



## Susan Kim Betournay

November 5, 1955 - March 8, 2025

BETOURNAY, Susan Kim “Sue” 5 November 1955 – 8 March 2025

Sue passed away at the Halifax Hospice on March 8th 2025 | International Women’s Day, which was very appropriate for Sue.

Sue was the daughter of John Guy Betournay and Therese Fleurette MacLean. She was one of a blended family that included her brothers Rheas and Mark, and sisters Carolyn, Bonnie, and Marysa.

Sue was born in Ottawa and raised in Montreal, Quebec. She moved to Halifax in 1982 and for the last 37 years has lived in Seabright, Nova Scotia.

Sue graduated from Dalhousie University with a Bachelor of Nursing degree in 1987. She worked in Camp Hill Hospital and the IWK Pediatric ICU before moving to Veterans Affairs as a District Office Nurse.

Sue always saw the glass as “half full” never “half empty” and always had a very positive attitude in everything she did. She thoroughly enjoyed her lovely home and garden in Seabright. She was a “hands on” person who was incredibly good at whatever she tried to do, from hanging a door, fixing a window, or baking a chocolate cake all in the same afternoon. She enjoyed making costumes for the Halifax Halloween Street party (when there used to

be one), and for friends' costume and dinner parties where she would cook gourmet dishes and amazing desserts.

Sue and her husband Roddy were happily married for 43 years and Sue was a loving and supportive mother to her cherished children Caelan and Ryan.

Sue will be sadly missed by her family and many friends. Sue is survived by her loving husband Roddy Warnock, her son Caelan and his wife Liz, and her daughter Ryan and her husband Sam.

In accordance with Sue's wishes, there will be a Celebration of Life for her to be held in the spring/summer of the coming year at her home in Seabright (date to be determined).

We would like to thank all the staff at the Halifax Hospice where Sue spent her last weeks. The staff were amazing and provided Sue with wonderful care and support. For those who wish, Sue requested donations be made to the Halifax Hospice, 618 Franklyn Street (Donate | Hospice Halifax) so they can continue to provide the wonderful end-of-life care she received to others.

# Tribute Wall

DJ

“ We were very sad to hear of Sue’s passing. We know she fought this with everything she had. Our deepest condolences to Roddy and family. We will always remember Sue for the beautiful person she was.

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**Darlene & Jean-Marc** - March 20, 2025 at 07:35 PM

SK

“ Although a number of years (20+) have passed since we worked together at the VAC District Office, I can still remember Sue's wonderful smile & laugh, her personality a definite asset to the office for our Veteran clientele. Her contributions & participation in whatever office fundraising activities we organized (buffets, raffles, Hallowe'en, etc) were always with enthusiasm. I was very sorry to receive the news she had been ill and recently passed. To her family, I am sending my condolences and thinking she will be watching over you all in that beautiful Seabright area. :-)

*Sharon Karas (Retired Admin & Finance)*

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**Sharon Karas** - March 20, 2025 at 11:34 AM

LM

“ My deepest condolences to you and your family. Sue was the bright light that shone daily while working with her at Veterans Affairs, a passionate soul who provided endless support and encouragement to us all. Her smile and laughter will stay with me always! Rest well Susan! You will be missed and never forgotten. Lori McClatchey

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**Lori McClatchey** - March 17, 2025 at 06:43 AM

SC

“ Roddy and family, my heartfelt condolences. I agree it was fitting for Sue to have International Women's Day as the day of her passing. She was a passionate, strong and bright colleague at Veterans Affairs, where we worked together. It was there that she became one of the 'Martini Girl' Sisters, along with other equally wonderfully women. One of my favourite birthday celebrations included one of her amazing cakes! We will continue to cherish her friendship and remember her fondly in our conversation.

*The Martini Girls were very supportive in their encouragement of me to help Hospice Halifax be built. It is fitting too that Sue could be there, being cared for, as she did for so many others.*

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**Stephanie Connidis** - March 15, 2025 at 08:37 AM

DM

“ My deepest sympathies to Roddy, Caelan and Ryan. I was saddened to learn of Sue's passing. I had the pleasure of working with Sue for many years at VAC and will never forget her dedication to both the Veterans and her colleagues. Along with her great sense of humour and contagious laugh, Sue possessed a “can do” attitude that brought positivity and drew others to her. Aside from having worked many years together I had the privilege of calling Sue a personal friend. I will miss Sue's updates re her family, garden, cooking, travel, reno's and much more. Sue will be forever missed.

