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Suenell Gable Steele, age 71 of Georgetown, DE, passed away on Monday, November 15, 2021, at her residence. She was born on February 18, 1950, in Port Allegany, PA, daughter of the late Nelson B. and Frances (Haines) Gable.

Suenell was a graduate of Abington H.S. class of 1968, Abington, PA, and the University of Delaware, earning a Bachelor's Degree in Business Education in 1971 and a Master of Instruction in 1981; where she met and married her best friend, Darrell. She began her business education teaching career at Sussex Central H.S. from 1972-1975. Suenell then embarked on a career with Delaware Technical and Community College as an instructor and department chair of Office Administration and Paralegal programs from 1979-2009, earning the Excellence in Teaching Award in 2004. She served as the Owens Campus Faculty Council president and chaired the college-wide Portal Task Force which recommended the purchase of Oracle (Banner) for the DTCC portal and Blackboard for the first course-management application in 2002. She also spearheaded the development of the first totally online degree option (Office Software Specialist) utilizing College curriculum guidelines. American Bar Association approval for the Paralegal Program was a particular accomplishment for her department that was achieved before her retirement.

Known for her organization, love of life, sense of humor, and ready smile, Suenell enjoyed the beach, animals, flowers, reading, nature, and children. While living in Lewes, she volunteered in the Overfalls Foundation gift shop and was asked to be on the Lewes Garden Tour. After moving to Georgetown, she was involved with the Georgetown Arts and Flowers nonprofit group and was instrumental in helping to establish Wilson Park as a monarch sanctuary. Suenell successfully raised monarch caterpillars and released butterflies every summer on her back porch for several years. She also volunteered at the BVSPCA inputting veterinary data to their software program.

Suenell and her husband were fortunate enough to have been able to check many travel destinations off of their "bucket list" - many of which were to National Parks throughout the US 50 states, Alaska, Hawaii, Panama, Puerto Rico, Bermuda, England, France, Prague, Germany,



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Luxemburg, Belgium, and New Zealand. She also took numerous cruises and trips with a BFF female group consisting of Del Tech colleagues.

She is survived by her loving husband of 50 years, Darrell; her son, Corbin of Lafayette, CO; her son, Spencer and his wife Tara of Lewes, DE; her grandsons: Lance Gable and Brendan Carter of Lewes, DE; her brother, Robert Nelson Gable and his wife Patricia of Lewes, DE; her sister-in-law, Brenda Burbage of Georgetown, DE; her niece, Karen C. Grubbs and her husband Chris of Las Vegas, NV; her nephews: John Burbage and his wife Missy of Ocean View, DE and Todd Burbage of Berlin, MD; her several aunts, uncles, and numerous cousins.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Wednesday, November 24, 2021, at 3:00 PM, at Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium, Dodd-Carey Chapel, 307 N. Bedford Street, Georgetown, DE, where friends may visit beginning at 2:00 PM. Interment will be private.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Suenell's memory to Delaware Hospice, 100 Patriots Way, Milford, DE 19963 or Brandywine Valley SPCA, 22918 DuPont Blvd, Georgetown, DE 19947.

Please sign the virtual guestbook located on the tribute page.



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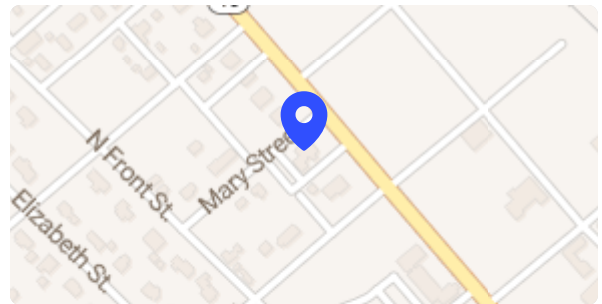
Flowers

 **Wednesday**, November 24, 2021


 10:00 AM ET

 **Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium Dodd-Carey Chapel**

307 North Bedford Street, Georgetown DE



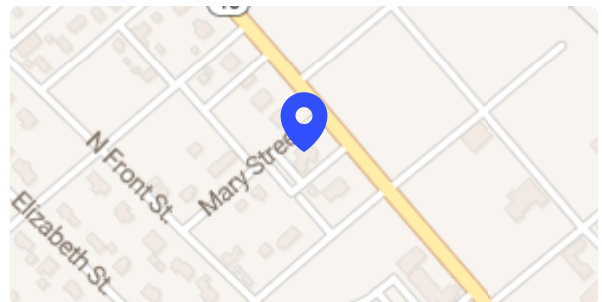
Visitation

 **Wednesday**, November 24, 2021


 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM ET


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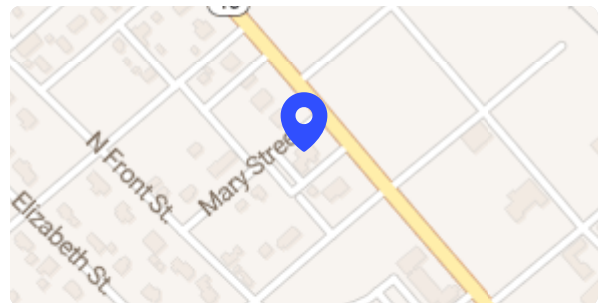
Celebration of life

