



## Susannah Godlove

January 6, 1936 - March 4, 2024

Susannah Godlove was born on January 6, 1936, in Frederick County, Virginia, and left this world on March 4, 2024, at Evergreen Nursing Home in Winchester, Virginia, at the age of 88.

Susannah was the daughter of Ray Francis and Evelyn Fout Godlove.

She was a 1954 graduate of John Handley High School in Winchester and then continued her studies at Mary Washington College in Fredericksburg, Virginia, where she obtained her Bachelor of Science Degree in 1958. She returned to Winchester for a few years where she worked for the local Social Service Agency before moving to her adopted 2nd home of Saint Louis, Missouri, where she studied at Washington University and received her Master's of Social Science Degree. She returned to Winchester when her only sibling, Patricia Godlove May, began her fight with breast cancer. Sadly, "Trishie" passed away shortly after Susannah returned home.

Susannah lost her beloved father, Ray, to brain cancer when he was in his late-40's, but his wife, Evelyn, "carried on" supporting both of her daughters and giving them every possible opportunity. Evelyn passed at the age of 94.

Susannah remained in Winchester after her sister's death. She was a long-time employee at Winchester Medical Center, where she worked as a psychiatric social worker.

Susannah never married, but she had many "kitty" children. She took better care of all of them than she did herself. Susannah donated her life's savings to various animal rights organizations. She had a soft heart, especially for all animals.

Susannah was quite active in local organizations, including Valley Glasshoppers, American Association of University Women, Shenandoah Arts Council, as well as having served on the board of Friends of Handley Library. She was also the alumni coordinator at Mary Washington College for the class of 1958.

You rarely saw Susannah without her camera. She was the family historian.

Susannah loved "good food," especially country ham sandwiches, as well as her mother's tomato gravy. She was strong willed, and tenacious about her beliefs, including social justice. Susannah was at the forefront of the women's rights movement in the 60's, and always said that meeting Gloria Steinem changed her life.

She is survived by several special cousins and many dear friends, and former coworkers.

Susannah visited our local SPCA daily and became friends with Jessica Duval and her family, who embraced her with love and kindness.

In her younger years, Susannah could be seen driving throughout town, in her red Camaro sports car. She was a huge fan of Star Trek and always said that she planned to leave this world on the Starship Enterprise. Soar high, Susannah!

Susannah was a lifelong member of Gainesboro United Methodist Church. Phelps Funeral Home, located at 311 Hope Drive in Winchester, are handling her arrangements. Visitation will be there from 10-11 am on Saturday, March 9th, with her funeral service immediately following at 11 am. Her cousin, Maximilian Lovell Manuel, will officiate the service.

Internment will follow afterward at Back Creek Quaker Cemetery in Gainesboro, Virginia, where she will rest peacefully amongst her loving family.

Susannah's most fervent wish would be for everyone to make a difference and vote in our upcoming presidential election. She had a big heart and was greatly worried about the future of our country, especially after living through the Trump presidency.

Memorial donations may be sent to our local SPCA, Attention: Jessica Duval, 111 Featherbed Lane, Winchester, Virginia 22601, or to any animal rights organization of your choosing.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 9. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

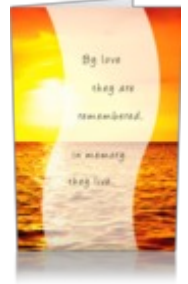
BB

“ *I will truly miss you and all the fun we had working together on the memories of our years at Handley, so we could bring that to our class reunions for our classmates to reminisce. I will truly miss you!*  
*Love ya Charlotte*

BC Baker - March 09, 2024 at 11:40 AM



“ *A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Susannah Godlove.*



March 09, 2024 at 11:23 AM

CH

“ *Susanna, my fellow psych Social Worker, my thoughts are with you wherever you are. I can see a big welcome from all your feline friends, etc. Our work at WMC was important and rewarding, in large part due to our collaboration as a team. It was a pleasure knowing you...rest easy.*  
*Carol Harris*

