



Susan M. Authement

April 12, 1951 - April 10, 2013

Susan M. Authement of Fort Collins went home to Jesus and her beloved mother, Jean, on April 10, after a valiant battle with cancer. Susan known as Susie was born in Victoria, TX, 1951, to Jean and Robert Burks. Her family moved many times following the career of her father, a renowned nuclear engineer. Susie attended junior college at American River College in Sacramento, CA, where she earned her Associate in Arts degree in Education. She was proud of her accomplishments as a song-leader, which led to her selection as a Camellia Princess for the state of California. Her success led to an invitation to cheer for the NFL San Francisco 49ers for \$35 – the beginnings of what would become paid professional cheerleading. After her time as a 49ers cheerleader she attended the University of Nevada-Reno, and earned her BS in Education. This prompted a move back to Victoria, TX, where she earned her MS in Early Childhood Education, Gifted and Handicapped Specialization, at the University of Houston-Victoria. Susie taught public school for ten years in Victoria where she met the love of her life Roland Authement, a physician practicing medicine in a private practice. Married August 21, 1982, they later gave birth to their beautiful son, Robert Brooks, in 1983. The family moved to Fort Collins in 1991 whereupon Susie dedicated herself to supporting her son's education. She was the Secretary of the Johnson Elementary School PTO and was very active in children's theater. Susie was the Patron Chairman of the Fort Collins Children's Theatre, and dedicated many hours to the Peanut Butter & Jam and Fall Children's Theatre

Productions at the Lincoln Center. When confronted with an empty nest, she felt compelled to continue her work with children. She worked five years at the CSU University Children's Center, where she was loved by co-workers and the families of "her babies." She was lured away from the UCC to become a private nanny for the Gieser family, where she helped raise her beloved Taylor and JP. Susie then returned to the CSU Sunshine House and worked into 2012. Her work here was the joy of her life, and her loving co-workers will sorely miss her bright smile and quick wit. Susie was blessed with her surrogate grandchildren, Christian and Rylan Smith, and Jesse and Hayden Wood, who loved her dearly. Susie's greatest gift was the opportunity to bestow her love of children upon her friends' children and share in their lives. Her life was most fulfilled with the 2012 birth of her granddaughter Coral Rose. Susie's other passion was to read. She had many friends at the Poudre River Public Libraries, including the Librarians whom she dearly loved. She felt a great sense of pride when asked to contribute "Books I Love" for the Library. Susie is survived by her most beloved husband, Roland; her son, Brooks and his daughter Coral Rose; her daughter, Mandy, and her daughter Ashley; her brothers John and David Burks Deborah and her beloved nephew Shawn; and, her sister, Sandra. Susie was blessed with true friends in Fort Collins, including Jenny Wood, Andrea Smith and Kathy Partin. Susie shared lifelong love and friendship with Carmen Lockstedt, dear friend and counselor with whom she taught in Texas, Betsy Bailey and Rozlyn Collins, with whom she raised children together in Victoria, and Diana Woodard, a family friend since birth. The family thanks on Susie's behalf, her warrior in battle, oncologist Dr. Matthew Sorenson, AKA Dr. Sweet, her radiologists, Dr. Joshua Petit and Dr. Lee McNeeley, and the many kind and compassionate nurses and caretakers who helped her with her journey. Susie always said how blessed she was to have the opportunity to know these special people. A visitation will be held on Monday from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. at Bohlender Fuenral Chapel. A Funeral Service for Susie will be held at the Bohlender Funeral Chapel on Tuesday at 2:00 p.m. Entombment will follow at Grandview

Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Poudre River Friends of the Library or the American Cancer Society in care of Bohlender Funeral Chapel, 121 W. Olive, Fort Collins, Colorado 80524.

Tribute Wall

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Maria I.Mendieta - May 03, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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ES

“ It was with great sadness to learn Susie is no longer with us. I remember her as a baby in Victoria. Our Mothers were great friends. Over the years my Mother enjoyed the annual visits with Jean and her children. Susie was also a great family friend who always was funny and happy.

