



Susan T. Lewis

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Susan Lewis, a beacon of kindness and an advocate for the environment, passed away at the age of 66, on October 5, 2024, in Bethany Beach, DE. Born on May 20, 1958, in Washington DC, to her late parents, Manuel and Connie Torregrosa, Susan was a person defined by her loving nature, gentleness, and kindness.

A proud graduate of Virginia Tech, Susan dedicated an impressive 38 years of her life to the Environmental Protection Agency, where her commitment to preserving nature's beauty was evident to all who knew her. Upon her retirement, she remained active in the community as a faithful member of St. Ann Catholic Church and the St. Vincent DePaul society in Bethany Beach.

Susan's love story with her beloved husband, John O'Lewis, was a testament to her loving spirit. Together, they shared countless adventures, hiking the great outdoors with their cherished Labrador retrievers, a shared passion that only deepened their connection.

She leaves behind her caring husband, John, and her brothers, David, Paul, and John, as well as her sisters, Ann and Joan. Susan also leaves a legacy of love with her many nieces and nephews, who will continue to cherish her memory.

Susan's essence will be deeply missed by everyone who had the privilege of knowing her.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Friday, October 18, 2024, at 11:00AM at Our Lady of Guadalupe Mission Church 35318 Zion Church Rd, Frankford, DE 19945.

In lieu of flowers, the family request donations be made in Susan's name to St. Vincent de Paul at <https://stannbb.org/contributions/online-giving-2/>.

FLORIST NOTE: PLEASE HAVE ALL FLOWERS DELIVERED ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2024 BY 3:00 PM TO OUR OCEAN VIEW LOCATION.

Kindly visit the Tribute wall available on this website to add your message.



Events


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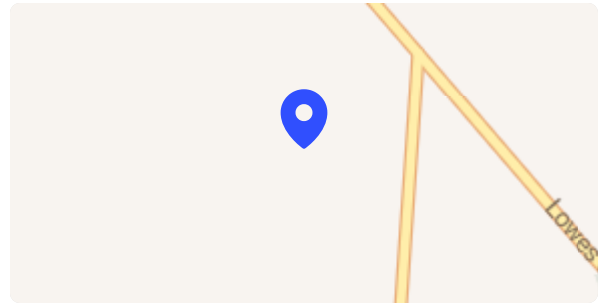
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Mass of Christian Burial

 **Friday**, October 18, 2024

 11:00 AM ET

 **Our Lady of Guadalupe Mission Church**
35318 Church Road, Frankford DE 19945





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Anonymous shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.



Susan hired me into EPA as a grad student intern in June 2010, and she and Jack Housenger were my first bosses. She is the reason I've been able to build a Federal career, and at EPA. Susan had the kindest soul. Along with being incredibly smart and quick, Susan believed in people and their abilities, and in working to make the world a better place. Over the years, Susan became a trusted mentor and a dear friend. We regularly caught up, even after her retirement from EPA in August 2016. She's who I'd call to get insight from on a challenging work or career situation, and to share in the celebrations of life. We loved sharing book recommendations and talking about community service. Susan is who sent my daughter Violet the best little learning library of books when she was born in July 2022. My heart and deepest sympathies go out to John + Susan's siblings, nieces, and nephews, especially during this holiday season. May Susan's memory always be a blessing, and may she know how much we all miss and love her as she looks down on us from above.

December 22 at 4:31 AM



Anonymous December 22 at 4:33 AM
With deep condolences, Nicole Berckes



Cathy Eiden posted:

I met Susan at EPA and we worked together for many years in the OPP. Susan was a consummate pro. She knew the regs and policies cold. One of her proudest achievements was her work to cancel chlorfenapyr, the next generation DDT. She respected the science and moved forward on the cancellation process when her superiors watched from behind the scenes. She was "green" in her heart and soul. She believed in the mission. EPA was lucky to have her. She is gone too soon. We miss her. My deepest sympathies to John and her family.

October 18 at 3:13 PM



Laura Parsons posted:

Susan was my boss for ten years and my friend for more than 20. She was five days older than me and years wiser. I learned so much from her about good management and owe her a great deal for advocating for me. She cared about people and the "work mission" and always seemed to do the right thing with poise, grace and humor. We shared many stories about our families, our dogs, and books. A big piece of my heart has gone with her. I am so sorry for your loss and pray that your memories of Susan will comfort and bless you.

October 17 at 6:27 PM



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PM

Priscilla Fox-Morrill posted:

I fell blessed to be able to be with Susan in her last hours in our world. Susan was a dear friend who lived with me and my pets in the early 80's. She was a warm, caring, pragmatic women who I admired. She made a big impact on my family in inviting my former husband to apply to the EPA, where he climbed the ladder, and provided our family job security. Susan touched so many in her time on earth and will be remembered by us all.

October 16 at 5:19 PM

BB

Betsy Behl posted:

I worked with Susan in the Pesticide Program at EPA for 20 years and we did some great things together. She was smart, fair, wise, and made courageous decisions. Susan didn't look for easy solutions and was open to trying new ways of doing things to protect the environment. Without Susan, we could not have worked through the cancellation of carbofuran, an insecticide that is exquisitely poisonous to birds. Susan was a great leader and cared deeply about public service and the people she worked with. On top of that, it was great fun to share stories with her over a glass or two of chardonnay. Susan had a great smile and an infectious laugh and I will miss her terribly. I send my deep condolences to her family. Betsy

October 15 at 3:23 PM

JB

Joseph B. planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Susan.



