



Susan Lee "Susie" Canby

March 27, 1954 - July 6, 2021

Susan Lee "Susie" Canby, 67, of Washington, VA, died Tuesday, July 6, 2021 in her home. She was born March 27, 1954 in Washington, D.C. to the late Medford and Margaret Canby.

Susie was a special education teacher and legal aid lawyer. She dedicated herself to making the world a better place for people as well as animals. She was a loving mother to her son, A.J., whom she adopted 32 years ago, as an infant.

Susie is survived by her wife, Anita Howard; her son, A.J. Canby; one sister, Annie Canby (Peter Bresnan), one brother, Medford Canby, III (Beth), two nieces, Emma Bresnan and Claire Bresnan; God-daughter, Jennah Colberg; and special friend, Beth Colberg.

A memorial service will be held Sunday, July 11, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. at Found and Sons Funeral Chapel, 850 Sperryville Pike, Culpeper, VA with Rev. Amy Yount officiating. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service. Those unable to attend in person are invited to join the service via livestream at

<https://view.oneroomstreaming.com/authorise.php?k=1625706074124148>

In lieu of flowers the family asks that donations be made in Susie's name to RAWL – Rappahannock Animal Welfare League: PO Box 396, Amissville, VA 20106 or <https://www.rawldogs.org/donate/> or RappCats: PO Box 307, Washington, VA 22747 or <https://www.rappcats.org/donate>

An online guestbook and tribute wall are available at <http://www.foundandsons.com>

Found and Sons Funeral Chapel of Culpeper is serving the family.

Events

JUL **Visitation** 12:00PM - 01:00PM

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Found and Sons Funeral Chapels & Cremation Service
850 Sperryville Pike, Culpeper, VA, US, 22701

JUL **Memorial Service** 01:00PM

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Comments



“ An external video has been added.



Found and Sons Funeral Chapels - Cremation Service - July 07 at 05:02 PM



“ Susie was just the best person I've ever known. Her unfailing moral compass, her generous spirit, and her love for all those around her, including pets, was always inspiring. Thank you Susie. I will truly miss you. Ida

Ida Cook - July 08 at 10:13 AM



“ So very sorry to hear of Susie's passing. I met her in the early 1980s when she was a law student at our Legal Aid office in Petersburg, VA. Instantly enjoyed her company and her love for justice and her desire to help those who could not help themselves. I was sad when she left us and changed careers but knew she was doing what she wanted to do. This world is a better place having had Susie in it. She surely will be missed! Kathy Brigman

Kathy Brigman - July 21 at 09:15 AM



“ Susie was one of the most caring people I've known. I knew her when she was a law student and then a lawyer at legal aid. And, when she adopted AJ (with the great smile). Years after she had gone onto her career in Special Ed, I did some legal work for one of her former clients. The client said "you're okay, but you are no Miss Canby." She was right. No one could be. Barbara Ziony

Barbara Ziony - July 18 at 02:39 PM



“ Cousins, I am so sorry for your loss. It is a terrible thing. My condolences -- and apologies for having been unable to make it to the lovely service today.

Elizabeth Hanson - July 11 at 02:11 PM



“ Susie is one of the very rare, thoroughly good, human beings. . She is one of the kindest, most well-intentioned souls I have ever known. She made the world a better place. I met Susie at Camp Nakanawa decades ago when we were teens, and I was so happy to reconnect with her at a Nakanawa reunion in 2019. We had talked about me visiting her once COVID was over. This is a deeply sad loss, but Susie's is a beautiful life to be celebrated. We thank her family for sharing her with us. Pat Hatler

patricia hatler - July 11 at 10:02 AM



“ I am greatly saddened to hear of the passing of Susie. I did not have to opportunity to be around her much because of the fact that she lived in Virginia and I live in Texas; however, the times that I was privileged to be around her, it did not take long to tell that she was a very special person and I could not help but fall in love with her and her quiet spirit. May God richly bless the memory of Susan Lee "Susie" Canby.

Garry S. Sutton - July 10 at 02:14 PM



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Medford Canby - July 09 at 10:23 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear this sad news. I always found Susie very funny, thoughtful, and sensitive. I loved her smile. I am glad that she is out of pain. She will be missed greatly.

Kate Appleton - July 09 at 10:31 AM



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Elissa Free - July 08 at 03:02 PM



“ I am so terribly saddened by this news. May Susie's kind and generous spirit live on in our hearts, always.

Elissa Free - July 08 at 03:06 PM



“ Oh my heart. I truly have no words to express this sadness. Susie Canby and I taught together. She helped me run the school my husband and I started. She was my dearest friend. We spend uncountable hours together working and “doing life.” We went to festivals, concerts, ate at amazing restaurants, traveled to conferences and for fun. She came to the hospital as soon as Caden was born. I found out I was pregnant a few days before she found out she had cancer for the first time. We cried together when we shared this news. I was never supposed to be able to get pregnant and we were so happy, and yet we were so sad she was so sick. In true Susie fashion she told me not to worry, she would be fine.

Susie loved everyone she met. Some of the most unloveable people, she always found the good in them. She loved her students. All of her students. Kids with the most difficult behaviors that had been kicked out of school. Kids whose parents were on the verge of a breakdown because they didn't know how to help their child. Susie loved them. She worked hard to find solutions and plans and resources that worked.

When I first had Caden within weeks I was back at work. I made a nursery next to our shared office for him. We took turns and carried him around with us wherever we went until he started being “on the go.” I hired a babysitter to come play with him once this started and I still remember the first time I had to leave the building without him in the care of that sitter. Susie was there. She heard some yelling coming from the nursery and peeked in the room to find the sitter yelling at my not even one year old, I don't even remember why. She immediately fired her. I came back from my meeting to find Caden in her arms singing Raffie songs, something they loved to do together. Susie stood up for those that couldn't defend themselves, always.

My heart broke when Anita called to tell me she was gone yesterday. She didn't tell me she was close to the end, because that was Susie. She never wanted the attention on her.

She leaves behind her dear son AJ and her soulmate Anita Marie Howard. I have no words for the void. Only that in heaven her body is perfect condition and she isn't in pain anymore. No more awful medications are needed and I know she is enjoying beautiful music and amazing food with her parents. All is Well.

Rest In Peace my dear friend. Anita I am so sorry I won't be there on Sunday celebrating our Susie's life but I will definitely be by to hug you and AJ soon. So much love and prayers for peace during this time.

Jen Wood - July 07 at 10:15 PM



“ Heartbreaking. She was a Hollins classmate with curly hair, a tender heart and a beautiful smile. Smart and funny . This is sad news. Liz Conner Marchi, Whitefish, Montana

Liz Marchi - July 07 at 07:55 PM



“ The world has gotten a little bit darker without Susie. Such a quiet force in so many lives. She will certainly be missed.

Pattie Hallett - July 07 at 07:32 PM



“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



Alice Armstrong - July 07 at 07:26 PM



“ Love you forever, Susie.

Alice Armstrong - July 07 at 07:27 PM