



Mrs. Susan A. Bancroft

January 12, 2025

The most treasured gifts come in small packages. Susan Bancroft of Chateaugay Lake was such a gift. Susan passed away on Sunday, January 12, 2025 at her home surrounded by her loving family.

Born into a loving family in Norwood, NY, Susan attended high school there while working alongside her parents, Edith and Charles Purves in their family restaurant. It was there she learned her skill of drawing people to her. It was also there that she met and married her husband, Bruce Bancroft, also of Norwood, NY. They shared an enviable marriage for 54 years.

Susan and Bruce settled on Chateaugay Lake after retiring from military life and Susan quickly became a local fixture in the community. Some may remember her as “the Mail Lady,” who for many years shared the rural route around the lake with her dear friend, Joan Juntunen.

After retiring from the US Postal Service, her remaining years were divided into three seasons: winters in Florida with Bruce, happy summers on Chateaugay Lake and holiday season devoting countless hours to the Christmas Bureau of Clinton County. Susan and Bruce worked tirelessly to ensure that all children in the area enjoyed a happy and bountiful holiday season.

Susan’s joy was collecting friends wherever she went. So, to all the countless friends lucky enough to have known Susan, wherever and whenever you gather on Friday nights, remember Susan and know that she’d love to be with you. Raise a glass and toast her memory and somehow, magically, she will

be.

Susan leaves behind to share in treasured memories, her husband, Bruce; her son, Todd (Janice) Bancroft of Seattle, WA; two grandchildren, Paul and Megan Bancroft, both of Hampton, VA; her brother, Charles (Brenda) Purves of Norwood, NY; many friends and relatives who were all precious to her, and her devoted friend, Barbara Veeder of Saratoga Springs, NY.

To share in Susan's legacy, please donate your gifts, energy and time to the Christmas Bureau of Clinton County.

Calling hours will be held at the Chateaugay Funeral Home on Friday, January 17 from 1 to 3 p.m.

Previous Events

Calling Hours

JAN 17. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Remembering the lazy summer days with neighborhood kids on Sue’s porch.

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“ We were introduced to Susan & Bruce 5 years ago, by our lake neighbors. Immediately, Susan welcomed us into their circle of friends and often included us in their Friday get togethers with friends. Susan was the "social organizer" for the group. We feel very blessed to have known her. She was fun, witty and one of the most brave and strongest women we've known. Our condolences to Bruce, Susan's son and family and to all who knew and loved her. RIP Susan, you will be missed.

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