



Suzanne Lurie

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Suzanne Lurie (nee LeRoy), age 74, passed from this life on Thursday, May 19, 2016 at her residence on Sanibel Island, Florida. Suzanne was born in Cincinnati, Ohio on June 3, 1941 to Helen Chappell and Eugene LeRoy. She excelled as an interior designer, splashing color and style in the homes and lives of her clients and friends. Her love of art was evident in everything she touched. Her passion for painting, sculpture and dance motivated each and every day of her life. Suzanne was preceded in death by her husband Henry Lurie. She is survived by her children Greg (Shannon) McDonald of Prospect, Kentucky, Ted McDonald of Fort Lauderdale Florida, Kimberly Johnson (daughter in law) of Dallas, Texas, Sally Minkow of Laconia, New Hampshire, Robert (Ralinda) Lurie of Lexington, Massachusetts, Deborah (Philip) Hale of Vineyard Haven, Massachusetts, her brother Stephen LeRoy of Cincinnati, Ohio and many extended family and friends who will miss her dearly. Grandchildren Whitney McDonald, Caroline Mooney, Emily and Anna Minkow, Benjamin (Jen) Lurie, Elizabeth Lurie and James and Robert Hale held a special place in Suzanne's heart. Cremation arrangements have been entrusted to Fort Myers Memorial Gardens. The family is planning a celebration of Suzanne's life to take place in Cincinnati, Ohio in the near future and on Sanibel Island this fall. To share a story, leave a tribute or to offer condolences, please visit Suzanne's memorial webpage at www.fortmyersmemorial.com and sign her guestbook. In lieu of flowers, the family recommends donations to a charity near and dear to Suzanne's heart. Suggested places where a contribution "In Memory of Suzanne Lurie" could be sent include Hope Hospice, 9470 HealthPark Circle, Fort Myers, Florida 33908, (239) 482-4673 and Chapel By The Sea, P.O. Box 188, Captiva, Florida 33924, (239) 472-1646.



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DW

Deborah Wilson posted:

Lee and I were so saddened to hear of the passing of Suzanne. She was a dear friend first to Lee's parents here on Sanibel and then became a friend of ours once we started becoming "snow birds" Always a classy lady who we enjoyed knowing. Her love of the arts-classical music, visual arts and style are ways we will always remember Suzanne. Her smiling face and time for conversations at the Sanctuary Club and on our shared street-Baltusrol will be greatly missed. Condolence to her entire family.

November 8 at 1:07 PM

NS

Nancy Strehlow posted:

So sorry to hear of Suzanne's death, sorry I will miss her celebration of life. I will miss seeing her at Chapel By The Sea! Nancy Strehlow

November 3 at 11:59 AM

LM

Linda Levin /Chuck Mincer posted:

We are Chuck and Linda Mincer, very dear friends of Suzanne for many years. Our fond memories of Suzanne as an artist and interior decorator will never be forgotten, as well as her enthusiasm for life. We miss her more each day, as we recall memories of good times spent with Suzanne and Henry, and most recently with Suzanne and Nicholas.

June 12 at 12:18 PM

SM

Steven Mcgrath posted:

To the Family of Suzanne Lurie, I am so sorry for your loss. Suzanne was a wonderful lady who taught me so much about the world of color and design. I was so honored to bring her tile creations to life for her many clients. Suzanne was responsible for giving me the courage and avenues for starting my own tile installation company. She always was so bright and bubbly, always a positive force. You would never expect such powerful sculptures from such a dainty lady. Our lives are much more colorful having Suzanne being a part of them. God Bless, Steve McGrath

June 10 at 9:51 AM



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RO

Rowena posted:

I am Suzanne's stepsister, but actually we were sisters. She was a kind and living person and I am fortunate to have had her as part of my life. My sympathy and love go out to Steve, and to her two sons – Greg and Teddy. With love, Rowena

June 5 at 3:06 PM

AS

Ada Shissler posted:

It was a delight for me to work with Suzanne as she very capably and conscientiously filled her position as Chairman of the Art Committee for the Captiva Island Yacht Club. She was extremely knowledgeable and dedicated in providing quality art to be displayed monthly at the Club. She was always fashionably dressed, and a regular in our Club style shows. She was lively, vivacious, and fun. She was a lovely, class lady, and I am happy to have had her as a friend. She will be sadly missed and long remembered. My sympathy to Nicholas and to her family. With affection, Ada Shissler

