



## Sue Ann George

March 28, 1942 - January 29, 2023

SUE ANN GEORGE (REED), 80, ROCHESTER HILLS, MI

Sue Ann George (Reed), 80, passed away on January 29, 2023 after a recent decline in health, according to her wishes: to pass gracefully at home with the care of Hospice and her children. Sue Ann was born on March 28, 1942 in Detroit, Michigan to Irene Michalski Reed and William Thomas Reed, both of whom predeceased her.

Sue Ann was the eldest of the 10 Reed children; all of whom attended St. Mary's in Royal Oak. Sue was a beautiful person and had a beautiful voice. She starred in her High School play "Oklahoma". Sue graduated in the class of 1960. After St. Mary's, she worked in the Legal Department of GM until 1967.

In 1965, she began taking courses at Wayne State University where she met her husband, Mumtaz (Joe) George. They married in 1969 and moved to Spain where Joe was in Medical School at the University of Granada. They had two children: Jennifer George and Matthew George. Matthew and his wife Maureen have one son: Sue's grandson, Robbie George.

While living in Spain; Sue enjoyed hiking the Sierra Nevada, often visited the Palace of Alhambra and she loved the pageantry of the Holiday Festivals in

the Spanish Culture-many of them on horseback. She enjoyed the Flamenco, she remembered the shock of experiencing earthquakes (!) in Southern Spain and often recounted the significance of Bullfighting to Spanish Culture, having attended a Bullfight in Granada. Sue was a horse woman, riding horses on Belle Isle from the time she was 13 to 20. Then she continued riding & jumping -owning her own horse, Sundance, from 1962 to 1972. She loved animals and to be outside in nature.

After separation from her husband, she returned to the USA, living in the Cultural Center of Detroit -she earned both Bachelor's and Masters degrees from Wayne State University. She went on to teach at MLK Jr. Senior High School from 1976 to 1989. She loved teaching English Lit. and had been an avid reader since childhood (her siblings recount her reading books to them when they were young). As the oldest, she was her mother's helper with the younger children. Another great joy in Sue's life was the love of films. She had an encyclopedic knowledge, not only of movies, but also knew the details of the lives of the actors and actresses. She often discussed film history at length with enthusiasm and enjoyed gifting films to her family and friends.

Though divorced, Sue and Joe shared their children with love and affection. Her children were devoted to her: especially in her final years of failing health- and were a warm comfort to her. Sue was an especially strong willed person; she did not waiver on how she intended to live her life and carry out her own choices. She was loving, kind, and considerate of others. She was nonjudgmental, she did not partake in gossip; she was glad for others good luck and shared sadness in times of misfortune. She was a very strong and a very hard-working person. She forged a career and purposeful life that she created for herself. She was a pioneer of the generation of women that worked full-time outside of the home; yet still made her children feel loved and a main priority.

Over the years, Sue Ann maintained penpal relationships with lifelong friends from High School, GM, College, MLK High School, and loved writing cards and letters to her family members.

Sue is survived by her siblings Daniel (Barbara) Reed, Catherine Reed, Mary Reed, Thomas Reed, and Jerry Reed. She was predeceased by her parents and siblings; Alice Reed, Leo Reed, Margaret Sullivan, and Robert Reed. In addition to beloved children Jennifer and Matthew, she has several beloved nieces and nephews: Hayes (Jenica) Reed, Mona (David) Czeszewski, David (Shannon) Sullivan, Laura Ridenour, Reina Reed and Anthony Reed. Special appreciation to brother Dan Reed. She and Dan are close in age and close in hearts. Dan's assistance helped Sue in later years and we are especially grateful that he has loved and cared for Sue Ann over their lifetimes. Thank you Dan for being such a blessing.

"Death leaves a heartache only prayer and time can heal. Love leaves a memory no one can ever steal."

We love you eternally. You will be dearly missed and we will never forget you.

Sue did not wish to have a Funeral. Her cremated remains will be buried privately at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery next to her parents gravesite according to her wishes. Matthew will host a memorial gathering sometime in Spring, perhaps in May, date TBD. The George family will announce a date as soon as it is available.

