



Susan Jean Hohnsbeen (Melikian)

August 5, 1952 - June 10, 2021

With profound sadness, we announce the passing of Susan Jean Hohnsbeen (Melikian), our loving and devoted wife, mother, sister, aunt and friend. She left this world on June 10, 2021, in her 68th year, surrounded by loved ones in her family home in Gladwyne, Pennsylvania after a courageous, long fight against cancer.

Raised the eldest of four in the Bay Area of California, Susan studied at UC, Davis and for a year abroad in Bordeaux, France before graduating from UC, Berkeley. She worked in Paris before ultimately starting her retail career in California. Her talent and skill as a manager led her to Philadelphia in 1981 where she became the Corporate Senior Vice President and Merchant at John Wanamaker Department Store. She was recruited to the senior leadership team at B. Altman and Co., and served as President of the Main Line Business and Professional Women's (BPW) Organization.

In 1988, Susan married Robert A. Melikian in Gladwyne and soon welcomed three children: Alexander, Anayis and Armen. She approached motherhood with her trademark enthusiasm, devotion and zeal, becoming a full-time mom while involving herself in school-related activities. Susan served as President of the Parents' Associations and as a Board Member at both The Episcopal Academy and The Haverford School, while working with her husband at the family business.

Susan lived a full life as an executive, devoted wife and a “super-mom.” She loved to laugh, kept an immaculate home and was highly skilled at making those around her feel heard and respected. Most of all, she loved her husband and children, instilling in them strong values that have and will continue to serve them well. She will be dearly missed and will live forever in our hearts.

Susan is survived by her husband Robert, her children Alexander, Anayis and Armen, and her brothers George (Janet), Paul (Karen) and Roger. She is predeceased by her parents, Dorothy and Ronald.

Funeral Mass will be held at Saint John Vianney Church on Tuesday, June 15, 2021 beginning at 11:00 am. The family will be receiving guests beginning at 10:00 am.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made in Susan’s name to BookSmiles, 1879 Old Cuthbert Rd STE 33, Cherry Hill, NJ 08034 <https://www.booksmiles.org/donate.html> or any charity of your choice.

Previous Events

The family will receive guests

JUN **15**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. John Vianney Church
350 Conshohocken State Rd.
Gladwyne, PA

Funeral Mass

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350 Conshohocken State Rd
Gladwyne, PA 19035
(610) 642-0938

Tribute Wall

FO

“ *Bob,
I am sorry for your loss.
My condolences to you and your family.*

*I remember meeting your wife and son Alex at
Phillies game, a Keystone Coffee event.*

*Once again, my sympathies to you and yours.
Sincerely,
Frank Oldt*

frank oldt - July 01, 2021 at 03:00 PM

RG

“ I had the remarkable privilege of knowing and working closely with Sue starting in the mid-1970’s both in California and Philadelphia until my family and I relocated back to California in 1994. Sue was a brilliant co-worker and my steadfast friend. My wife, Sandy, our daughters, Samantha and Brynn, and I shared many wonderful times with Sue ranging from cheering on the 49ers during their 1980’s televised games to exploring the sights in Philadelphia, Baltimore, the Jersey shore, tubing down the Delaware, antiquing in New Hope... Sue was a regular at our home on many weekends; Sue and I had lunch together frequently when we worked at Bullocks North and at Wanamaker’s; Emil Villas in Walnut Creek, CA; The Stanford Barn in Palo Alto, CA; and The Boardroom in Center City Philadelphia were a few of our favorite places. Sue was such a wonderful individual, hardworking, and a gifted people person; everyone loved being around Sue. Our numerous memories of Sue will never be forgotten. Sandy, Samantha, Brynn, and I extend our deepest condolences to Bob, their three children, Sue’s three brothers, Roger, Paul, and George, and the rest of the family for their personal and collective loss.

Raoul Gruenberg - June 16, 2021 at 03:07 PM

RF

“ Early this morning, I saw the news that Susan had passed away. My condolences to Bob and his family.

I was fortunate to meet Susan and Bob, maybe three years ago.

Two good people.

*--Richard Frumer
Bryn Mawr, PA*

Richard Frumer - June 16, 2021 at 09:48 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Susan Jean Hohnsbeen (Melikian).