May 30 at 5:13 PM

SM

Sandra Mcknight posted:

My husband Gary and I were so saddened to hear of Suzanne's passing. We have known her for over twenty years and have many fond memories of our times with she and Henry over those years here on Sanibel Island. Always a sweet and caring lady who brightened our lives, she will be sadly missed by all who had the honor of knowing her. Our sincere sympathy to all of her family and extended family in your loss. Sandra and Gary McKnight

May 30 at 9:38 AM

MW

Marsha Wagner posted:

My name is Marsha Wagner and Suzanne was both a friend and a dance/Pilates student of mine. She was such an endearing person, with style, elegance, along with a sincere and dedicated effort in all she attempted creatively. She was one of those people that lite up a whole room just by being present. Not only I but all of us who shared our moments with Suzanne will miss her terribly, but we all will treasure the memory of her unique personality. Please accept my sincere condolences Sincerely Marsha Wagner

May 28 at 12:49 PM



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RM

Roger Mckibben posted:

I am Roger McKibben, Suzanne's Cincinnati hairstylist. She was one of my very 1st clients when I started doing hair 30 years ago at Mitchell's. She followed me as I changed salons from Montgomery to Kenwood, Hyde Park, Glendale, West Chester, Mason—finally to my own salon in Fairfield, 'Roger That' at 1120 Hicks Blvd. I've been wondering why I hadn't heard from her arrival back in Cincinnati after wintering in Sanibel. We both looked forward to our time together at the salon, & she was such a ray of sunshine. We've been through many of life's experiences & I just found out about this...my grief is inconsolable. I feel a part of me has died, I loved her as much as my own mother. Tho I never got to meet either of her 2 amazing sons—Greg & Teddy, my thoughts & prayers will be with each of them. I am so sad & wish I could have seen her that one last time. 😞

May 27 at 1:26 PM

SF

Stewart Freedman posted:

To Ted Greg and Steve. We all grieve with you. Suzanne was the best. The absolute best. Stewart Freedman

May 27 at 11:02 AM

AV

Andrea Villa posted:

Although I never had the pleasure of meeting Suzanne I have been fortunate to know and love her son, Ted. She must have been an extremely wonderful & kind person because it shows in her son. My heart goes out to her whole family.

May 27 at 5:01 AM

KW

Kris Schmalz-Wieczorkowski posted:

We are sad to hear of the passing of our great friend. We will miss her beautiful smile. Kris & Nancy Singer Showroom

May 26 at 11:22 AM



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DS

Donna Schubert posted:

Suzanne was truly an inspiration to us all. Always with a big smile and friendly personality...I don't think she ever met a stranger. She contributed both time and talent to the Sanctuary, Yacht Club, Chapel by the Sea, Big Arts and the list goes on and on. In her memory we should all 'up our game'... enjoy every day and cherish friends and family as she did. Donna and John Schubert

May 26 at 10:17 AM

CF

Cathy Fowler posted:

We were so saddened to hear of Suzanne's passing. She always had a kick in her step and a joy of life. We met the fun loving Suzanne when we moved to 2801 Erie Ave. She welcomed us and was always so kind. She was a beautiful lady; hard to believe that we won't see her again. Our sympathies to her family. Cathy & Brian Fowler

May 26 at 5:36 AM

PM

Paul Mccarthy posted:

Suzanne Lurie was a kind and joyful friend who will be missed by all. I was blessed to meet Henry and Suzanne through Henry's daughter and son-in-law Debbie and Phil Hale on Martha's Vineyard. Phil coordinated Henry and Suzanne's Florida boating life by delivering a boat from Massachusetts to my marina on Captiva. It was friendship at first sight. I delighted in everything about Henry and Suzanne, especially his brilliance and her effervescence. Henry was my mentor and Suzanne was my muse. After Henry's passing I had the good fortune to work in collaboration with Suzanne on many projects including countless art events at the Captiva Island Yacht Club and the art installation at Il Cielo restaurant on Sanibel. Suzanne was a free spirit, who loved the sea air, the beauty of nature and art, the companionship of her many friends and the love of her family. She was our very own, gift from the sea. Paul McCarthy

May 25 at 9:24 AM

NR

Nancy Rolley posted:

We were welcomed to our new home by our neighbor with enthusiasm and the warmest smile eight years ago by Suzanne. From that time to now her joy for all the good and beauty in people and the world never wavered. We will miss her greatly. To her family and Nicholas, our prayers and sympathy in the loss of your beautiful Suzanne. Nancy and Don Rolley

May 25 at 5:26 AM



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MN

Margaret And Steve Nelson posted:

In Memory of Our Friend, Suzanne Lurie Suzanne Lurie was a woman of passions, who approached life with great gusto, whether painting, sculpting, decorating, dancing, entertaining, socializing, or organizing art exhibits. Her smile dazzled with her enthusiasm for life, for her family and for her friends. In 1994, we lived above Suzanne and Henry in the Sanctuary Golf Village condos, building four, where we played many bridge games. We shared countless happy times, including ones on Henry's boat and in Henry's vintage Cadillac. On Henry's last trip to Boca Grande, for the Love Bug, we'll always remember playing bridge after our golf was rained out. When we visited Cincinnati, we were impressed with Suzanne's talents, designing their condo that overlooked the Ohio River. Henry kept a record of towboats on the Ohio. We spent the night in the condo guest suite, before trout fishing in Bellefontaine. Another memorable time, we watched two rainbows over the river, one in the East and one in the West. In Cincinnati, when Suzanne moved from the condo, she did an equally impressive job with her new condo in Hyde Park, where we walked to Graeter's for ice cream. Her move in Sanibel, from condo to villa, gave her a new project to practice her many talents and a place to focus her energies. We enjoyed dinners there that included ratatouille. Our last time with Suzanne was in January at the "Girls of 41" party, held every five years since we turned 60. None of us could have imagined that Suzanne would not join us for any more celebrations. She will be greatly missed. Margaret and Steve Nelson

May 25 at 5:11 AM

CS

Craig Scott posted:

Our condolences to the Laurie Children and Grandchildren. Your Dad Henry was a member of our golf group and we have some wonderful memories of boating together with Henry and Suzanne and taking overnight trips to Useppa to play bridge. May she rest in peace. Craig and Susan Scott

May 25 at 4:39 AM

LS

Lisa And Mike Smentowski posted:

I wanted to share another memory of Suzanne. She took me out to dinner on Sanibel, and when we were coming back to the Sanctuary ...she stopped her car in the middle of the road said (her car had a sunroof) "Look at all the Stars" I will Never forget that;

May 24 at 6:53 PM



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JG

Jane Green posted:

She was a free spirited dancer in my class at the Jewish Community Center. I adored her ..cherished our friendship and time spent together. Will miss my dear friend. With constant affection.....Jane Green

May 24 at 5:44 PM

LS

Lisa And Mike Smentowski posted:

we were very saddened to hear the news of Suzanne passing... we spent many days laughing and crying at the Snackery... she always loved my peach smoothiesâ?;. HEr enthusiasm for Art and Life inspired me Every day... we will miss her beautiful smile that lightened up Every room.... so sorry for your loss... She touched so many lives. May God bless you all....Lisa and Mike Smentowski From Danville Ky

May 24 at 4:55 PM

LB

Lou & Bobbie Boudreau posted:

Lit a candle in memory of Suzanne Lurie

May 24 at 11:50 AM

CB

Carolyn Bloomfield posted:

We will miss Suzanne's joy for life and her beauty. She had a great sense of design. We will miss her . To all the family , you have our deepest sympathy. Carolyn and Steve Bloomfield

May 24 at 5:49 AM

AM

Arlene & Bob Macdonald posted:

Baltusrol Court will not be the same without tiny Suzanne walking her dogs down the street in her big hat and sun glasses. She was always impeccably turned out, and had a perpetually sunny disposition. Bob and I will miss her contagious smile and her sparkling personality. Our very deepest condolences to her family.Arlene & Bob MacDonald

May 23 at 5:24 PM



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KH

Karen Haug posted:

Warren and I will miss seeing Suzanne at the Captive Island Yacht Club. Her dedication to keeping the walls filled with great local artists' work was a joy to all members. She was always smiling and friendly, and what a wonderful way to be remembered. We will truly miss her. Karen Haug

May 23 at 1:49 PM

MD

Molly Downing posted:

Suzanne and I have exercised together over the years, and shared a lot of other Sanibel events. Who would have guessed that one year after she was such a support to me in my early days as a widow, that we would be mourning the loss of this beautiful, thoughtful, and spiritual friend? I send my deepest sympathy to Nicholas and the family. Molly Downing