God Bless.

# Tribute Wall



“ Love you forever mom ! Love, your girl, Jennifer

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**Jennifer Sue George** - February 08, 2023 at 06:07 PM



“ I met Sue Ann while she was living on the Wayne State University Campus in the early 1970s. She was a single divorced mother raising two young children while pursuing her Masters' degree in education. I was a second year law student at Wayne. My sister-in-law knew Sue Ann and decided to play matchmaker by inviting us both to dinner. While it may not have turned out to be a match made in heaven, it turned out to be a match we savored during that time of our lives and it grew into a lifelong friendship. When I first met Sue Ann, I thought I had gone to heaven. Anyone who has observed how beautiful she is in the photo accompanying her obituary will understand why, as that photo was taken around the time we met. Sue Ann's beauty went well beyond the physical. Rather it emanated from her fierce love and support for her children, her kind and humble personality, and the energy she spent pursuing her degree so she could enter a profession that would impart knowledge to others. After we went our separate ways our friendship continued even after I married and started a family. We corresponded on and off over the years. Sue Ann sent us many letters and photos keeping us abreast of her and her children's lives. Thankfully, Jenn let me know Sue Ann's health was failing and gave me an opportunity to spend time with her while she was in hospice. During that time I saw how Sue Ann was reaping the benefits of the love and support she had given to her children who were fiercely loving and supporting their mother when she needed it most. Sue Ann's beauty resulted in a positive Karma and she left us while receiving the benefits from a life well lived. I will miss her.

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**Greg Gibbs** - February 05, 2023 at 07:19 PM

MB

*Such a sad story but if the match was not there or the information on an ancestry was no. You did not miss the chance or the person. Today with all those involved in criminal activities or false ones, good turns into bad or was very false to start but you saw her different than maybe she was. Lucky to be married with a family but someone stole my chance scholarship and high school and what was offered. MCBraczyk AT&T retired Telephone pioneers.*

Mary Catherine Braczyk - February 11, 2023 at 12:59 PM

MB

*photos are a picture of outside some inside but not naked photo if taken as some did as a kid. A joke perhaps but also to damage and exchange for another life you so desired. mcbraczyk michigan never married loved but lost.*

Mary Catherine Braczyk - February 11, 2023 at 02:24 PM

FG

*“ I will always remember how kind and sweet she was to me and Sabah but through the young years of my boys growing up every year at Christmas she would gift them magazines that they would love getting every month just in their names. They never meet her but they still remember her kindness. I will miss watching movies with her and listening to her Beautiful voice sing along to the musicals .As me and Sabah got to watch how wonderful her two children took such good care of their mom it was real gift. Her mood would change the minute she knew they had arrived. And that was everyday. she was blessed with two amazing and loving children. I will miss you Sue thank you for sharing your love of movies with me.*



Fatin George - February 04, 2023 at 10:38 AM

LZ

*I will always remember how wonderful your children, Matthew and Jennifer were to you. They stood by your side through thick and thin. I visited Sue just days before she passed away she remembered things that I had forgotten. She was as sweet and kind as always. Sue, you will be missed by everyone. I remain sincerely yours, Lisa.*

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**Lisa Zimmerman** - February 04, 2023 at 02:24 PM

CH

*I served as the assistant principal of Martin Luther King ,Sr. High School during Sue George's tenure as a teacher of English Literature. Her department head, the late Mr. Madison Alford, often came to my office to commend Ms George's instruction. He was very proud of her, and consequently, caused me to observe her and to agree that she was a superb, brilliant teacher.*

*I am pleased to have known her and to have personally observed her as a scholar. May she rest in peace.*

*Dr. Claudia Wells Hamilton (aka Mrs. Travis)*

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**Claudia Wells Travis Hamilton** - February 05, 2023 at 04:15 PM

MW

*Jennifer and Matthew, I am very sorry for your loss. What a beautiful person and life fully lived. I remember your mom being the really cool, working mom; who also was always dressed so nice. My prayers are with you both now.*

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**Michelle Tribula Wilson** - February 07, 2023 at 06:25 PM