June 14, 2021 at 10:03 PM



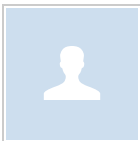
“ The Shields family send much love to your family on the loss of Susan. We so enjoyed seeing her at the Haverford School or just strolling Gladwyne. We all loved her and looked forward to our every interaction with her. May our God bless her and guide her in her path to Heaven. Much love, Jerry and Carol Shields

Carol Shields - June 14, 2021 at 09:29 PM



May Suzanne sleep in peace and her soul be willfully blessed. She was a phenomenal woman, a devoted wife and mother. Her impeccable smile was contagious and those facial expressions were priceless. She enjoyed our road trips and ice cream runs. Her face would lit up like a Christmas tree each time the baby visited and she was happy for the day. It was a pleasure to have met Suzanne inspite of the circumstances how we met. My thoughts and prayers be with her family and friends during this difficult time. Love from Brenda and family.

Brenda Gordon - June 15, 2021 at 12:27 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Susan Jean Hohnsbeen (Melikian).



June 14, 2021 at 02:00 PM

CG

“ *The Goldman Family is so very sorry to hear of the loss of your wife and mother Susan. We are thinking of you and we are so sad for all of you. We knew Susan from our son Ryan’s soccer team and she was always such a warm and friendly person. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this very difficult time.*
Carol, Steve, Ryan, Nikki, and Michael, Goldman

Carol Goldman - June 14, 2021 at 01:26 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Susan Jean Hohnsbeen (Melikian).*



June 14, 2021 at 12:28 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Susan Jean Hohnsbeen (Melikian).*



June 14, 2021 at 12:07 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Susan Jean Hohnsbeen (Melikian).*



June 14, 2021 at 11:03 AM

BB

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you all. I worked with Susan at B Altman and she was a wonderful person always full of energy and a smile. We had a baby shower for her as well. She is truly missed.*
Barbara Lipton Beck

Barbara Lipton Beck - June 14, 2021 at 07:37 AM



“ *Thank you for directing family and friends to donate to BookSmiles in Susan's memory. We we provide children living in Philly book deserts with beautiful books to call their own!*

Larry Abrams - June 14, 2021 at 05:40 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Susan Jean Hohnsbeen (Melikian).*



June 13, 2021 at 10:16 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Susan Jean Hohnsbeen (Melikian).*



June 13, 2021 at 10:08 PM

CS

“ Dear Melikian Family,
I wanted you to know that you are all in my thoughts and prayers. I knew and worked alongside Susan while she served at Episcopal. I admired and appreciated her intellect, and her dedication but also her perseverance and definitely her wit!

With deepest sympathy and regard,
Cannie C. Shafer
EA 1979-2009

Cannie Shafer - June 13, 2021 at 05:33 PM

AK

“ I was deeply saddened to read about Susan's passing. I have such fond memories of her and her wonderful family during my time at The Haverford School. She was a gracious, kind, caring person who was never too busy to stop and say hello. My thoughts and prayers are with her family during this difficult time.

With heartfelt sympathy,
Adele Kasmen

Adele Kasmen - June 13, 2021 at 12:23 PM

CE

“ Connie Elsberg purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Susan Jean Hohnsbeen (Melikian).



Connie Elsberg - June 12, 2021 at 10:07 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Susan Jean Hohnsbeen (Melikian).*



June 12, 2021 at 08:47 PM



“ *Xiao Feng Shang & Pamela Katz-Alston purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Susan Jean Hohnsbeen (Melikian).*



Xiao Feng Shang & Pamela Katz-Alston - June 12, 2021 at 06:46 PM



“ *Raoul & Sandy Gruenberg and family purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Susan Jean Hohnsbeen (Melikian).*



Raoul & Sandy Gruenberg and family - June 12, 2021 at 05:26 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Susan Jean Hohnsbeen (Melikian).*



June 12, 2021 at 05:19 PM

BM

“ *Dear Melikians,*

We McFarlands are all so sorry that you have lost Susan... truly one of the most kind, respectful, engaged, generous humans we have had the privilege of crossing paths with.

May the most heart-wrenching memories of recent times be swiftly replaced with the MILLIONS of great, happy and heart WARMING memories you have with her. Rest in Peace, Ma'am.

Betsy McFarland - June 12, 2021 at 02:17 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Susan Jean Hohnsbeen (Melikian).*



June 12, 2021 at 10:42 AM