



## Susan Marie Reno

August 26, 1956 - June 30, 2024

RENO, Susan Marie. June 30, 2024. Susan Reno passed away on a beautiful Sunday afternoon, with her family surrounding her and her beloved husband and best friend Dr. Don by her side, just as he'd been for 36 incredible years. Born in Detroit to Christine and the late Roy Purchiaroni, Susan was the eldest sister of Janice (Chuck) Smith, Laura (Edward) LaPonsie, and John Purchiaroni, who predeceased her. She and Don made their home in the far east side suburbs, where they ran a successful business together for more than three decades and enjoyed a wide social circle.

Susan was pragmatic, organized, and fashionable, with a fabulous collection of shoes. She was sarcastically funny, and had a flare for story telling and perfectly timed one liners. She took excellent care of herself, and was in peak physical shape when she took ill, even able to hold a plank for a whopping four minutes. She loved coffee; the salmon caesar salad (and the staff) at her favorite eatery, Rochester Bistro; helping people on their wellness journey; being outdoors, especially hiking up north or spending a day on the water; spoonfuls of peanut butter; puppies ; and enjoying a nice glass of wine, particularly in the company of Don and the people she loved.

In addition to her many friends, some she'd known since childhood, Susan's absence will be felt within her large extended family. She was the daughter-in-law of Margaret and Don Reno, sister-in-law of David (Kelly) Reno, aunt of

Jessica (Daniel) Simmons, Nickolas (Diana) Sanchez, Michael (Kimberlee) Smith, Daniel Smith, AnnMarie (Kirk) Sanderson, and Julie Falther, and “great” aunt of CJ, Roman, Colin, Eleanor, Leo, Evana, Adelaise, Emmett, and Alistar, and she enjoyed staying connected to her many cousins. She was predeceased by her baby daughter, Lauren, who was waiting to meet her in Heaven, right beside Sue’s favorite dog: Her golden retriever, Riley.

Susan approached her health battle in the same way she approached every other challenge she encountered in her 67 years- with a brave face, a positive mindset, and a little bit of lipstick. She loved her life right up to the very end and was openly thankful for the time she’d been given, and for the kindness and support that were extended to her and Don throughout her brief illness.

A Celebration of Susan’s Life is currently being planned.

In lieu of flowers or trees, please consider making a donation to the Michigan Chiropractic Foundation in Susan’s memory by mailing a check to MCF 416 W.

Ionia St., Lansing, MI 48933 or a contribution to defray her medical bills may be made to <https://www.gofundme.com/f/help-the-renos-reach-susans-goals>

Please share memories with the family at their online guestbook at [WujekCalcaterra.com](http://WujekCalcaterra.com)

# Tribute Wall

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“ My thoughts and prayers to Sue’s entire family. Growing up as next door neighbors with Sue and her family will always be a treasured part of my childhood. Fly high with the angels Sue and may God bring comfort to your family and friends.

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**linda Connolly** - July 07, 2024 at 02:37 PM

BC

“ Don, my thoughts and prayers are with you, my friend. Susan was a very special lady full of happiness and love. I’ll never forget the times we all spent together over great food and her smile and laughte. Her kindness touched everyone around her. Whether it was her sprit that brought us together or her smile, Susan always knew how to make each moment memorable. She will be deeply missed, but her warmth and joy will forever remain in our memories. Your friends will be there to support you thru this hard moment in time. Love you both.

*Brad Cost*

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**Brad Cost** - July 05, 2024 at 11:56 AM

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“ Don I am so sorry for your loss. I know your faith and understanding of God will carry you through until you are with Susan again. I love you buddy

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**RussWillemin** - July 04, 2024 at 06:08 AM

LG

“ Don, sending you love and hugs during this time. You gifted Susan a peaceful transition from the living life to her eternal life. She didn't fight alone and you are not alone either. We are all here for you for anything you need. XOXO Lori

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**Lori Grassi** - July 03, 2024 at 03:04 PM

NW

“ Very Sad.... I have known Don and Sue since 1995 and have been a patient of their's since 1997. I will always remember Sue as smiling and positive, same as the picture displayed on this notice. Thoughts and Prayers to Dr. Don and the rest of the Family.

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**Neil Williams** - July 03, 2024 at 11:25 AM

AW

“ Our hearts are broken for this tremendous loss. Susan's smile and light will be so missed. I met her as a client of The Day Spa and then my husband and I became patients of Dr Reno where they both became like friends. We send prayers to Dr Reno and all of Sues family at this time .

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**Andrea Edna West-Antoun** - July 03, 2024 at 10:25 AM

BF

“ My heart is saddened and breaks for Dr. Don. Susan was so special and precious, honest and caring, and her and Don were always an inspiration. I had the privilege of being in her BRAG group for 6 years. She will be missed and remembered by many, whose lives she impacted and influenced. Grace and Peace, Comfort and Healing to Don, and to their entire family, and all their friends!

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**BILL FRAUHIGER** - July 03, 2024 at 09:10 AM

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“ Sue Reno was an amazing soul, she could brighten any room with her smile and style. I met her at The Day spa at Salon Elizabeth, she will not be soon forgotten by anyone because of her loving and caring nature. Rest easy Sue, you are home. Prayers to her family as they navigate this sad event.

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**Pattie Gribel** - July 03, 2024 at 07:41 AM

JB

“ I am a patient of Dr. Don and had the pleasure of meeting and talking with his adorable wife, Susan. I will miss her and shed a tear for this wonderful person. She will be missed by all her patients.

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**James Bridgewater** - July 02, 2024 at 01:41 PM



“ I know that I am not the only one of the many "friends" at Reno Chiropractic that will shed a tear and miss Susan. She made every one feel like a life-long friend. I will miss the corny "dad" jokes that she and I shared for the 10 years I have known her. I will miss that smile and laugh. My deepest sympathies go out to Dr Reno and her entire family.

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**John Cross** - July 02, 2024 at 01:32 PM

PS

Susan had a one of a kind smile and could light up the room. Don, I'm so sorry for your loss.

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**Paul Schoenbeck** - July 04, 2024 at 10:05 AM