



Mrs. Suzanne Nugent Zimmer

November 5, 1966 - February 5, 2018

Suzanne Nugent Zimmer, of Roswell, GA passed away on February 5, 2018 surrounded by family following a series of medical issues complicated by her quadriplegia sustained in May 1984 in a diving accident at the Chattahoochee River at age 17. She led a remarkable life through her strong will to succeed and ability to focus on other people's problems and achievements rather than her own. After rehabilitation at Shepherd Center in Atlanta, Suzanne completed her college degree in Marketing at Clemson University and was employed for several years at Bell South. In 1992 she met Chris Zimmer, newly transferred from Wisconsin to Atlanta, who shared her interest in football that led to marriage a year later. When the possibility of having children seemed unlikely, they traveled to Russia to adopt their daughter Natalie. Three years later she miraculously delivered her own baby Amanda. As a new mother, she was assisted by her parents Dan and Carolyn Nugent who also enabled her to learn how to drive a specially equipped van and to become a very independent "Lacrosse Mom". Suzanne and Chris shared a love of their second home at Surfside Resort in Miramar Beach, FL. She took great pride and care in providing beach vacations to disabled persons. They shared a love for music that was enhanced by attending concerts and taking music cruises where they met their favorite bands, musicians, and other fans that expanded their many friendships throughout the USA and other countries. Her positive spirit and warm personality endeared her to all who knew her. She was also an inspiration to many people that never met her through the example she set for making the best of her severe physical disabilities to live a "normal" life for 33 years. Suzanne Zimmer was born on November 5, 1966 in Schenectady, NY and is survived by her husband Christopher J. Zimmer, daughters Natalie and Amanda Zimmer, her parents Daniel & Carolyn Nugent of Suwanee, GA, and sister Laura N. Brown of Buford, GA. Visitation will be held at Northside Chapel Funeral Directors on Thursday, February 8, 2018 between the hours of 4:30pm - 7:30pm. A funeral mass will be held at St. Peter Chanel Catholic Church on Friday, February 9, 2018 at 10:30am. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Friends of Disabled Adults and Children (FODAC) www.fodac.org.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 8. 4:30 PM - 7:30 PM (ET)

Northside Chapel Funeral Directors & Crematory
12050 Crabapple Road
Roswell, GA

Mass

FEB 9. 10:30 AM (ET)

St. Peter Chanel Catholic Church
11330 Woodstock Road
Roswell, GA

Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Suzanne Nugent Zimmer*

October 08, 2022 at 11:37 AM



“ *No person is every truly alone. Those who live no more, whom we loved, Echo still within our thoughts, our words, our hearts. Love you Auntie Suzanne!*

Jamie Wilebski - March 07, 2018 at 12:46 PM



“ *My heart goes out to the Nugent and Zimmer families. Fond memories of Suzanne--and Laura-- from Redan High, and seeing her triumph over adversity. She was a shining light for so many, and she never lost her zeal for life, period. Taken too soon, but she packed so much into her time here. She's truly free now, but I offer strength and healing energies to her husband, children, and all of her family as you move through the grief.*

*Lisa Coston
Redan High, Class of 1983*

Lisa Coston - February 10, 2018 at 02:16 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Suzanne Nugent Zimmer.*



February 08, 2018 at 10:35 PM



“ *Sending heartfelt sympathy to one of the most loving and beautiful families I know. Suzanne's spirit will forever warm our hearts, inspire our spirits, and illuminate our lives. She was a beautiful person whose life was a reflection of strength, courage and love. I am grateful to have been blessed by her time here on earth, and also by your example as a family. At this very difficult time, may your hearts be comforted by your family's closeness, may you be encouraged by your faith in God, and may you be steadied in this journey by your constant support of one another. Much love and friendship, always.*



Laura James - February 08, 2018 at 10:30 PM



“ We sat next to them in Destin Florida under the umbrellas, and enjoyed hanging out on the beach and talking. Paul volunteered to push her from the beach as he was doing it he said this is really hard to do, When he got to the top he found out that her wheel chair had the brakes on it. We all had a good laugh that day. She shared her story of how she meet her husband. One thing I remember was how she was always such a fashion girl she had all her outfits perfectly match with the perfect accessories.

We then ran into to them at Alive At 5 in Roswell. She will be missed, we admired her spirit. Much love and prayers to the entire family.

