



## Suzanne Schmutz

July 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 Cancer Resource Center in Berkeley, Ca. [www.wcrc.org](http://www.wcrc.org) (510-601-4040)

Services will be private.

# Tribute Wall

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“ Suzanne was a name I never forgot through the years. We were in the same class at Vallejo High, we graduated on the same day in 1959 and was born in the same year. She was the one competitor in sports at school that could “Almost” beat me running. (Smile) She was a lady of class that was admired by all. My love and deepest condolences to her family and cats. Rest in peace Susie I will remember you always. We “should” have competed in the 1960 Olympics for a Gold medal, see you in Heaven, save me a place on your team. 💜

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“ I first met Suzie in 1964. She was in summer stock theatre ,which came to Rothesay ,New Brunswick ,Canada for the summer. At the time I was running the ticket sales and she was one of the actors. We became friends and kept in touch all theses years. First by sail mail, then emails and then we ended with phone calls. In 2003 my husband and I went to California ,,we met up with Suzie each day after her work and had dinners together. We hadn't seen one another since 1964. Seeing her again was truly great. She was a very devoted person ,determined and was so strong as she battled health issues. I will treasure all the memories we shared and will miss our phone calls. Suzie will be forever in my heart.

I say thankyou to Michael for taking time to find me .  
Sympathy to all the family.

My friend Suzie Rest In Peace.  
Love Laurine Bushey New Brunswick Canada

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