October 14 at 3:26 PM

SH

Sepehr Haddad posted:

We worked with Susan at EPA for many years; she will be missed; she was truly a special, dear friend and colleague. Our hearts are broken, and our prayers are with her family. Sepehr & Moana

October 11 at 8:49 AM



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Helen Simmons posted:

I met Susan at the first St Vincent de Paul meeting I attended here in Bethany Beach. From that first meeting we shared Treasury duties but our favorite activity with the group was working with our Team 2 Food Pantry friends and meeting our neighbors who came to the pantry. I was so fortunate to have had many wonderful conversations with Susan about our organization as well as books, current events, seaglass, family and friends. She was a wealth of information and a joy to be with. Our hearts and prayers are with her and John and her family ❤️🙏. Helen Simmons

October 10 at 4:49 PM



Virginia And Joel Giuffre planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Susan.



October 9 at 2:23 PM



Anonymous sent a Sweet Tranquility Basket to the Lewis family.



October 9 at 2:23 PM



Kate Litzelman posted:

So sad to hear of Sue's passing. I knew her best as a member of the Chesapeake Dewey Beach House gang. The gang had so much fun and got to know each other really well in our small shared weekend get aways and our year round gatherings in our homes. I spent some time working at EPA the same time as Sue was there. I will always remember her beautiful smile and fun laugh. She had a soft and easy way about her. Love and prayers to all of her siblings and John. So glad she and John found each other. xxoo

October 9 at 9:43 AM



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Tom Brennan posted:

Susan and I worked together for many years at EPA. She was so smart and effective in her many leadership roles. Her high-quality of work contributed directly to the mission of EPA - to protect human health and the environment. Susan was so great to work with and always had a nice way about her even through challenging times in the office. I am so sorry to hear about her passing and I am sending condolences to her family and friends. She was one of a kind. Tom Brennan

October 9 at 5:03 AM



Linda Deluise posted:

I knew Susan for many years at EPA. I was the last person to share an office with her before she was promoted. Her kindness and love was an inspiration to all of us. I cannot find the words to express my sadness. The world and all of us were better for having her in our lives. Prayers. May you rest in peace. We all miss you.

October 9 at 3:13 AM



Melody Banks posted:

So sorry to hear of the passing of Susan, Susan was my Branch Chief while working at the Environmental Protection Agency. Thoroughly enjoyed working with Susan. My Condolences and Prayers to the entire family. Rest in peace Susan. 🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏

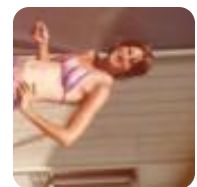
October 8 at 4:52 PM



Bo Peggy shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Chesapeake St Dewey

October 8 at 2:54 PM



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Dewey Beach 1980s

October 8 at 2:48 PM





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AC

Andrea Conrath posted:

I'm very saddened to learn of Susan's passing. We were fortunate to have her as our division director for many years at EPA. Susan was so hard working, but always good humored, supportive, and approachable. Such a huge loss. My deepest condolences to her family. Andrea Conrath

October 8 at 1:44 PM

AC

Andrea Conrath October 8 at 1:45 PM

Sorry for typo

TG

The Chesapeake Dewey Beach House Gang sent an Emerald Garden Basket to the Lewis family.



October 8 at 1:42 PM

TG

The Chesapeake Dewey Beach House Gang planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Susan.



October 8 at 1:42 PM

JW

Janet Weiner posted:

I worked with Susan at EPA. She was brilliant, hardworking, and unfalteringly kind. I send my heartfelt condolences to her husband and family. She was a wonderful person.

October 8 at 1:16 PM



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EL

Eileen Larence posted:

Rich and I are so sad to hear that Susan is gone. She was such a fun and kind beach house buddy, and a great partner to John. We were blessed to see her again several years ago. Our hearts go out to John and everyone she left behind. May she rest in peace.

October 8 at 12:57 PM

CE

Cathy Eiden October 17 at 5:26 PM

Susan and I met at EPA and worked together for many years at OPP. She was always the consummate pro. She knew the regs and policies cold. One of her proudest moments was her work on chlorfenapyr, the next generation DDT. She respected the science. She stepped up and signed the documents necessary to end its use. She took the heat for her superiors less willing to do the right thing. She was "green" in her heart and soul as others have shared. She truly cared about the mission she served. I will always admire and respect her for that. She is loved and missed. Deepest sympathies to John and family.

RO

Rosanna posted:

My deepest condolences to Susan's family. I had the privilege to work with her during her impressive EPA career and to benefit from her generous sharing of knowledge, mentorship, and leadership. I remember fondly about Susan's calm yet strong presence in any meeting, positivity, and her fun laugh. May you all find peace in the days to come and joy in your loving memories of her. Susan is greatly missed and cherished by many. Warmly, Rosanna Louie-Juzwiak

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Memories only last if you share them

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



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