Much love,
Paul and Lisa Webb

Lisa Webb - February 08, 2018 at 03:58 PM

FN

“ From Marthe and Jean-Marie Nkuranga purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Suzanne Nugent Zimmer.



From Marthe and Jean-Marie Nkuranga - February 08, 2018 at 03:21 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Mrs. Suzanne Nugent Zimmer.



February 08, 2018 at 12:56 PM

FA

“ Friends from Mid-Georgia Soaring Association purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Suzanne Nugent Zimmer.



Friends from Mid-Georgia Soaring Association - February 08, 2018 at 11:40 AM

BV

“ *Brian and Jan Vidrine purchased the Delightful Dieffenbachia for the family of Mrs. Suzanne Nugent Zimmer.*



Brian and Jan Vidrine - February 08, 2018 at 09:55 AM

RM

“ *The most beautiful people we have known are those who have known defeat, known suffering, known struggle, known loss, and have found their way out of the depths. These persons have an appreciation, a sensitivity, and an understanding of life that fills them with compassion, gentleness, and a deep loving concern. Beautiful people do not just happen.*
Elisabeth Kubler-Ross

This was our dear friend Suzanne!! She was the most resilient, generous, compassionate person I ever met. I loved her so very much and my life was better for having known her. I am so happy that she will never ever suffer another minute in her life.

I love you Suzanne!!

Rochella Mood - February 08, 2018 at 09:44 AM

PC

“ *President Stas Preczewski and the GGC Community purchased the Love Everlasting Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Suzanne Nugent Zimmer.*



President Stas Preczewski and the GGC Community - February 08, 2018 at 09:16 AM

JS

“ *I feel blessed that I met Suzanne and began our friendship thru our SPC CRHP retreat #14. Our random run ins throughout the years since, at Publix, Music Matters, SPC and around Roswell were always Special moments. Many times she probably thought, “who is that crazy lady”, as I would wave like crazy every time I saw her cruising down Woodstock Rd in her Clemson tagged Green Van! Suzanne always put a smile on my face and joy in my heart! Her love of God, Family, Life and Music is what I love about her. I will miss you, sweet friend!*

Jill Sutkus - February 07, 2018 at 09:52 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Mrs. Suzanne Nugent Zimmer.



February 07, 2018 at 09:31 PM



“ *Sapphire Skies Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Mrs. Suzanne Nugent Zimmer.



February 07, 2018 at 07:57 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Mrs. Suzanne Nugent Zimmer.



February 07, 2018 at 05:42 PM



“ *Pretty Please* was purchased for the family of Mrs. Suzanne Nugent Zimmer.



February 07, 2018 at 04:55 PM

SS

“ *SATS family from NorCal, NorthWest and Sweden* purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Mrs. Suzanne Nugent Zimmer.



SATS family from NorCal, NorthWest and Sweden - February 07, 2018 at 02:10 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Suzanne Nugent Zimmer.*



February 07, 2018 at 01:57 PM

MG

“ *Marcia A Mulcahy, Grandmother Emma Guglielmo purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mrs. Suzanne Nugent Zimmer.*



Marcia A Mulcahy, Grandmother Emma Guglielmo - February 07, 2018 at 01:50 PM



“ *Sapphire Skies Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Suzanne Nugent Zimmer.*



February 07, 2018 at 12:27 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Mrs. Suzanne Nugent Zimmer.*



February 07, 2018 at 12:24 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mrs. Suzanne Nugent Zimmer.*



February 07, 2018 at 12:02 PM

PM

“ Chris,

The men of CRHP 14 send their condolences on the loss of your loving wife Suzanne. We love you brother.

Pat M.

Pat Mihelick - February 07, 2018 at 12:00 PM

YF

“ *Your Sixthman Family purchased the Fiery Lily and Rose for the family of Mrs. Suzanne Nugent Zimmer.*



Your Sixthman Family - February 07, 2018 at 11:58 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mrs. Suzanne Nugent Zimmer.*



February 07, 2018 at 10:38 AM

WS

“ *We will see you in the stars purchased the Simply Elegant Spatiphyllum for the family of Mrs. Suzanne Nugent Zimmer.*



We will see you in the stars - February 07, 2018 at 10:36 AM



“ *A New Sunrise Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Suzanne Nugent Zimmer.*



February 07, 2018 at 09:45 AM

LM

“ LOVE, UNCLE DICK & COUSIN MICHELLE purchased the *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* for the family of Mrs. Suzanne Nugent Zimmer.



