



## Ms. Susan J. Busener

October 15, 1957 - September 24, 2023

Ms. Susan J. Busener, of Lanesborough, passed away at her home on Sunday, September 24, 2023, just weeks before celebrating her 66th birthday. Born in Pittsfield, MA, on October 15, 1957, the daughter of Lois M. Dearstyne and the late Edwin R. Sprague, she graduated from Wahconah High School with the class of 1975.

Since 1989, Sue has committed her life to recovering addicts, opening doors for hundreds who have sought a new way of life. In 2006, Sue started her career with the Brien Center. While she began as per diem for the Direct Care at the Keenan House, she later moved to a full-time role for their Supportive Housing department, where she remained for 10 years. In March of 2013, Sue became licensed as a Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselor II. She left the agency in 2017 when she moved out of state, but was soon to return as Site Supervisor at Peck's Road, where she, in 2020, supervised a team that supports eight individuals.

Among many things, she enjoyed, family, friends, her dogs, and her passion to help people through their journey.

She is survived by her mother, Lois M Dearstyne, as well as her siblings, Michael J. Sprague of North Port, FL, Melissa J. Sumner, Lisa J. Sprague, and Russell J. Sprague of Pittsfield, MA. She leaves behind her aunt and

uncle, Melody and David Lincoln, her nieces, Tonya, Shawna, Nicola, Sahsha, Jamie, Lyndsey, Shamyra, Alicia, Natasha, and her nephews, Kevin, Austin, Mathew, Jared, Steffon, Raheem, Michael, Brandon, and Bronson. Susan also leaves behind many dear great nieces and great nephews along with her friend and former husband, Frank Busener.

Sue was predeceased by her father, Edwin R. Sprague, as well as her siblings, Michele J. Fowlkes and Matthew J. Sprague.

Funeral Notice:

A graveside service for Ms. Susan J. Busener will be Saturday, September 30, 2023, at 1 pm at Pittsfield Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations in Sue's memory can be made to Acute Myeloid Leukemia (AML) Research.

# Cemetery Details

## Pittsfield Cemetery

203 Wahconah St.  
Pittsfield, MA 01201

# Previous Events

## Gravside Service

SEP 30. 1:00 PM (ET)

Pittsfield Cemetery  
203 Wahconah St.  
Pittsfield, MA 01201

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Lois, Michael, Melissa, Lisa, Russell & Families*

*So very sorry to hear this sad news. Thinking of all of you. Rest in peace dear Susan.*

*Sending Love & hugs*

*Aunt Gloria & Steve*



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**Gloria Sprague** - October 07, 2023 at 06:34 PM

NK

“ *So very sorry to hear of Sue's passing today. She was a very special person who worked so hard to find her way, we worked together a long ago at The Soda Chef & she helped & listened to me because I had a son who was an addict, who unfortunately passed 11 years ago. I often thought of Sue & knew she was out there helping many & there is no doubt she was loved by many. God Bless.*

*Nancy McDermott-Kennedy*

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**Nancy McDermott- Kennedy** - October 03, 2023 at 08:06 PM

GP

“ *One of the many who showed me a new way. Thank you, Sue. Rest easy. 💜💜💜*

*-Gary Pratt*

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**Gary Pratt** - September 30, 2023 at 11:49 PM

TS

“ From: Theresa L. Sprague - May you all find a measure of peace & comfort in this difficult time of walking through grief. As I have prayerfully reflected, over the past weeks, I've thought of younger years when Suzie was in my life.... I found her to be, not only warm, funny & kind, but a person who's personality, glowed with optimism. The memory of her generosity, of friendship granted to me will never be forgotten. (Memories from Lake Street: I can see her, bright & beautiful, as she put on makeup, fixed her hair & picked out clothes, while conversing with me. She often made me smile:)... And as years passed, though we grew apart, I was always so impressed with the direction in which she chose to live her life. Of course she would give back & help others, cause she was generous And I'm sure many are reflecting on the times she poured positive support that helped them through. To be in her presence was always a joy. Heaven has gained a beautiful daughter, now free of all the pain of this earthly realm. The angels rejoice... But for the heavy hearts left behind, many prayers are with you 🙏🙏

Theresa L. Sprague - September 30, 2023 at 12:52 PM

DA

“ We are so very sorry, Russ and family...

Hugs, Dawn & Eric

Dawn Avalle - September 30, 2023 at 12:41 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Ms. Susan J. Busener.



September 29, 2023 at 09:04 AM

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“ *Susan will forever be remembered by me and countless others for her sincere compassion and inspiration, she will live on in my heart and many fond memories, Condolences to her Family and all those whose lives she touched, Rest In Peace* ”



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**Irene R.** - September 28, 2023 at 09:29 PM

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“ *So sorry to learn of Sue's passing. She helped so many people in their recovery. Condolences to her family, friends & coworkers.* ”

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