



## Susan E. "Suzi" Messbauer

December 21, 2021

Susan E. "Suzi" Messbauer, 61, of Kunkletown, formerly of Allentown, passed away peacefully at home on December 21, 2021. She was the loving wife of Robert W. "Bob" Messbauer, celebrating 37 years of marriage in August. Working first as a dental hygienist and later as an H&R Block Franchise Owner with her husband Bob, Suzi was most enthusiastic about her third occupation: retirement. Born in Allentown, she was the daughter of the late Ronald K. Burke and the late Dorothy J. (Rothrock) Morgues.

Throughout her life Suzi showed remarkable grit in the face of adversity, facing life's challenges head-on while showing tremendous compassion toward the disadvantaged and less fortunate. She possessed a rare ability to excel as both a leader and a follower, believing strength came in many guises and responsibility was best executed when shared. She was also a passionate animal lover, a skilled outdoorswoman, and a clever cook—all traits she fostered in her two children from their earliest days. At heart, Suzi was ferociously protective of those she cared about, providing unconditional love and support in every moment. Her family is devastated to lose her, but trusts she is now part of the beautiful woods she called home.

Survivors: Husband Bob, Daughter: Sarah E. Messbauer of Huntington, WV, Son: Michael K. Messbauer and his wife Laura A. Housley of Allentown, and Brothers: Timothy C. Burke and his wife Margart Howarth of Kunkletown and James B. Burke of Whitehall, Dog & Faithful Companion: Millie.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date. Arrangements by the J.S.

Burkholder Funeral Home, Allentown. Condolences may be offered at: [www.jsburkholder.com](http://www.jsburkholder.com).

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the West End Food Pantry, 516 Kunkletown Road, Kunkletown, PA 18058 (<https://www.westendpantry.com/donate/>).

# Tribute Wall

KA

“ I just want to give my condolences to your family. I worked with Susie for a short time at Dr. Strassman's and had a medical emergency there and she was so caring and stayed by my side. I will never forget how calm she made me feel. This was so heart breaking to hear. She was such a sweet caring woman. My deepest sympathy is with you all, Karen Stettner

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**karen** - February 03, 2022 at 02:07 PM

PH

“ I miss seeing Suzi and Millie every morning (usually before sunrise) while walking her 'dog nephews' . Often she would be outside on her beautiful deck just taking in views of the woodlands... we would chat about small things and laugh at silly experiences each of us had the day before. We always talked about .the kids and their many adventures...Suzi was a kindred spirit- I will miss her dearly. Love, your neighbor, friend, and sister-in-law, ,Sister Mary Margaret.

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**Peggy Howarth** - December 31, 2021 at 12:18 AM

KR

“ Our thoughts and prayers to the family in this time of grief. We got to know Suzi through her brother Jim. She was such a sweet person. She will be so missed. Karen & Bob Robinson

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**Karen Robinson** - December 28, 2021 at 05:41 PM

GG

“ Greg Gillespie lit a candle in memory of Susan E. "Suzi" Messbauer



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**Greg Gillespie** - December 26, 2021 at 12:13 AM

GG

*Our thoughts and prayers to the Messbauer family during this difficult time. Thank you so much for letting us be a part of Suzi's life over the years she is missed tremendously...if there is anything you need please do not hesitate*

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**Greg Gillespie** - December 26, 2021 at 12:16 AM

DG

*I will treasure my memories of Suzi as my student at Northampton Community College. She was an excellent dental hygienist. I am happy she is at peace in her woods. Howard and I will miss her kindness and laughter. Debbie and Howard Goldstein*

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**Debbie Goldstein** - January 02, 2022 at 10:15 AM

LW

*My sympathies on the passing of Suzi. She was my first mentor when I finished hygiene school. Her laugh was contagious! Thoughts and prayers are with the family at this difficult time. May she rest in peace. Lisa Wagner*

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**Lisa Wagner** - January 03, 2022 at 07:18 PM

MR

*Rest In Pease Suzi.*

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**Mark Rothrock** - March 11, 2022 at 10:57 AM