



Suzanne L. Wellhoefer

April 20, 1953 - February 8, 2025

Suzanne L. Wellhoefer, 71, resident of Racine, passed away peacefully at her residence on Saturday, February 8, 2025. She was born in Racine on April 20, 1953, the daughter of Irving and Perl (nee: Killips) Runge.

Suzanne was united in marriage to Joel S. Wellhoefer at Our Saviors Lutheran Church in Racine on June 2, 1976.

She earned a Bachelor of Science degree. Suzanne was employed by the Racine Unified School District as a special education assistant. She found great enjoyment in participating in The Garden Club, crafting and was an avid collector of many things.

Suzanne is left to be remembered by her sons, Erik Wellhoefer and Mark (Carmelita) Wellhoefer in addition to other relatives, many dear friends and neighbors. She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband Joel on April 17, 2009.

Funeral services will be held at Living Faith Lutheran Church, 2915 Wright Ave. on Monday, February 17, 2025, at 11 a.m. with Rev. Kathy Brown officiating. Visitation will be at church from 9:30 a.m. until service time with luncheon to follow. She will be laid to rest at West Lawn Memorial Park.

“She was deeply loved and will be missed by many”.

Cemetery Details

West Lawn Memorial Park

9000 Washington Ave
Racine, WI 53406

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 17. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Living Faith Lutheran Church
2915 Wright Avenue
Racine, WI

Funeral Service

FEB 17. 11:00 AM (CT)

Living Faith Lutheran Church
2915 Wright Avenue
Racine, WI

Tribute Wall



“ *Sturino Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Suzanne L. Wellhoefer*



Sturino Funeral Home - February 14, 2025 at 03:02 PM

CB

“ *My wife Jill and I met Sue and Joel and birthing classes at St Luke's Hospital in 1979 for the births of our first children. She was a customer at my pharmacy for many years and I always knew her with a smiling countenance. Condolences to Joel and her young men that she was a great mother to. Always sad to lose good people to eternity but Sue now knows all of the answers and awaits a rather grand and glorious homecoming for those in her life and of the Faith.*

Craig Borgardt - February 18, 2025 at 12:23 PM

RR

“ *Sorry for the loss of your mother Erik. Randy Roberts*

Randy Roberts - February 17, 2025 at 08:15 PM

PG

“ *I met Sue at our garden club and dining group. She always was upbeat, fun and easy to talk with. She will be missed.*
Paula Gardina

Paula Gardina - February 16, 2025 at 02:55 PM

JL

“ Sue was a very sweet lady and it was so great to reconnect with her in recent months. Such a surprising loss of such a wonderful person. My deepest sympathy to her family. Heaven gained another Angel. 🥹❤️🙏

Jeanette LeBon-Lipari - February 16, 2025 at 10:49 AM

CV

“ I met Sue in 1994 when I was assigned as a Social Worker/Counselor at Fratt School. I met her husband, Joel, many years prior when he was a Counselor with the Mental Health Association. Last time I saw her was at our pig roast as we said goodbye to Racine & moved to Bayfield, WI. She was a wonderful & kind person who was great with special needs students. I wish I had kept in contact with her but I know I will meet both of them in the afterlife.