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Peggy Heidelberger-Smith posted:

To the Steele family, Where do I begin...I have been looking for Suenell for years and wanting to reconnect, I always looked for her at the H.S. reunions. I was shocked to hear of the sad news from a fello Abintonian yesterday. Suenell and I went to High School together and she spent one summer with me at Sea Isle City, N.J. We had so much fun at the beach, playing, working and just living life. I have so many fond memories of H.S with her and her Dad as my band director. She was an absolutely wonderful, beautiful thoughtful person. I will reconnect one day with her. My thoughts are with all of you! Peggy Heidelberger-Smith email: pegartcowlady@gmail.com

December 9 at 7:28 AM



C Tanzer posted:

Suenell was so nice to me so often. I still have the sewing kit she gave me to keep in my office for emergencies. She often shared her quiet strength and wry wit with me, an adjunct instructor in the office dept. I am so sorry for your loss. She added a lot to my life.Catherine Tanzer~

November 28 at 9:40 AM



Anonymous sent a Fairest of All to the Steele family.



November 22 at 1:28 PM



Karen Campbell-Grubbs sent a Heavenly Sentiments Spray to the Steele family.



November 19 at 8:58 AM



Dora J George lit a candle in honor of Suenell.



November 19 at 7:00 AM

DG **Dora J George** November 19 at 7:09 AM

Dear Darrell, Corbin, Spencer, and family, you are in my thoughts and prayers. I am going to miss my dear, wonderful and special friend! My heart goes out to you.



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GD

Glenys Dennehy posted:

Dear Steele family, Alan and I were devastated to learn of Suenells passing. We so enjoyed our times with her and Derrell when visiting in the States. She was one lovely lady, please accept our heartfelt condolences. Kia Ka Ha from N Z

November 18 at 4:25 PM

LL

Lynn Langston posted:

I am so very sorry, Darrell. I have such wonderful memories of Suenelle spending time with Suenelle when your boys were young, and we also had 2 young children - Michael and Mandy. I don't know if you remember me, but we lived on West Laurel Street when you lived on Market. Prayers to you and the boys, Lynn Fulop Langston

November 18 at 2:33 PM

JO

Janice Owens posted:

Suenell was SPECIAL - enjoyed our time together at Arts & Flowers.

November 18 at 2:01 PM

LA

Linda Aldridge lit a candle in honor of Suenell.

November 18 at 8:53 AM



MG

Michael Gable lit a candle in honor of Suenell.

Abby and I ,were totally shocked and saddened to hear of Suenell's passing. She brings back memories of spending time with her and also spending lots of time with her in the Lewes-Rehoboth Beach area. She surely will be missed and never forgotten! Our Hearts go out to Darrell and his family.From Mike and Abby

November 17 at 5:25 PM





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Linda Aldridge shared 4 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Darrell, Corb, Spencer, and Tara, Oh, how sad and shocked I was to get Randall's text! Suenell was a steady, loving presence, even at this distance: I cannot imagine your feelings of emptiness and loss. You and the grandsons were the center of her life! We did not know she was ill: I am glad you had at least some time with her to draw near and express your hearts. We enjoyed receiving her periodic volleys of photos. We enjoyed the delicious pickles she sent. :-). At the last few reunions I attended, I enjoyed taking with her about education and what it's like to work in an academic environment. She was both sensitive and practical in her outlook. A kind, accomplished person I was proud to be related to... Hard to believe she is no longer with us. Wishing you peace and whatever comfort you can find in the days ahead. Suenell will remain in my heart, as will each of you. Linda (with love from Bob and Nancy, too)



November 17 at 10:40 AM



Shelly Souder posted:

Dear Darrell, Corbin, and Spencer - Learning of Suenell's passing yesterday was like being kicked in the stomach, and I am so very sorry for your loss. Suenell was one of my favorite instructors at Delaware Tech, and I am so fortunate to have formed a real friendship with her from the time I graduated until now. She came to my rescue and helped me after I broke my leg in 2016, and I am eternally grateful. She was a blessing to me and everyone she knew, and I will miss her dearly. I am sending prayers for your healing and comfort. God bless. Shelly

November 17 at 11:24 AM



Darlene Edgens lit a candle in honor of Suenell.



November 17 at 10:40 AM



Carol Wright November 18 at 3:31 PM

Darrell, Bob and family, We are so very sorry for your loss. Suenell was such a sweet lady! While it has been several years since we had any contact with her, we both remember having chats with her and enjoying our conversations. She was a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother, sister and we know she will be missed by your whole family. We pray you all find some comfort in God's love during these difficult times. Bob and Carol Wright



Linda Aldridge shared 4 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

November 17 at 3:42 PM





Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Suenell by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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