



Suzanne "Suzie" Burgdorf

January 22, 1940 - November 22, 2020

Suzanne "Suzie" M. (Daylor) Burgdorf, 80, of Limestone Township, passed away on Sunday, November 22, 2020.

She was born on January 22, 1940, in Kankakee, IL to Walter Daylor and Cecilia (Bourgeois) Daylor.

The second oldest of four, Suzie "inherited" a job from her oldest sister at Jaffe Drug as a "soda jerk". She often said her favorite thing to make was a hot fudge sundae. When she graduated from Kankakee High School, Suzie passed her job at Jaffe down to her younger sisters. She also worked as a clerk at Lang Buick, Key City Motors, and as a secretary at Duncan Ford. She took some time off from the office to raise her two daughters. Once her youngest started elementary school, Suzie then became a medical assistant and receptionist for Dr Judd for ten years and Dr.'s Jurica, Handy, and Morr for fourteen years where she enjoyed interacting with patients every day.

She met the love of her life, Norm Burgdorf, who precedes her in death, on a blind date. They were married on October 22, 1960, at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Bradley. There they would build their spiritual lives together. Suzie served as a communion assistant and sang in the adult choir. She also participated in the church's Book Club as she was a voracious reader.

Her top vocations in life were her family and helping others. Suzie was a volunteer with Riverside Medical Center and was instrumental in establishing the Kankakee chapter of Mended Hearts which served to support fellow cardiac patients following cardiac events. She supported her husband's

passion for raising and showing registered quarter horses for over 50 years. Suzie never missed a single sporting event, band concert, or talent show of which her children or grandchildren were involved. She encouraged education and was famous for her chocolate Christmas fudge. She was known as the “hostess with the mostest” among family and friends.

She is survived by her children, Lisa and Keith Yohnka and Susan Burgdorf-Miller and Jon Miller; her grandchildren, Laura Yohnka and Tim and Kaliegh Yohnka; and her new great-grandson, Elliot Yohnka. She is also survived by her sisters and brothers-in-law, Avril and Bob Newsom, Christine Jarvis, and Jill and Bob Kamphoff; sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law, Lennie and Bill Serstad, Carey and Alan Morrisson, and Rhoda Olson and Al Kirsten; as well as many beloved nieces and nephews.

Due to current COVID restrictions, a private visitation and service will be held Saturday, December 5, 2020 at Our Savior Lutheran Church. Burial will be in Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery in Elwood. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Our Savior Lutheran Church in Bradley, IL or to the American Heart Association.

Cemetery Details

Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery

20953 Hoff Road
Elwood, IL 60421

Tribute Wall

LA

“ My sincere sympathies to the Daylor and Burgdorf Families. I first knew Suzie when the Daylor Family lived on Evergreen Avenue in Kankakee. We were neighbors, as well as classmates, and, more recently, we saw each other often at Riverside Fitness Center. Suzie was a good person, always pleasant and kind. She will be missed.

Lynn Gregoire O'Brien Ahlden - December 03, 2020 at 11:05 AM

RM

“ My deepest sympathy to the family on the loss of Suzanne.

Ron Metzka

Ron Metzka - December 02, 2020 at 03:54 PM

RO

“ My condolences to all the family of dear Suzie Burgdorf. As her sister-in-law, I knew her from the first time Norm said I have met a wonderful gal whom I am dating. We all loved her so much and know she is in the arms of our loving Lord, free of suffering and whole. She is with her dear husband Norm, my wonderful brother, walking hand in hand in joy. God bless you all and give you strength to get through this difficult time. My love to all. Rhoda Olson

Rhoda Olson - November 29, 2020 at 08:42 PM

AB

“ Ashley B. lit a candle in memory of Suzanne
"Suzie" Burgdorf



Ashley B. - November 29, 2020 at 10:53 AM

JB

“ I am so sorry to read about Sue we have gone to the same church with her and Norm got many years. She was just nice lady and I so enjoyed her company and talks. My deepest sympathy to all the Yonka family with prayers and God’s help to see you through this hard time



jeanne benjamim - November 28, 2020 at 09:14 PM

GK

“ So sorry to hear of the passing of our classmate... Prayers for her entire family from Kankakee high school class of 57.

Glendal Kilbride - November 28, 2020 at 10:33 AM

LM

“ Susan & Jon,

Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Susan may God wrap his arms tight around you and give your comfort and peace that only he can give.

Jeff & Lisa Miller



Lisa Miller - November 28, 2020 at 08:47 AM

CM

“ Our dear sister-in-law Suzie, may you Rest In Peace with your dear Lord. Your life was a true reflection of your love for your Savior!
Love, Carey & Max

carey morrison - November 28, 2020 at 07:50 AM