



Susan T. MacDonald

July 5, 1944 - July 27, 2013

COLUMBIA, NH — Mrs. Susan T. MacDonald, 69, of Columbia, passed away at her home, surrounded by members of her family, on Saturday afternoon, July 27, 2013, after a long and courageous battle with cancer.

She was born in Norwood, Mass., on July 5, 1944, a daughter to the late Lawrence and Celia (Clark) Moren. They soon after moved to the north country of NH where Susan was raised and educated. Susan was a 1964 graduate of Colebrook Academy and was married to Finley MacDonald in 1965.

Following high school, she attended hairdressing school, and later worked for Clarisse Bradley at Dora's Shop on Main Street. Susan also an art teacher in the Colebrook schools for a few years and was a teacher's aide for the Title I program. For 23 years, she worked at The Balsams as a bartender where she was a dear friend to many, both guests and staff alike. In the last few years, before illness prevented her from doing so, Susan was an in-home caregiver for others.

Susan loved to paint and to quilt, and she was a well-known and creative local artist, who also mentored countless young people in different arts and crafts, and who ran her own successful business, "Paint Spatters," out of her home. She enjoyed playing cards with her friends, especially cribbage. She was a

communicant at St. Brendan's Catholic Church and a member of the Catholic Women's Club. Susan cherished her family, and she will be dearly missed by them all, as well as her many friends.

Susan leaves behind her husband of 48 years, Finley MacDonald of Columbia; a daughter, Sonya MacDonald of Merrimack, NH; two sons, Bruce MacDonald and wife Suzanne of Gorham, NH, and Lt. Angus MacDonald and wife Selina, stationed with the U.S. Navy in Okinawa, Japan; a brother, Jerry Moren of Errol, NH; eight grandchildren, Lily MacDonald, Izabel, MacDonald, Benjamin MacDonald, Nicholas MacDonald, Hannah MacDonald, Madison MacDonald, Cohen MacDonald and Jackson MacDonald; as well as numerous in-laws, nieces, nephews and cousins.

She is preceded in death by three siblings, Lawrence Moren, Jr., Gordon Moren, and Gail Mitchell.

Calling hours will be on Thursday, Aug. 1, 2013, from 6-8 p.m. at the Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home in Colebrook. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Friday, Aug. 2, at 11 a.m. at St. Brendan's Church in Colebrook with The Rev. Craig Cheney as celebrant. Following cremation, an interment service will follow on another date at the convenience of the family in St. Brendan's Cemetery.

Expressions of sympathy in memory of Susan may be made to the Two Rivers Ride for Cancer, c/o Rosemary Mulliken at the First Colebrook Bank, 132 Main St., Colebrook, NH 03576.

Condolences may be offered to the family on-line by going to www.jenkinsnewman.com.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Jenkins & Newman Funeral

Home, Colebrook, NH.

Tribute Wall



“ *Finley and Family: My sincerest condolences. Susan was the hardest working woman the bar staff ever had. She would and could do anything that they threw at her, and do it better than anyone else, and always with a smile on her face. A very special person*###imported-begin##Harris Elliott###imported-end##

August 08, 2013 at 11:30 AM



“ *Dear Finley and family - I'm so sorry for your loss. Sue was such a wonderful person - much loved by so many of us at the Balsams. With her great heart and appreciation of music, I always felt a special fondness for and kinship with Sue. She was a bright light - may her spirit shine on.*###imported-begin##Greg Goodwin###imported-end##

August 05, 2013 at 03:55 PM



“ *Our loving thoughts to all your family, from all of our family.*###imported-begin##Barby & Leo; Rhonda & Alan###imported-end##

August 03, 2013 at 08:12 PM



“ *I am so very sorry to hear about Susan!! I just saw it in the paper today. We sure will be missed. She was a wonderful person, warm, kind with a great sence of humor. I will always remember the good times we all had at The Balsams! We all loved her dearly!!! Love to you all.*
Bob###imported-begin##Bob Gregory###imported-end##

