice of Greenville, 429 S. Main St., Suite 3, Greenville, SC 29601, the National Humane Society, 40 E. Main St. #364, Newark, DE 19711, or Seneca Presbyterian Church, 115 W. South 1st St., Seneca, SC 29678.

Online condolences may be made at www.thewoodmortuary.com

Previous Events

Memorial Service

DEC 19. 2:00 PM (ET)

The Wood Mortuary, Inc.
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Tribute Wall



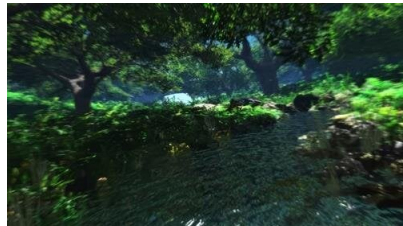
“ *The Wood Mortuary created a Webcast in memory of Suzanne W. Peden*



The Wood Mortuary - December 19, 2020 at 08:34 AM



“ *The Wood Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Suzanne W. Peden*



The Wood Mortuary - December 14, 2020 at 03:07 PM

KG

Sorry to hear of Suzanne's passing and we are praying for y'all during this difficult time!

Kevin Gibson - December 15, 2020 at 05:13 PM

JH

Dear Kathy & Ginger, I am so very sorry about your Mother! She was a wonderful lady who always made me laugh, and I know she will be missed. The last time I saw her, we talked about Kathy & Ginger - her girls, who she loved very much! You are in my thoughts and prayers. Sending my love & a BIG hug to you both ~
Jill Huston

Jill Huston - December 16, 2020 at 10:15 AM

BK

Oh Wow! This is just priceless to have made and shared. Thank you! I am just amazed at how much Kathy and Ginger look so much like their mom! Ginger what a beautiful bride you were in that picture! You and Kathy are still as pretty as ever! Jimmy is all grown up and very handsome! My love to you all three! 🤗

Beth Ramey Keaton - December 16, 2020 at 11:33 AM

MT

“ *I was so shocked and saddened to read about Suzanne in the Dorchester Eagle Record. I had not seen her since one of our last class reunions so it has been a number of years. We were friends and class mates in high school and had many good and fun times together. My thoughts and prayers are with all of the family.*

*Marion Howell Tolson
Aiken, SC.*

Marion Tolson - December 28, 2020 at 03:19 PM

WP

“ *Kathy, so sorry to hear of your Moms passing. You are in our prayers. Love you. Rob & Wanda Price*

Wanda Price - December 19, 2020 at 06:46 AM

VO

“ Jimmy, Kathy and Ginger, so very sorry to hear of your Mom's passing. My heart goes out to you all and prayers are being lifted for God's peace and comfort. I can just imagine the reunions taking place. Love and hugs, Vicky

VICKY OWENS - December 18, 2020 at 08:03 AM

SM

“ Jimmy,

So sorry for your loss. We will keep you and your family in our prayers.

-Matt & Sarah Moore

Sarah Moore - December 16, 2020 at 11:36 AM

 Kelly Adams

“ Ginger, So sorry to hear about the loss of your mom. She was a very special lady and I know these last few years with her have been very special to you. With love, Kelly Adams



Kelly Adams - December 16, 2020 at 11:09 AM

GM

Thank you Kelly. I remember that picture of the beach! I feel like a piece of my soul is missing and won't get it back until I see Mom in heaven.

Ginger Michalek - December 16, 2020 at 03:35 PM

PM

“ I worked for Suzanne at the Westminster Library. Those were some of the best days! She was a wonderful person. My sincere condolences.
Pat Morrow

Pat Morrow - December 16, 2020 at 10:23 AM

LR

“ Love, Elizabeth, Abby & Rosie purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Suzanne W. Peden.



Love, Elizabeth, Abby & Rosie - December 15, 2020 at 05:14 PM



“ Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Suzanne W. Peden.



December 15, 2020 at 04:46 PM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Suzanne W. Peden.



December 15, 2020 at 01:48 PM

BK

“Ginger and Kathy I am heartbroken and sad over the loss of your mom! She truly was a special person! I haven't seen her in years, but when I did she always always went out of way to stop and chat with me! She truly was a great tennis player, and love for animals and just a kind hearted soul. Please know you both and your brother too will be in my thoughts and prayers. Much love to you all. Beth Ramey Keaton

Beth Ramey Keaton - December 15, 2020 at 09:44 AM

SO

“Oh, how we remember Suzanne on the tennis courts. Yes, she was a competitor, but there was always laughter and camaraderie, too. Good times were always had: especially if you went home with bragging rights. Suzanne was also a thoughtful, compassionate soul. She was always willing to help with any ideas to make another's life easier. You Peden "children" had a fine role model for a mother. Our love and prayers for God's peace, Don and Sally Owen

sally owen - December 15, 2020 at 09:33 AM

MM

“So very sorry for the loss of such an amazing woman. Heartfelt prayers to Kathy and Ginger.

Michael McKee - December 15, 2020 at 09:26 AM



“ 27 files added to the album Life Tributes



The Wood Mortuary - December 14, 2020 at 02:52 PM