



Suzann Ward Howe

August 13, 1940 - December 18, 2023

Suzann Ward Howe of Springfield, Virginia, entered her Savior's presence Monday, December 18 at the age of 83. Suzann was born on August 13, 1940, to Alfred & Katherine (Estes) Ward in McAlester, Oklahoma. She grew up in Oklahoma, graduating from Oklahoma Baptist University in Shawnee. After that, Suzann took jobs in Alabama, Georgia and Texas, serving in children's ministries, and also obtained a masters degree from Southwestern Seminary in Fort Worth.

While living in Dallas, she met Richard F. Howe and they married on June 23, 1973. The couple then moved to Northern Virginia after Richard took a government job and had two sons, Gary & Stephen. Suzann was a passionate Christian who enjoyed educating children through lessons and music. She served as a leader in the Children's Ministry at First Baptist Church of Alexandria (FBCA) for over 30 years. Her roles included teaching Vacation Bible School, Coordinator of Children's Choirs and Director of the church preschool. Suzann loved to read, attend Bible studies, sing in the FBCA Adult & Senior Adult "Jubilee Singers" Choirs, spend time with her many friends, play tennis and pickleball, and vacation at the beach. She was also an avid sports fan who loved the Washington Nationals and the Dallas Cowboys. Suzann always looked forward to visiting her siblings and extended family members in Oklahoma.

She is survived by her husband, Richard, of Springfield, son Gary (Molly) of Arlington, son Stephen (Elizabeth) of Silver Spring, MD, brother Randell (Ada Nel) of Edmond, OK and twin sister Linda Jo Hampton (David) of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma.

Relatives and friends will be accepted for visitation at Jefferson Funeral Chapel, 5755 Castlewellan Dr. Alexandria, VA 22315, on Friday, January 5, 2024, from 2-4 PM & 6-8PM. Funeral service will be held at First Baptist Church of Alexandria, 2932 King St. Alexandria, VA 22302 on Saturday, January 6, 2024, at 11AM. Interment will be held privately at Fairfax Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the First Baptist of Alexandria Foundation.

Cemetery Details

Fairfax Memorial Park

9900 BRADDOCK ROAD
FAIRFAX, VA 22032

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 5. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Jefferson Funeral Chapel
5755 Castlewellan Dr
Alexandria, VA 22315-5516
(703) 971-7400

Visitation

JAN 5. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Alexandria, VA 22315-5516
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Funeral Service

JAN 6. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church of Alexandria
2932 King Street
Alexandria, VA 22302

Tribute Wall



“ Jefferson Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Suzann Ward Howe



Jefferson Funeral Chapel - December 29, 2023 at 10:30 AM

SR

I met Suzann at FBCA prior to the pandemic. We were in a Sunday school class and she was always so welcoming and made me laugh with her quick wit and humor. She was always trying to think of nice men for the single gals to date. And it was fun to hear the story of how she set up her son with Molly, who is a dear friend of mine. I went on an adventure once with her and Molly to the sunflower farm and what fun we had. Will miss you Suzann and I know heaven is a brighter place with you in it. My condolences to the entire Howe family during this difficult time.

Sallyann Rodriguez-Sawao - January 04, 2024 at 08:11 PM

GS

“ Suzann & Molly came out to Wyoming a few years ago & I knew Suzann was not fond of cats - and we have one - Jack!! One morning, Suzann was looking out the big front window & suddenly, Jack jumped up on the chair right beside her. It startled her but instead of shooing him away, she said with such passion, “And there’s that BEAUTIFUL cat!!!” We laughed so hard! She was such a class act, she would never insult him in his home!!

Gloria Sanders - December 24, 2023 at 11:27 AM

MC

“ Suzann and Richard welcomed me into their home as Stephen's friend when I first moved to the DC area in 2000. I remember with smiles her baked beans and chocolate cake as we watched Nebraska-Oklahoma and Dallas-Washington games. Her gifts of hospitality and service displayed themselves in ways that left no doubt she loved Jesus. Sarah and I both send our condolences and love to the Howe family.

Michael Castillo - December 21, 2023 at 12:50 PM

SA

“ We will miss you Suzann. We love you and thankful to have known you. As Logan says, at least you're home now in heaven.

sarah - December 21, 2023 at 06:01 AM

SR

“ What a wonderful album in memory of Suzann. She enjoyed life to the fullest and showed it in her constant smiles. We love her and will miss relationship with her here on earth but rejoice that she is enjoying life at the feet of Jesus.

Susan Riojas - December 20, 2023 at 07:15 PM

MH

“ 119 files added to the album *In Memory of Suzann*



Molly Howe - December 20, 2023 at 11:32 AM