



Suzanne Sanderson

March 21, 1934 - May 23, 2026

North Hampton- With heavy hearts, we announce the passing of our mom Suzanne (Sue) Sanderson, who left this world, reluctantly, on May 23rd. Born on March 21, 1934, she was the daughter of Edwin A. Wilder. Suzanne lost her mother, Rachel Atwood, at birth. However, she was blessed to be raised, first by her Aunt Jean Atwood and then by her devoted stepmother, Eleanor Blanch Moynihan Wilder, who loved and cared for her as her own.

Raised in Sterling, Mass, Sue earned her associates degree in Medical Technology, from Becker Junior College. However, she began her career as a “Stewardess” for Eastern Airlines. It was here that she met her future husband, Jarib (Ted) Sanderson, who was at the time a first officer for the airline. After she and Ted settled in North Hampton, she focused on raising her children.

Sue was a truly kind, optimistic, creative and joyful soul whose warmth touched everyone fortunate enough to know her. It was this creative spirit that her family most remembers. Sue was a devoted and caring mother and grandmother centering her life around family, friendships and compassion for others. Whether through a thoughtful conversation where her favorite saying was “this too shall pass”, hanging out at the pool while watching her grandkids wolf down her endless supply of popsicles and klondike bars, her simple presence always made the world feel softer and brighter.

Like a true New Englander, Sue had a passion for a good lobster roll, an unquenchable thirst for Lago's Kahlua Chip ice-cream and a love hate relationship with her beloved Red Sox or "Red Flops" as she sometimes called them, and of course a true hatred for the Yankees, all traits that she passed onto her kids and grandkids. Besides her family, Sue was an avid gardener, and basked in the true simple things in life, a good book, a good glass of Bourbon and a soft dog head to pat. Above all else, Sue will be remembered for her sense of humor, her sarcasm, the love that she gave so freely and her kindness that she imprinted by all those who crossed her path.

Sue was pre-deceased by her husband Ted, son-in-law James, brother Bruce and sister, Elizabeth. Sue leaves behind her sons, Douglas and his wife, MarySue of Hampton, NH; David and his wife, Amy of Kensington, NH; her daughter, Julee of Kensington, NH; 7 grandchildren, Megan Van Roie and her husband, Justin; Adam and his wife, Jen Purks; Skylar Noyd and her husband, Jeremiah, Shane McClure, Lauren, Rachel and Jarib Sanderson; and 4 great grandchildren, William, Charles, Augustine and Philip Van Roie.

The family wishes to thank the staff of Langdon Place of Exeter and Beacon Hospice for their dedicated care.

Arrangements – Services will be private. In lieu of flowers, donations in Sue's memory may be made to the Walter Burns Fishing Derby c/o Annie's Angels PO Box 108, Newfields, NH 03856. The "Walter Burns Memorial Fishing Day for Special Needs Children" , was conceived by Walter Burns a lifetime member of the Piscataqua Fish and Game Club and is held annually in May at Sanderson's family Pond in Greenland, NH.

Tribute Wall



“ Sue and I shared a love of a good piece of carrot cake. Sometimes she would show up with a carrot cake claiming she needed help eating it. She and Ted were amazing and kind people. They will always have a place in our hearts. I hope they have carrot cake in heaven

Christine McLean - June 02 at 03:09 PM

PW

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peter bruce wilder - June 02 at 09:18 AM

JC

“ Sue was so kind and generous with her time and spirit to the McClures outside of the NH state lines. Always had something to show us or tell us about, or listen to the loooong McClure stories. Her presence will be missed. Condolences to all her family.

Judi Culver - June 01 at 03:30 PM

BP

“ On behalf of the entire Walter Burns Fishing Day for Special Needs Children committee, we would like to extend our deepest condolences to your family. Your mother and father were incredibly generous in allowing us to host over 2,000 children at your Greenland property. Your mother was a lovely woman, and we always enjoyed having her visit with us during the event.

*Our thoughts are with you during this difficult time,
The Walter Burns Fishing Day committee and The Piscataqua Fish and Game Club.*



Bridget Pollock - May 30 at 03:20 PM

PW

“ Aunt Suzanne has always been a pillar in Dad's side of the family. Her solid, informed, and always twinkle-eyed wit is the stuff of legend, and was always looked forward to during family visits. Her relationship with Uncle Ted was always perceived as loving and again with the same sense of irony and humor.

It is always a deep privilege to know one's Family... and Suzanne will be missed. She is in a better place than those she leaves behind, and we will always celebrate her presence in our lives.

*- Peter Bruce Wilder, (nephew)
Morrisville, Vermont*

Peter Bruce Wilder - May 27 at 03:52 PM