



Susan P Zialcita

June 9, 1948 - January 3, 2021

SUSAN WAS WORLDLY-WISE...

The beautiful blonde blue-eyed baby, Mary Susan Pickard, was born June 9th, 1948. Her parents were Reverend Dr. William Pickard and Mary Ann Martin. Her journey as the oldest child and only daughter of Methodist missionaries began in Atlanta, GA. Along with brothers Henry, Marshall, James, and Paul, she was raised in the Philippines, serving God, church, community and her family. Before she had even graduated from high school, she had traveled much of the world, and had crossed Western Europe in a Volkswagon van.

SHE WAS A LEADER...

Susan was a decorated Girl Scout, a cheerleader, a volleyball player, and a true friend to her classmates at the American School in Manila. She became a youth sports booster after her children were born, serving as a Little League president and leading fundraising efforts for youth soccer trips to Hawaii and Scandinavia. She was a natural leader in her faith, carrying on her parents' mission to do God's work: she taught Sunday school at the Community United Methodist Church of Fairfield, and served on its finance committee.

SHE WAS A ROMANTIC...

While studying at the University of the Philippines on a Study Abroad Program, she met the love of her life on a blind date with three other friends. Lorenzo and Susan fell deeply in love, but were separated for 13 years, during which time they got college degrees and lived on separate continents. They were reunited in 1981 through a mutual friend from the American School, and married on August 8 of that year.

SHE WAS CIVIC-MINDED...

Susan was instrumental in public renovation programs to restore a Piedmont Park

neighborhood of Atlanta in the 1970s, and she led the relocation of families during the restoration of the historic Suisun City Harbor and Marina in California in the 1980s. She was a civil servant for the city of Suisun and the city of Vallejo and retired from the Department of Health and Social Services at Solano County in California after decades of service. She was also active in real estate, both early in her career and in retirement, helping people and families find houses to call home.

SHE WAS A FRIEND...

...to her fellow church-goers, to the members of her book club, to her coworkers, and to her neighbors of many years in Fairfield. Throughout her life, she kept in touch with her friends from childhood, high school, and college, from the Philippines and from Georgia.

SHE WAS A MOTHER...

When she married Gerry Dokka in 1973, she became mother to his sons, Greg and Aubrey, and was blessed with her first-born child, Gerald, in 1975. Susan and Lorenzo welcomed their first-born daughter, Susana, in 1982, and completed the family when Patricia was born in 1984.

SHE WAS A GRANDMOTHER...

She was Mema to Jacob, who spent most summers in Fairfield, and Stevie, taking each to TrainTown in Sonoma and In and Out Burger for dinners. She was Mimi to Thomasina, who delighted in visits from “creepa-mousy” and demanded her “washing-hands song” after meals. She held tiny Anahita, who looked up at her with big brown eyes, and smiled, with dimples, at her grandma.

SHE WAS LOVED...

Susan is survived by her mother and brothers; by her husband, Lorenzo; her son, Gerald, daughter-in-law, Kim, and grandsons, Jacob and Stevie; her daughter, Susana, son-in-law, Austin, and granddaughter, Thomasina; and her daughter, Patricia, son-in-law, Art, her granddaughter, Anahita.

A memorial service was held for immediate family members on Friday, January 15th. Instead of flowers, those wanting to commemorate Susan’s life are encouraged to make donations to the Community United Methodist Church, Agnes Scott College (Decatur, Georgia) Supporting Students Scholarship Fund, The American Breast Cancer

Foundation, or St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

Comments



“ To the Pickard and Zialcita families i send my deepest condolences. I share fully your pain, may the Lord bless you all.



Steven Otis Black - March 14 at 06:09 AM



“ Steven Otis Black lit a candle in memory of Susan P Zialcita



Steven Otis Black - March 13 at 05:15 PM



“ I fell in love with Susan in 9th grade in Manila, we "went steady" for 9 months, then were separated when i returned stateside. We met briefly in 64 when she stayed with me when coming stateside. In 1966 met her again at Agnes Scott when i was on my way to Viet Nam.

We dated every weekend from Nov. 1967 until she went to Manila in 1968, and when she returned in 1969.

I wanted to marry her in 1969, but she was already in love with some one else, so i left and returned to Utah

I have been in love with her my entire life, and was so when i met her at a reunion in 2002.

She had a wonderful life and family and i offer them my greatest love and sympathy.
Steven Otis Black



Steven Otis Black - March 13 at 12:16 PM



“ Dear Lorenzo and family, I am so sorry to hear of Susan's passing, and offer you my deepest condolences. I have fond memories of working with her at H&SS. She was both the consummate professional, and a lot of fun, as well as being a wonderful, warm, and caring person. I join you in missing her. Christiana



Christiana Smith - February 26 at 01:26 PM



“ my condolences to the whole family ,especially her mother and her grieving husband .I'd like to send a particular message of condolence to my old classmate ,Henry . I am sorrier than I can say that he has lost his sister far too soon. With affection and in sorrow.Estelle Fisher (Class of 69 A.S.)

Laura Fisher Alvarez - February 01 at 03:58 PM



“ Dear Family I was shocked to hear about the passing of your beautiful Susan. I worked at 275 Beck and seen her every day her beautiful smile an always had time for you if you had a question. My heart cries for all of you. May all your beautiful memories and love. Grant you peace Thank you Susan ☐you'll be truly missed . RIP my friend



liz Moore - January 31 at 10:03 AM



“ I worked with Susan to help her obtain membership in the Daughters of the American Revolution. I was always impressed by her strong and determined spirit. She had such a wonderful way about her that always made me feel good when with her. She was a DAR friend and member since July 5, 2018. She will be missed. May her memory always bring you peace. Respectfully, Karen Muller, Chaplain of Chief Solano Chapter NSDAR.

Karen Muller - January 30 at 01:15 AM



“ Deepest sympathies and condolences to Susan's family and friends. I knew Susan thru the Chief Solano Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. She became an official Daughter a few months before me in 2018. I am so sorry for your loss.



Angie Goodson - January 29 at 11:16 PM