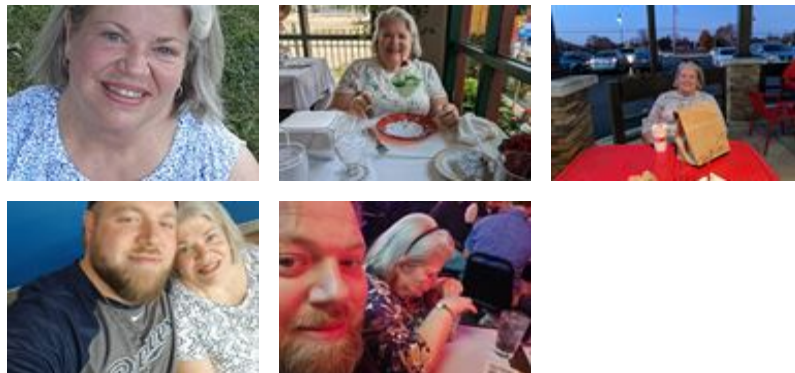


Cathy A. Vlasek

Cathy Vlasek - February 14, 2025 at 03:46 PM



“ 63 files added to the album Life Tributes



Sturino Funeral Home - February 14, 2025 at 02:59 PM

JB

“ Sue and I would meet almost every day at our beloved coffee shop, Wilson's Coffee & Tea on Washington, and I was always amazed at her uncanny ability to connect with everyone who came to talk with her about anything (and many folks did)..whether it was something fun and frivolous, mundane & ordinary, or deeply important. She responded without judgment, and always made the person she was conversing with the most important in the room. I was so fortunate to have been a recipient of Sue's extraordinary, exquisite gift many times, and thank her 1000 times over. How could I possibly have been so lucky?

She is so loved, and will always be at the tip of my tongue, and in the depths of my heart. Missing you already, Sue. Rest in perfect peace. ❤️

Jane Brosseau - February 14, 2025 at 07:51 AM

SB

“ I'm so sorry to learn that Sue has passed away. She was my room mom when I was teaching first grade at Fratt. What a wonderful lady.

Sonja Bengtson - February 14, 2025 at 12:16 AM

JB

“ Sue was simply the best friend anyone could possibly hope to have.

Her love of humanity, special needs children, and extraordinary appreciation & knowledge of so much of the flora and fauna on this extraordinary orb was dazzling. She listened intently to everyone who shared any part of their lives with her, whether silly & fun, mundane & ordinary, or deeply significant...and always without judgment, with tolerance and understanding. I was frequently the very lucky, and extremely grateful receiver, of this astonishing gift. Thank you, Sue. Thank you so much. 💕

She loved her wonderful sons Erik and Mark, as well as their loves, Susan and Carm, and that love, and loving concern, glowed in her face each time she mentioned any of them. She held Joel tightly in her heart, and gave him a renewed life each time she shared a memory of him.

She was sooo much fun to be with, and I looked forward to every minute I had the good fortune to meet her for coffee at our beloved Wilson's, or join her in a special excursion, as did so many others. It is so hard to believe she has actually left us.

It is comforting to know that she passed into the next dimension without suffering, and the gentleness that she offered us in her life was also granted to her in her final moments...but, oh, how she will be missed..always. Goodbye, Sue.

Rest in peace. ❤️

Jane Brosseau - February 13, 2025 at 11:01 PM

TW

“ I met Sue back in the 70's while she was attending the Radiology Tech program at St Luke's in Racine. I fondly remember our mutual love for animals and her kind, warm heart. May she rest in peace ❤️

Terri Waschbisch - February 13, 2025 at 10:26 AM

MP

“ Miss Sue taught my boys years ago at Fratt Elementary.. She loved when I would update her on how they were doing as adults.. and I would always say hi to them from her. She was loving .. kind and patient.. a beautiful soul.She will be missed so much .

Melissa Putzer - February 13, 2025 at 12:02 AM

FV

“ Frank & Kim Velasquez purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Suzanne L. Wellhoefer.



Frank & Kim Velasquez - February 12, 2025 at 09:12 PM

MI

“ 1 file added to the album Tribute Wall



Mick - February 12, 2025 at 06:30 PM

MP

She was such a beautiful and loving woman.. She taught my boys years ago at Fratt Elementary.. and I loved updating her on how they were doing now as adults.. she will be deeply missed.. love and condolences to the family .. and all that got to know and love her 💕💕

Melissa Putzer - February 12, 2025 at 11:47 PM

KG

“ *Sue and I became friends years ago at Fratt when we both worked there. I can't believe she is gone! She was a wonderful person, and I will miss her.* ”

Kim Gloede - February 12, 2025 at 02:56 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Suzanne L. Wellhoefer.* ”



February 12, 2025 at 01:49 PM