August 02, 2013 at 09:05 AM



“ Dear Finley & family,
I just found out about her passing & we are on the road. I am so glad we had a chance to visit with her a few weeks ago. I could see she enjoyed our little chorus group gathering with her, but we could see she was so frail. I was afraid the end wasn't far. May she be at peace at last & free from pain. She has earned her heaven. This was difficult & no matter what, it's never easy to let go. My heart goes out to all of you & we send our deepest condolences.##imported-begin##Alan & Diane Little##imported-end##

August 01, 2013 at 10:59 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with Susan's family during this difficult time. I enjoyed visiting with her during the winter in Florida. Her beauty and strength were remarkable. May she rest in peace and watch over her many loved ones which she left behind.##imported-begin##Joan an Robert O'Rourke##imported-end##

August 01, 2013 at 10:02 PM



“ Finley & family,
My heart felt sympathies in your time of sorrow.

Finley, if there is anything I can do for you, just ask.##imported-begin##Bob Noyes##imported-end##

August 01, 2013 at 07:37 PM



“ Our deepest sympathy to the family. I will never see a box of mouse poison without thinking of her. She always had me cut out the picture of the mouse before she would leave with it. I hope there are none in Heaven. A sweet sweet lady.##imported-begin##Jean & David Lawton##imported-end##

July 31, 2013 at 07:25 PM



“ Our heartfelt sympathy to all the Moren and McDonald families. She was a great person, and will certainly be missed by all. She is in Heaven looking down on us all...##imported-begin##Hasen & Jeannine Burns##imported-end##

July 31, 2013 at 11:02 AM



“ I am so sorry and saddened to hear about Susan's passing. My heart, thoughts and prayers go out to you Finley, Sonya, Bruce, Angus, and to your family. "May the comfort of God help you during this difficult time".##imported-begin##Betty Washburn##imported-end##

July 31, 2013 at 08:44 AM



“ Sue was a very kind and friendly person who was there to help anyone who needed it. She will be missed by everyone in the church chorus. Rest in peace Sue your days of hurting are over.##imported-begin##RON & LINDA BELOIN##imported-end##

July 30, 2013 at 01:29 PM



“ I worked for many years at The Balsams and remember Susan well. When I was having my first daughter, she crocheted a beautiful blanket for my shower. It was always one of my favorites and used it for all 3 of my children. Soon after the shower she arrived in the kitchen with another gift. This time a quilt that was stitched with hearts throughout! That quilt still hangs in my daughters bedroom on the wall. It was such a work of art, I felt that is where it belonged. Each time I pass that quilt I will continue to think of Susan.##imported-begin##Jeno##imported-end##

July 30, 2013 at 10:48 AM



“ Finley, Sonya, Bruce and Angus, I am so sorry for your loss. I have so many great memories of Susan; sleepovers at your house, Girl Scouts, working with her at the Balsams. She was a lot of fun, definitely one of the cool parents! Keep her close to your hearts in all of your memories of her.##imported-begin##Martha Laramee##imported-end##

July 29, 2013 at 08:29 PM



“ My deepest sympathy's to all of you. I am so so sorry to hear of this. My memories of her is of such a beautiful loving lady. Heaven has a new special Angel. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Deanna (Crawford) Clement##imported-begin##Deanna Clement##imported-end##

July 29, 2013 at 08:02 PM



“ *Finley and family, I am so very sorry for your loss. Susan was a special lady and so full of life. She will certainly be missed.##imported-begin##Judy##imported-end##*

July 29, 2013 at 04:25 PM



“ *Soooo sorry for the loss of such a special lady! My house is full of many of her painted crafts. This Christmas I will put them front and center and fondly remember Susan and her family! I will say a special prayer for her tonight. Until we meet again.....!##imported-begin##Denise Palmer##imported-end##*