Carol Harris - March 09, 2024 at 10:34 AM

CH

“ *Susannah and I met through the Quota Club here in Winchester. We often rode together to meetings and Susannah shared wonderful Winchester history with me. We knew many people in common in theatre and the arts. She was one of the most interesting and gracious people I have ever met. My condolences to her family.*

Charla Hayen - March 08, 2024 at 11:19 PM

BM

*Charla, thank you for your unwavering love and friendship!*

BJ Manuel - March 09, 2024 at 03:52 PM

FA

“ My heart goes out to Susannah's family. My husband and I shared many fun and enjoyable meals with her when we met at local restaurants. She was a cousin who I was able to get to know better after my own mother died in 2004. May dear Susannah rest in peace. She fought a valiant fight in her desire to survive.

Faye Adams - March 08, 2024 at 12:21 AM

AL

“ Praying for and sending condolences to the family. I met Susannah in 1986 when we began working today on the psychiatric unit at the old Winchester Hospital. One day the psychiatrist decided he was going to test us as new employees. Me an RN and her a LCSW. He asked us to get him a cup of coffee during morning conference. Susannah looked at me and announced to him , "if I get your coffee, I can't guarantee it won't end up in your lap". He got his own coffee! Susannah I thank you for many years of friendship, memories, and laughter.

Aljune Lee - March 07, 2024 at 11:40 PM

BM

Aljune, I remember hearing this story from Susannah!! That sums her up 100%! Thank you for always being a good friend, and coworker to her!

BJ Manuel - March 08, 2024 at 03:30 PM

FA

Aljune, I love your memory of Susannah. It shows her indomitable spirit!

Faye - March 09, 2024 at 11:10 AM

AC

“ Susannah and I worked together at BHS. We had a lot in common. We both compared notes on our kitties we rescued and we talked a lot about life. I remember this time she got a message and I spelled her name wrong which if you knew her was a no no. As she was leaving that night she brought up a piece of paper with her name spelled the correct way. She was a friend and we trusted each other. I'll miss her terribly.

Arlene Coates - March 07, 2024 at 07:49 PM

BM

Thank you Arlene. I am her cousin, and I love your story! Absolutely SO Susannah. Want to know a secret? Her birth first name was Yvonne!!

BJ Manuel - March 08, 2024 at 03:28 PM

MN

“ I worked with Susannah for 10 years. She was a dedicated social worker who was strong in her convictions and a true advocate for her patients. She was a team player with a good sense of humor, and it was my good fortune to have known her. Marti Neely

Marti Neely - March 07, 2024 at 03:36 PM

BM

Mary, thank you for your kind words. She was a "original!" I'll miss her. Sending love.

BJ Manuel - March 09, 2024 at 03:50 PM

BS

“ Susannah and I were roommates for the four years we attended Mary Washington. She was maid of honor in my wedding in 1957. She later came to visit us when we were living in Turkey and we travelled all over Turkey and Greece with my family . We shared many times together.

Betty Storms - March 07, 2024 at 06:51 AM

BM

Oh sweet Betty. Thank you! Susannah had many stories about your time at Mary Washington, as well as your time in Turkey and Greece. God bless you for your love and support. Sending loads of love.

BJ Manuel - March 07, 2024 at 05:24 PM

FA

My husband and I wish to express my condolences to the family of Susannah for the loss of this sweet lady, my cousin, Susannah.

My husband and I enjoyed many pleasant meals when we would meet her at a local restaurant(s) when we visited Winchester. We enjoyed her great sense of humor and we will certainly miss her. She was a strong lady whom I greatly admired for her spirit and her independence. Faye Adams & Ken Jessup

Faye Adams - March 08, 2024 at 01:39 AM

BM

Betty, I found your wedding party photo, and am taking it to the funeral home to display with her other special moments! You were a beautiful bride!

BJ Manuel - March 08, 2024 at 11:06 AM