



Susan W. Swenson

September 29, 2008

Susan W. Swenson, known and loved by all as “Mama Sue”, passed away peacefully on Monday, September 29, 2008, surrounded by her family. Sue was born in Glasgow, Scotland, on October 19, 1928, to the late John and Margaret Wilson. Sue came to the United States in 1949 where she met and married Les Swenson in November 1954 and they made their home in Fairmount, NY. She was employed by New York Telephone Company, Fairmount Elementary School and Kemper Insurance Company and retired in 1989 to spend time with her family. Her grandchildren meant the world to her. Sue touched and enriched so many lives and will be remembered for her unconditional love, caring personality, wonderful sense of humor, and her strong, beautiful Scottish accent. Sue is survived by three cherished children and their spouses, Bill and Kathy Swenson of Baldwinsville, NY, Diane and Tom Kilburn of Westfield, NY, and Karen and Terry Wagner of Dryden, NY. She is also survived by seven loving grandchildren, Tiffany, Brittany and Ian Kilburn, Billy and Korrine Swenson, and Tori and Evan Swenson of Austin, TX, her only sister, Sheila McNicol of Gainesville, FL and one niece, Lesley Gwinn Carlton also of Gainesville, FL. In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her husband, Les, in May 2002 and her son, David, in October 2006. A memorial service celebrating Sue’s life will be on Saturday, October 4, at 1 pm. at the B.L. Bush & Sons Funeral Home, 10 Genesee Street in Camillus, NY. At the family’s request, contributions in lieu of flowers may be made to your favorite charity. Please feel free to sign “Mama Sue’s” guestbook at www.BLBUSH.com.

Tribute Wall

IK

“ *Mama Sue, "Babe", and Scottish Lassie, I don't think I have ever had this certain feeling towards someone besides you. "Babe" was your favorite name that I called you, and I will cherish that for as long as I live. Your thoughtfulness and warm-hearted feelings towards not only me, but everyone in the Swenson family and everyone around loved you for who you are, a loving, scottish lassie. It was my honor to visit you as much as I could while I was near you, and I just wanted you to know that I loved every ticking second of it, from just sitting on the couch talking, to the oh-so-many trips down the doughnut isle in wegmans. I loved every minute of it. You are my love and my best friend. I will miss you so much Mama Sue, and I will be seeing you at some point in the future. I am not going to say goodbye, but a "see you later." I love you. Love Always, Ian*

Ian Kilburn - October 06, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ *We are very sorry to hear of her passing. Matt knew her a short time, but I know he thought a lot of her and enjoyed time spent with her together. He was flattered by her attention and kind words.*

Marge and Jack Prime - October 06, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ *Mama Sue, Sadly, I only knew you for a short time, but what a time it was. From the first moment I heard that intoxicating accent I was hooked, like so many before and after me. I feel honored to have known you in my life, and I will cherish our moments together until we are again united. I am happy for you to be back with your cherished husband and son. My heart goes out to the Kilburn and Swenson clans. You are all amazing and i treasure our memories With love, Matt... a.k.a. Prime*

Matt Prime - October 05, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BK

“ *Mama Sue~ You have always meant so much to me. I cannot begin to explain how upset I am. But I know you are up there making everyone laugh and you are looking down watching over all of us. You have waited so long to see Papa and Uncle David, and I am so happy that you are finally with them. Just know we are all missing you down here, and will always be a part of us. Not only were you my Grandma, you were also one of my best friends. I am going to miss that cute little accent of yours for the rest of my life. LYNC darling - you were always my favorite. Love, Britt*

Brittany Kilburn - October 05, 2008 at 12:00 AM

AO

“ Gus & I feel priviledged to have known Sue for as many years as we have been friends with Tom and Diane. We have shared many happy times with the family and they have all been blessed with Sue's contagious laughter and sense of humor. She will be missed by all but in a better place. God Bless!

Aggie & Gus Olson - October 05, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ I feel so fortunate to be able to express my love and appreciation for Mama Sue. What a wonderful woman she was who had the ability to laugh about anything and make others do the same. Being friends with the Kilburn family, has blessed me in so many ways, including the opportunity to have shared many memories and laughs with Mama Sue. She could always light up a room and I'm sure she will do the same in heaven. Our most sincere thoughts and prayers go out to her family during this time. With Love Always, Chelsey and Brent

Chelsey Marsh - October 05, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ My dearest Mama Sue, I will miss you so very much You were so full of life and fun now all the angels will be laughing with you. To the sweetest lady you were like a mother to me, with all my love, god is blessing you. I know there is a Gannon, s ice cream shop in heaven so go at it girl. Love you

Jean Campbell - October 04, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BG

“ i am so srry to hear about your loss. you are in my thoughts and prayers. GOOD LUCK AND GOD BLESS ALL

Buddy Gushlaw - October 04, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LG

“ How fortunate I am to able to call "Mama Sue" my Aunt. There are so many fond memories of holidays, birthdays and family gatherings that always ended up at the kitchen table where we would all laugh ourselves silly. Although miles have seperated us for many years, I am so grateful that my children got to share in some of those memories as well. Of course every phone call would start, "Hey Lel, I got a joke for you". So....here's one for Mama Sue! Why do Scots wear kilts? Because their wives can hear a zipper a mile away! Bill, Di and Kar you had the a great Mom. Thinking of you and love you all.

Lesley Gwinn - October 03, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ We are very sorry for your loss, you have our deepest sympathy & sorrow at this time.

Tom & Sue Martin - October 03, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ Mama Sue was an amazing person and seemed like she didnt have a care in the world, even when things didnt always work in her favor. I am very blessed to have shared many happy times with her and her family. You all mean so much..and my warmest wishes and prayers are with you. We all loved Mama Sue and I am so happy I got to know her. Love, Courtney

Courtney Marsh - October 03, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LG

“ I worked with Sue and Karen at Kemper Insurance many years ago. Sue was a wonderful woman and loved by all that know her. My deepest sympathy to the family. Know that many remember your Mom with fondness.

Laurie (Stephani) Goettel - October 02, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ I grew up with Sue's niece Lesley. Les was the photographer at my wedding. What I remember the most about the both of them is alot of laughter. She will be missed by many. My thoughts and prayers are with her family. Debbie Corgnell(Mantel)

Debbie Corgnell - October 02, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ As we reflect on our memories of Mama Sue, we wanted to find a Scottish quote that fit her. We believe that she portrayed this so much. For this we are so blessed to have shared in many times of laughter with her, and able to watch the love that she had for her family and friends, and that she so warmly extended to us and our family when we would be together. "You have acheived success when you have lived well, laughed often, and loved much." To all her family, we share in your loss, and wish you comfort in this difficult time. Love, Steve and Kathy

Steve & Kathy Webster - October 01, 2008 at 12:00 AM

VK

“ *The Hinton clan will very much miss our very own Mrs. Doubtfire ! Sue was so wonderful and full of life, has a wicked sense of humor and always appreciated a good joke. I'm so grateful that my mother (Mary Van de Castle) had such a good friend for over 50 years. Sue was at our family reunion in July '08 and she had just a fabulous time and I'm grateful to have spent that day with her. We're so sorry for your loss. Vanessa, John and Emily Kapral and Mary Van de Castle.*

Vanessa Hinton Kapral - October 01, 2008 at 12:00 AM