May 23 at 11:37 AM

SH

Sally Hanser posted:

I truly am stunned. While I didn't know Suzanne well, she always made me feel like we were friends. We celebrated our birthdays together and enjoyed sharing art projects and other activities.. Her warm smile made me feel welcome....and her face lit up when a friend entered the room. Not everyone can make you feel loved. Suzanne was very special in those ways. I am so sorry for the loss of such a talented and kind person, Sally Hanser

May 23 at 11:08 AM

JM

Jordan Maeder posted:

Suzanne was a frequent customer of ours at The Timbers. More than a great customer, she was a great person. She ALWAYS had a smile and seemed genuinely interested in how everyone was doing. She will be greatly missed. My sincere condolences to her family.

May 23 at 10:54 AM

NL

Nick Lopardo posted:

it was a privilege to know Suzanne and Diane and me will never forget her smiling face and happy wave EVERY SINGLE TIME we passed her on Baltusrol Ct. She was what makes this world still so special; our condolences to her entire Family. May her memory put a smile on everyone who recalls her radiance. Diane/Nick Lopardo 5615 Baltusrol ct

May 23 at 10:01 AM



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MC

Marilyn Conoscenti posted:

Please accept our deepest sympathy on the passing of Suzanne. We were just in a nantique wedding dress fashion show at the Sanctuary this past season. She was awonderful person and will be missed. Vince and Marilyn Conoscenti

May 23 at 9:45 AM

CK

Chuck Ketteman posted:

Helen and I are so sad to learn of Suzanne's passing. She was a wonderful person, always happy, lively. I had the great honor of dancing with her a few years ago on stage at a Big Arts Oscars event. She was a wonderful Ginger Rogers to my clutzy Fred Astaire. We will miss her.

May 23 at 8:13 AM

JS

Jana Stone posted:

Suzanne will be sorely missed. She had an ability to make anyone feel welcomed. I'll never forget how she took me under her wing when I first joined Captiva Yacht Club as a recent widow. She got me involved and working with her was a joy. I'm deeply saddened by her passing. Jana Stone

May 23 at 7:50 AM

GM

George E. Morris posted:

For the past three years it has been my privilege to know Suzanne and Nick. They came to Chapel by The Sea each Sunday and were generous in their comments on sermon and worship. A few weeks be for completing my three years as the Chapel pastor, they hosted me at dinner and presented me with a beautiful painting of the Chapel – I added a new frame for it and just picked it up this morning – how ironic. My prayers are with all who loved Suzanne as we journey through this season of loss and grief. George Morris

May 23 at 7:30 AM

DC

Dolores M Clarke posted:

A bright 1,000 watt smile, and above that a shiny black fringe of bangs — inside was the loveliest woman; that's our memory of our friend and neighbor, Suzanne. Rest in peace. Jack and Dolores ClarkeSanibel, Florida

May 23 at 7:20 AM



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TW

Tracie Willis posted:

Mom and I will always remember Suzanne's smile and bubbly personality. She was fun to be around. We are so sorry for your loss. Tracie WillisDorris Johnson

May 23 at 6:56 AM

LT

Lynda Traverso posted:

I met Suzanne many years ago when she first moved to the Sanctuary. She was by far one of the nicest, friendliest and most fun people I would have the pleasure of running into whenever I was out there working or visiting with a client. When Kit and I moved in to the Sanctuary in 2012, Suzanne was the first to welcome us as neighbors. Suzanne always had a smile on her face and we will miss her very very much as I know all of her other friends and family certainly will.

May 23 at 6:17 AM

CS

Chas Sheetz posted:

Suzanne and Henry were one of the first Couples Gail and I met in 2000 when coming to Sanibel. Suzanne was so full of life with an ever perpetual smile on her face. She and Henry made us feel special at once-inviting us to their condo, and out to dinner while taking their boat to the restaurant. Both such great people. We will miss Suzanne terribly. Charlie and Gail Sheetz

May 23 at 6:07 AM

DR

Don Rice posted:

Joyce and I were so sadden to learn of Suzanne's passing. Suzanne and I served on the yacht club board together and we had a lot of fun doing it. She always had a smile and cheerful hello. We will miss her. Don and Joyce Rice

May 23 at 6:04 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Suzanne by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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