



Suzanne M. Shaffer

July 1, 1948 - March 21, 2019

Suzanne M. Shaffer, age 70 of Lewes, DE, formerly of Wayne, NJ, passed away on Thursday, March 21, 2019, at Johns Hopkins Hospital, in Baltimore, MD. She was born on July 1, 1948 in Green Bay, WI, daughter of the late Cal and Anne Shaffer.

Ms. Shaffer was a graduate of Our Lady of Lourdes School of Nursing in Camden, NJ. She spent 32 years as a R.N. working in hospitals, the majority of that time as an ER nurse, after which she spent 8 years as a hospice nurse. She retired after 40 years of dedicated patient care. Ms. Shaffer loved to travel the world with her wife Joan. Basel and Visp Switzerland, Florence, Italy and Prague, Czech Republic, were among her favorite places to visit. She adored The Villages of Five Points, East Village and those that made up "The Village People", who she considered not just her neighbors, but her family. Ms. Shaffer had a zest for life; she truly loved it and all the people around her. She was a loving and devoted wife and dear friend who was loved by many and will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

Ms. Shaffer is survived by her beloved wife of 40 years, Joan Desiderio of Lewes, DE; her brother Paul Shaffer and his husband Brian Ayers of Phoenixville, PA; her aunt, Patricia Dever; 9 cousins; her many wonderful friends; and her adored goldendoodles: Truman and Walker.

A Celebration of Ms. Shaffer's Life will be held on Saturday, May 11, 2019 at 11:00 AM at the Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium, Atkins-Lodge Chapel, 16961 Kings Highway, Lewes, DE 19958, where friends may visit beginning at 10:00 AM.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions in Ms. Shaffer's memory to the National Kidney Foundation Serving Maryland and Delaware: Heaver Plaza, 1301 York Road, Suite 209, Lutherville, MD 21093.

Please sign the online guestbook located on this site.

Events

MAY **Visitation** 10:00AM - 11:00AM

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MAY **Celebration of Life** 11:00AM

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Comments



“ Joan, my heartfelt sympathy to you and to both your families. What a wonderful friend and confidant Suzanne was to me way back in our Valley days together. Our lunch walks always stirred up a surprise conversation - some of them were extremely funny, and some deeply emotional and touching and close to our hearts - each one, no matter where the conversation led - gave me a new and better outlook on life. She was a treasure, and the few times I have been in your company over the years, I could see the love you shared for each other. Suzanne will be one of the people who came into my life for a time that I will never forget.

With my love and condolences.

Dorothy Capone (Suzie's old Valley friend)

Dorothy Capone - March 31 at 10:09 AM



“ Many happy memories of growing up together in many different places. Sharing those great Sunday dinners and family vacations to Wildwood, Canada, South Bend, Colorado Florida and others. I guess that's where she got that traveling bug. We both lived in many different places in our lives and frequently lived far from each other, but we never lost touch for long, when we did get together we compared many ailments due to our kidney transplants. She never lost her sense of humor and her joy of life. She will be missed.

All our Love, Her loving brother Paul Shaffer and his partner Brian Ayres.

Paul Shaffer - March 29 at 06:52 PM



“ Dear Suze... old friend..you will be missed. Our nursing days were filled with smiles and laughter..sending love and prayers to Joan and your family.

Anne Brennecke - March 27 at 10:05 AM