Edith Smith - January 07, 2014 at 12:00 AM

WS

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AW

“ Susie, Oh how your presence brightened the lives of everyone around you. Your sense of humor was out of this world. I remember you and I would "argue" over who the toddlers at the UCC liked the most. Hands down, they liked you the most, you had a gift with those children! You will be greatly missed. I take comfort in knowing, that you will forever be in paradise. "Jesus answered, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise." Luke 23:43

Ashley Murzyn Warren - April 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AM

“ Susie, I cannot remember a time that you were not a part of my life. You are in every memory I have. Thank you for being the sweet and loving person you are. Thank you for always being there for my mom and for being such a wonderful friend. Give my grandma and grandpa a hug and kiss from me. Heaven gained a sweet angel â

Amy Macaitis - April 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM

EL

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KP

“ Susie, God bless you and Ro for the love and many kindnesses you showered on our family, and especially on T and JP. I will forever be indebted to you for all you did for us. I will be counting on my angel Susie to be sending me hints for the next bday party. I miss you and I love you. Kathy

Kathy Partin - April 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ Susie, Thank you for the many years of friendship. I will always hold dear the fall decorating we did, the years on Johnson PTO, Childrens Theater and the many days sitting on the front porch just talking and being together. I'm so sorry life got so busy that we didn't have time to be together recently. I miss you

Danette Hastings - April 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM

GV

“ Dearest Susie, We thank you for all the light you brought into our lives. Emily and Christopher will always remember their years in daycare with you as their energetic, passionate and loving teacher. Thank you for the many happy memories.

Gayle Volk - April 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ Dear Ro, I was blessed and honored to have gotten to know Susie at Julie's birthday celebration in AZ. What a beautiful and energenic lady she was. I know the love that flowed between Andrea and her family for you and Susie was awesome. God Bless you and guide you through this most difficult time. Her suffering is over....she is at peace in heaven. I want to express my deepest sympathy. May the Holy Spirit be at your side. I will pray for you and all those who knew and loved Susie. Mary Fran

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DM

“ I always loved the conversations we had and especially our "dance video" together. You were always the perfect host whenever we visited. You will be greatly missed. We love you Susie.

Denise Authement Mhire - April 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ While I was never fortunate to meet you, Susie, I am truly thankful for you. By following through my brother Brad and his wife, Andrea my struggle with breast and thyroid cancer, you took it upon yourself to connect with me by letter. Your kind words of encouragement meant so much to me. And the example you set of living a life of hope and positivity even after your diagnosis helped set me on the same path. For that I will be forever grateful. Each year, when the pink ribbon tulips you sent me bloom, I will celebrate what a gift you were to the world and all that you touched! Condolences to your family and friends, Jana Madsen and family

Jana Madsen - April 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ Susie, My heart is weighted down with sadness yet I feel more strength than I have ever had. I can see that no matter what life throws at us, we can do it like you have shown us, with strength, class, grace, courage, laughter, and love. I would like to thank you, Jenny, and Andrea for taking me under your wings. You have blessed me with many memories filled with wisdom and laughter. My love for children and caregiving will forever be rooted by my relationships started at the Sunshine House. Susie- when I couldn't let go you told me "don't cry baby, Susie's gonna be dancin' with the angels soon." You are an angel Susie. Thank you for everything.

Bethany Head - April 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ Dear Susie, I will always value my friendship with you ever since daughter, Andrea, introduced me to her CO Mom. Our most fun and special time together is when you and Andrea flew to our AZ home in June, 2011 to help in the celebration of a birthday of mine. It was a girl's weekend together and you met many family members and you always took an interest in their lives. You will continue to bring a sparkle of joy to my life and when I look to the heavens above and see the many stars I will know one is you shining down on all of us. Love you, Julie

Juliana Cox - April 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ Susie, you are such a special friend. You were always laughing and so was everyone around you. You are much loved and will always be missed. Ro, there are a lot of love and prayers heading your way from all your family and friends.

Brenda McDonald - April 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SJ

“ Susie, Thank you for being such a loving, caring friend to my beautiful niece, Andrea. She thought the world of you. For those of us lucky enough to have had the opportunity to see the two of you together, the love you shared was obvious. I am glad I had the chance to meet you and spend the weekend with you in Arizona. You brightened our "ladies" weekend with your smile and joyous laugh. Your brave spirit was amazing! May God bless you and keep you... Sheila Jansen, Andrea's Aunt

Sheila Jansen - April 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM

GA

“ Dear Dad & Grand pa, we are sorry for your loss. We will miss grand ma Susie very much. We are sorry we can not attend the service or be with you at this time. Please know that we have prayed for you and grand ma Susie. She was sooo good to us. We will miss her very much. We love you and will have lots of good memories! Please call us if you need anything or if we can do anything for you. With Love,

Greg, Kim, Leah, & Hannah Authement - April 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ Susie was a shining light for Fort Collins Children's Theatre for many years. Her enthusiasm, talent, and obvious love for the kids was so evident! Although the terms on the Board were supposed to be only 3 years, Susie just kept on - until the joke became that the little group that stayed on was more like a "club" than a "board." The happy times during shows with Susie will always be remembered, especially when Brooks was part of the cast & Susie was helping Jackie W. & Ginny K. do make-up. I know she's an angel in heaven, because she was one here too. With my sincere condolences, Debbie