LOVE, UNCLE DICK & COUSIN MICHELLE - February 07, 2018 at 09:43 AM

TA

“ Suzanne was an example of what you CAN do in life when confronted with a disability - complete college, falling in love with Chris, a beautiful family and wonderful mother. Although she will be missed, she held the torch for others with disabilities.

Tom Abbey

Thomas Abbey - February 07, 2018 at 09:25 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mrs. Suzanne Nugent Zimmer.



February 07, 2018 at 08:31 AM

IC

“ To Chris and family - Please accept my deepest sympathies for your loss; my prayers are with you and your children during this difficult time. Isabel Chong



isabel chong - February 07, 2018 at 07:25 AM

Kim Boggs

“ Chris, Natalie and Amanda - Thinking of you at this difficult time. I keep wavering between a feeling of loss and grief and a feeling of being blessed for having known Suzanne. I knew her through the SATS Family and seeing her and all of you was always a highlight of our musical get-togethers for me. If you wanted to be in the middle of the action, you just needed to find Suzanne. Her spirit will always be there whenever we get together.

Kim Boggs - February 06, 2018 at 11:32 PM

WC

“ With love, The SATS Family in Chicago purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Suzanne Nugent Zimmer.



With love, The SATS Family in Chicago - February 06, 2018 at 10:39 PM

GS

“ Chris,

Melissa and I send our prayers and love to you, Natalie and Amanda. We pray that all of you seek comfort in each other and that God's grace and peace surround you during this time.

Glen and Melissa Stapleton

Glen & Melissa Stapleton - February 06, 2018 at 09:59 PM

SB

“ Suzanne is a beautiful soul, and will remain one of my favorite people. I'll never forget her inviting my husband & I to a Friday night concert downtown, which meant that she had to drive, and in rush hour Atlanta traffic (taking 90 minutes, stop & go the whole time). She navigated those lanes like a pro, all the while talking to us about our jobs/kids/etc. She was always asking & showing interest in others, rather than talking about herself (even though she had the most interesting life!). At the concert (Pat McGee), she knew literally everyone (even Pat McGee), and I felt like I was sitting with the mayor because almost everyone in the crowd wanted to talk to Suzanne. It's obvious the mark that she left on others by viewing the outpouring of love this past week, from all over the world. Suzanne gave everything that she had into every day, and every interaction. I don't know that I can say this about anyone else, but she used all of her capabilities to the max every day. I know that I leave something on the table each day, and can probably afford to put forward more effort at this or that. Suzanne will be my inspiration and example going forward to make the most out of each moment.



Susanne Baskin - February 06, 2018 at 09:53 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Suzanne Nugent Zimmer.



February 06, 2018 at 09:15 PM

TE

“ The “gang” Dave, Ben, Bob, Ed purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Mrs. Suzanne Nugent Zimmer.



The “gang” Dave, Ben, Bob, Ed - February 06, 2018 at 08:43 PM

BH

“ Suzanne- I am so glad that I met you in Nashville during the SATS2015 mash-up. I then had the great opportunity to Sail Across the Sun 2016 with you and Chris and so many friends of our fav band Train. You blessed my life. I know I'll see you again -in Heaven my sweet friend!

Bonnie Holt - February 06, 2018 at 08:35 PM

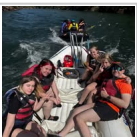
GS

“ Chris,

Thoughts and prayers from the Sisney family to you and your daughters. May the love and peace of God that passes all understanding rest on your family during this difficult time.

Gerald Sisney & Family

Gerald Sisney - February 06, 2018 at 07:20 PM



“ I first met you in 2014 on our first sail across the sun. I felt blessed to have met you and shared in some dancing, laughing and smiles. Thanks Suzanne for being you. Your drive, your energy, you.



Beth Bisailon - February 06, 2018 at 06:30 PM



“ Suzanne you always brought happiness in life when I was around and always smiling am going to miss your smile, you will never be forgotten, ❤️🕊️ Rest In Peace

Katie Shelby - February 06, 2018 at 06:12 PM

CC

“ Dance, Suzanne...dance!



Chris and Shawn Chelbana - February 06, 2018 at 03:35 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mrs. Suzanne Nugent Zimmer.



February 06, 2018 at 01:36 PM