July 29, 2013 at 04:05 PM



“ *Finley and Family, We are so sorry for your loss. Susan will surely be missed by all. She has left us her creativity with all the hand made items she has done throughout the years. She will be remembered each and every time we take out one of her creations.##imported-begin##Lou and Pauline tessier##imported-end##*

July 29, 2013 at 03:01 PM



“ *Dear MacDonald Family,*

I was so sorry to hear the news. The North Country will not be the same without the great smile of Susan to warm us all. My deepest condolences Tina Nason-Laramee##imported-begin##Tina Laramee##imported-end##

July 29, 2013 at 11:29 AM



“ She was a beautiful lady and love her so much. She will be greatly miss and she is flying with the angels and my mama. We will be praying for and of you and for god to give you strenght.##imported-begin##Juan and Barbara Ramirez##imported-end##

July 29, 2013 at 11:22 AM



“ I am sorry to hear of your loss. My prayers are with you and your families.##imported-begin##Helen (Lynch) Robertson##imported-end##

July 29, 2013 at 11:10 AM



“ My heart hurts to realize that Susan is gone. My thoughts and prayers go to the family. Susan always had that smile. I will miss her. Fond memories of her beyond the counter helping anyone at The BALSAMS.##imported-begin##John Kennedy##imported-end##

July 29, 2013 at 11:04 AM



“ so sorry to hear of susan passing on we had many fun times at the balsams and she will be missed...condolences to all who loved her and knew her##imported-begin##kim bennett##imported-end##

July 29, 2013 at 09:47 AM



“ We were all blessed by this sweet woman. Words can't convey how she helped us through a tough time. Heaven shines more brightly with her there.###imported-begin##Dan Parker Hicks###imported-end##

July 29, 2013 at 07:28 AM



“ Heaven has certainly gained an angel. Love and healing during this time to all.###imported-begin##Catherine Krueger Sullivan "Catie"###imported-end##

July 29, 2013 at 02:10 AM



“ the Bennett family sends their deepest condolences to the MacDonald family I am so sorry to hear this it is so hard to loose a parent if either of you need anything at all feel free to contact me Sincerely Floyd Bennett###imported-begin##Floyd Bennett,Jr.###imported-end##

July 28, 2013 at 10:36 PM



“ My heartfelt condolences go out to Finley, Sonya, Bruce and Angus. I have many, many fond memories of my time with Susan and our days on the golf course or the too many to count, laughs that we shared at the Balsams. I will keep you and Susan in my prayers.###imported-begin##Paula Noll###imported-end##

July 28, 2013 at 08:25 PM



“ Finley and family so sorry to hear of the passing of sue she was a vibrant spirit. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.love to all kathy & beth (cousins in Norwood Ma)###imported-begin###kathy & beth goodwin###imported-end##

July 28, 2013 at 07:28 PM



“ My condolences and prayers go out to the family. I will always have fond memories of Susan. Sonya, I love you and I'm sorry about Mom.###imported-begin###Alan J. MacKinnon###imported-end##

July 28, 2013 at 06:11 PM



“ I am so sorry that you are gone,i am glad i saw u when did .You taught me so much in art class,gave me my confidence back.I will always remember your laughter and smile.You will live on in your many paintings.I am priveledged to have known you,i love you and will miss you Susan,love jayne###imported-begin###Jayne Newcombe###imported-end##

July 28, 2013 at 05:58 PM



“ This breaks my heart. I loved this lady as an art teacher and as a friend. She had grace, she had style, but above all she had a heart of gold. She was one that no matter how much time had past, you could still pick up right where you left off. Her smile, her kindness, and her artistic talent will always be remembered.###imported-begin###Claire Duncan###imported-end##

July 28, 2013 at 03:36 PM



“ Dear Finley and famil,
I was so sorry to hear of Susan's passing. She fought a hard fight. I
am so glad I was able to spend time with you when I was back east.
You are in my thoughts and prayaers.##imported-begin##Barbara
McKinnon##imported-end##

July 28, 2013 at 12:10 PM