Debbie Dixon - April 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ We have not known a time in the last 30 years that didn't have Susie in it. We have had laughter and tears and shared so many good times and bad. Every major thing that happened in our lives we shared. I cannot put into words how much you mean to me and how much I will miss you. Just know that we have loved you well and that every time I read a book, go somewhere, think of my kids, grandkids, parents, grandparents that there is a memory of Susie. I love you.. Tell Jean and mama hello- I am sure they are with you having a ball. I LOVE YOU MORE. Beats and Dan the man

Betsy and Dan Bailey - April 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SN

“ Dear Ms. Susie, From the first time you took care of me at UCC, to babysitting me in elementary/middle school, to celebrating Easter and having dinner parties together, I knew that you were someone really special. I still have my first pair of earrings- the ones that you gave me right before I got them pierced. When I wear them, I know that you are with me and watching over me. You are my inspiration every day- in violin, school, and almost everything else that I do. You are the strongest, most positive person I have ever met, and I am so blessed that I got the chance to be part of your life. You will always be in my heart. I love you.

Sofya Norman - April 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ Dear Susie, The loss of you and my Clinton is so very hard. I have lost my son and now my sister, but the Lord is merciful and sees me and those that loved you and Clinton through each day until we see y'all again. I will miss your calls and talking about the children we both love and all we did together, but cherish our time together and sure I will see you soon. Love you, Rozalyn

Rozalyn Collins - April 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ Susie, Peach and I missed you from the day that we left Fort Collins to live in Los Angeles. We will miss our phone calls - hearing your voice, laughter, your stories, and your assurance that everything will be ok. You brought so much wisdom, light, and love into our lives --- all of which has shaped who Giorgia is, and who I strive to be as a parent and person in this world. Oh, your laughter! Your laughter will ring on in our hearts, with resounding and lively booms!! We will continue to talk about you - please know that you will always be with us. We will send Peach clothes to Ro. Much love, Jeanne and Giorgia Robertson

Jeanne Robertson - April 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SA

“ Thank you Susie for being such a wonderful friend to my lovely sister Andrea, aka "baby girl". You were always so thoughtful and caring to our family, and you will be missed greatly.

Stephanie Acton - April 13, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ Susie will be sadly missed by many... She was such an important part of my sister Andreas and families lives and she was always with a smile on her face, sharing laughter and funny stories and had a positive attitude when many would have given up... I am so fortunate to have known her and she will never be forgotten... Tina

Tina Cox - April 13, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CD

“ I loved Susie from the moment Jenny brought her in to meet me. We were kindred spirits and she was a shining light to us all. I'll never forget how, shortly after the diagnosis, she pulled up in her white SUV with her newly died blonde hair with *EYE OF THE TIGER* blaring on her stereo. She was going to beat this! Even though it took her home in the end, she fought a brave fight. Strongest woman I've ever known. Love Ya Susie! I was blessed and will be eternally grateful to have known you. P.S. I'll also never forget how many times you set off the fire alarm!!!! LOL :

Christy DeLorme - April 13, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ Dear Susie, I feel privileged to have known you. You brought love and laughter into the lives of absolutely everyone you encountered. What a difference you have made for so many young children...and also the adults who cared for them. Your life was way too short, but what an example you set, living every minute to its fullest. You will be missed, but I know you will be watching over all of us. Love, Mary

Mary Hamilton - April 13, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ I miss you so much already Susie. Thank you for your friendship, love and many, many laughs. You became a part of our family and you will remain in my heart forever. I love you!

Andrea Smith - April 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ I will always remember Hannah Beth's first day at the University Children's Center. As new parents we were so worried and tentative about the first day drop off. Susie walked up and said "give me that baby, she'll be fine" and I just knew everything would be alright. We will miss your infectious laugh and humor and your love of children and life. Thank you for loving our children and so many others.

Jennifer Garvey - April 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ Oh Susie...I keep wanting to tell you things. It comes so natural to think, "I have to tell Susie." I'll still tell, I just have to throw it up to you now, in the form of a thought. Remember my dear, the promise you made me and I will be paying attention...Im waiting and I'm watching. You are dear to me always and so very missed. I love you. I love you, Susie "best friend." Ro is in our hands and we will get him up the hill. You are everywhere for me, so I will settle for that, knowing you are the newest and most cherished ANGEL in my collection. Bye sweet Susie. Jenny

Jenny Wood - April 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM