



Suzanne Schmutz

June 26, 1941 - May 6, 2026

Suzanne Schmutz passed away peacefully on May 6, 2026, in Oakland, California. She was 84 years old.

Born on July 26, 1941, Suzanne lived a life marked by determination, resilience, and deep devotion to the people and causes she cared about. A proud graduate of Vallejo High School's Class of 1959, she went on to earn her bachelor's degree from UCLA, an accomplishment that reflected her lifelong commitment to learning and personal growth.

Suzanne was an avid sports fan who rarely missed the chance to cheer on her favorite teams. She was a devoted supporter of the San Francisco 49ers, San Francisco Giants, and Golden State Warriors. Beyond her love of sports, Suzanne found joy in the companionship of her beloved cats, who were a constant source of comfort and happiness throughout her life.

A woman of remarkable strength and perseverance, Suzanne was a three-time breast cancer survivor. Her courage in the face of adversity inspired all who knew her. Having overcome cancer multiple times, she dedicated herself to helping others by actively raising funds for cancer research, with special support for the Women's Cancer Resource Center.

Suzanne also embraced life's challenges with enthusiasm and determination.

She participated in five different marathons, a testament to her endurance, spirit, and love of accomplishment.

She is survived by her brother, Steven Schmutz; her nephew, Michael Schmutz and his wife, Kristen Schmutz; her great-nephews, Melvin Schmutz and Kurtis Schmutz; and by her cherished cats, Sophia, Bella, and Stephanie.

Suzanne was preceded in death by her parents, Dr. Melvin A. Schmutz and his wife, Hannah Rowe Schmutz; her brother, Robert Schmutz; and her nephew, Christopher Schmutz.

Suzanne will be remembered for her courage, generosity, intelligence, and unwavering determination. Her strength in overcoming life's hardships and her commitment to helping others will remain an enduring part of her legacy.

If anyone is inclined to donate in Suzannes honor. Her favorite charity was the Women's Resource Center in Berkeley, Ca. www.wcrc.org (510-601-4040)

Services will be private.