



Virginia Ann Ennis

March 13, 1946 - July 8, 2015

Virginia Ennis, known to all as Susie, passed away on July 8, 2015. She was born in Houston, TX on March 13, 1946 to Ann (Pruitt) and Lawrence Ennis, and is survived by her brother, Jason Robert Ennis and wife Carolyn of Dallas, Texas, and nephews Jason (Ann) Ennis of Dallas, and Matthew (Amy) Ennis residing in Kindsbach, Germany, and great nephew and niece, Anderson and Maryn Ennis. With a heart full of compassion for her animals, she is also survived by her horse Lacy, cat Charlotte, and recent addition, dog, Teri.

After graduating from high school in Houston, Susie attended college at the University of Texas at Austin, and received a degree from Sam Houston State University in May 1970. Susie joined the Air Force in the summer of 1970, and served proudly as an officer until October 1982. She would love to recall fond memories of her tour in the Philippines. As a Transportation Officer, Susie had the profoundly important duty of making sure fallen soldiers were repatriated safely back to their families. She received the Air Force Commendation Medal, National Defense Service Medal, and Air Force Outstanding Unit Award.

All who knew Susie enjoyed her colorful stories of life and adventures, and so many friends and neighbors helped her through the hardship of her debilitating rheumatoid arthritis. She was grateful to everyone for each effort on her behalf to help her be independent and remain at home.

Susie's true joy came from her myriad rescued pets. If "heaven is where all the pets you've ever owned come to greet you," then Susie had an incredible reunion on July 8th. In honor of Susie's love for animals, hug your pets today, rescue an animal and/or donate to Austin Pet's Alive.

There will be a memorial gathering at her property in Manor at 10:00am on Sunday, Sept. 6, 2015. For further information, please contact Deane Willis at 512-261-9055 or email deane@utexas.edu

Comments



“ Sue Siegenthaler lit a candle in memory of Virginia Ann Ennis



Sue Siegenthaler - September 06, 2015 at 02:15 PM



“ Dolores Nice-Siegenthaler lit a candle in memory of Virginia Ann Ennis



Dolores Nice-Siegenthaler - August 31, 2015 at 05:24 PM



“ I had the pleasure of working for Susie as her caregiver from April until the July afternoon when she transitioned from her earthly home to her heavenly home. Susie would share lots of stories about her time in the Air Force and her life when she lived in the Philippines.

Susie was a joy to work for she was stubborn, but I have a lot of patience and a compassionate heart for gods people.

We got along very well and Susie loved her pets.

Gone but never forgotten.

Rhonda Sauls - August 17, 2015 at 09:44 PM



“ I had the honor of meeting Susie several years ago in order to help her sell her home and move into one that would improve her quality of life. Through helping her with real estate transactions, I became friends with Susie. Our shared love of animals and gardening, as well as her stories of her service in the Air Force during such a difficult time in our history endeared me to her. I can still hear her voice: "Hiya, kiddo!" Susie was a colorful character if there ever was one. I love her story-telling, kindness, stubbornness, and generosity all the same. She is missed.

-Gretchen

Gretchen - August 13, 2015 at 11:56 AM



“ Gretchen, you did an amazing job of helping Susie find the perfect home and the manor property too! Your compassion, encouragement and assistance in helping her find resources to be independent were a blessing in her life, as were you! thanks for all you did!
Deane

Deane Willis - August 13, 2015 at 12:23 PM



“ Each evening as I feed Susie's horse, Lacy, I remember Susie asking me, "How's my Lacy? Tell her 'Grandma' loves her." And I do, Susie. I do tell her every day! And Charlotte, too.

Miss you, Susie!!

-Heidi

Heidi - August 12, 2015 at 09:28 PM



“ Heidi, I heard about you for years long before I met you. Susie couldn't have had a better friend and support for those 30 plus years. Thank you for all you did to lighten her life, and support her in so many other ways. She knew she could depend on you for absolutely anything, and her trust in you and appreciation for all you did was unlimited. Deane

Deane Willis - August 13, 2015 at 12:27 PM



“ I hope Lacy is doing well. If she is anything like her Mother Stepper and grandma Suzie I'm sure she is still hanging in there...the tuff old girl I remember. Please give her a run for me. I would love to make it out to see you and the horses a. Love Michelle

michelle - August 31, 2015 at 12:28 AM