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**Darlene Macaulay** - March 14, 2025 at 08:09 PM

LK

“ I worked with Susan at VAC as a Case Manager. We were on the same team for 6 years. Susan was a passionate about her work with the Veterans. I learned from Sue that she had many "loves" in her life, the love of her family, the love of her career as a Nurse, the love of nature, the love of gardening and the love of her pets, travel and more. Sue was a wonderful person and will be missed. My condolences to her family and friends.

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**Lisa knocton** - March 13, 2025 at 08:19 PM

DD

“ From Donna Davis- retired VAC nurse.

*Susan's passing came all too soon. I worked with her for over 20 years; she was dynamic, and passionate about many issues, especially her nursing colleagues, the Halifax District Office, and, of course, Veterans.*

*There is no doubt that Susan continues to attentively monitor the evolution of the issues which were so important to her. And, that she is engaged in lively debate with her cherished comrades-Louisa and Linda, in the celestial PIPS Nursing "local". May she rest in peace.*

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**Donna Davis** - March 13, 2025 at 05:53 PM

KW

“ As a fellow nurse, Sue was a huge support to me, and had my back when needed. She was like that for all of us and had no fear stepping up on behalf of her fellow team members. I will never forget her hard work on behalf of, and for, nurses (including me!!) and the importance she placed on the quality of care she was providing. A kind, fun and wonderful person who I was happy to consider a friend. You will be very missed Sue. My heart goes out to her family, and friends ☐ may your memories carry you during these difficult days ahead.

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**karen Woodland** - March 13, 2025 at 03:56 PM

KM

“ Sue was a lifeline for me when I started working at VAC. She was welcoming, kind and helpful. Please accept my deepest condolences for your loss. We will miss you, Sue.

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**Krista MacDonald** - March 13, 2025 at 07:56 AM

DC

“ Such sad news. My sincere condolences to her family and friends far and wide. I will greatly miss the opportunity to reconnect with her and visit her garden when I look to retire down east. Rest easy now Sue.

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**Debbie Collins** - March 12, 2025 at 04:10 PM

AM

“ I worked with Sue at Veterans Affairs and she was always very helpful, was a great nurse and colleague but most of all a wonderful human being! Condolences to Roddy and her family who she shared such wonderful stories about when we worked together!  
Sincerely, AnnMarie Mitchelmore

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**AnnMarie Mitchelmore** - March 12, 2025 at 01:32 PM

VM

“ I'm so sorry to hear this. I worked with Sue for almost 6 years at the VAC office in Halifax. We worked regularly together with me being a case manager, and her a nurse, in helping a variety of veterans and their families across the HRM. Her commitment, attention to detail, sense of humor, infectious laugh, and service to veterans were commendable, and I often reflect on the good times we had together working out problems and creating solutions to help better the lives of those who given theirs to defend our Country. My heartfelt condolences go out to Sue's family, and I agree that it is timely that she passed on IWD. She will be missed by so, so many.

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**Vanessa MacDonald** - March 12, 2025 at 01:16 PM

CG

“ She was one of a kind. Always made you feel like you were really important to her. I hope she felt how important she was to each one of us. Our memories of her will help to carry us forward. I thank her for all that she has given to everyone that was surrounded by her lovely nature. She will be missed more than she could ever have imagined!

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**Carolyn Gillis** - March 12, 2025 at 10:49 AM

VG

“ We've always known how special she was, our sister. Her outlook on life, her patience, her loving nature., her generosity and her grace. There is so much I could say, she was an impressive person. One of a kind. We will love her and miss her always, and are grateful for all the time we did have with her.

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**Veronica Gillis** - March 12, 2025 at 10:29 AM

MB

“ We will miss our beautiful sister. She was the sister that brought everyone together. We may have lived in 2 different provinces but every time we got together , it felt like it was yesterday.  
We love you sis!



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**Marysa Betournay** - March 12, 2025 at 08:31 AM

JT

“ Sending you our deepest condolences from the VAC Atlantic Nursing group.

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**Jessica Theriault** - March 12, 2025 at 06:57 AM