



Suzann Ford Stoutamire

January 7, 1960 - July 12, 2020

It is with profound sadness, we announce the passing of Suzann Ford Stoutamire, loving and devoted mother, wife, teacher and friend to all whose lives she touched. She passed from this life on July 12, 2020.

Born January 7, 1960 to Lamar and Erika Ford. Suzann grew up in a family where education was valued. She graduated early from Liberty County High School and went on to graduate from Florida State University with a degree in Elementary Education. She spent nearly forty years within the public-school system, serving in various capacities. Her true passion was in early childhood education, where she advocated for those needed help the most.

Suzann was a loving mother to not only her children, but to any who needed a listening ear, gentle nudge or a creative touch. She did not know the word “no” and was serving to the very end-and she would not have it any other way. She was a lifelong and faithful member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.

She is survived by her husband of forty years, Tommy. Her children: Tyler Stoutamire and his wife Lauren; Erin Walker and her husband Adam; Leah Bass and her husband Ben; and an adopted daughter, Judy Sexton. As well as her grandchildren that she loved dearly: Reid Stoutamire, Annalohrer & Whitaker Walker and two grandpups-Kevin and Bruce Bass. She is also survived by her mother, Erika Ford and two siblings: Stephen & Vanesa Ford and Maria & Joseph Crump. As well as a host of nieces and nephews, that she loved just like her own.

A private family service is being held. She will be laid to rest at the Olin T. & June B. Stoutamire Family Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting that any donations be made in her name to the Florida FFA Association: 5600 SW 34th Street, Gainesville, Florida 32608. Todd Wahlquist with Bevis Funeral Home (850-643-3636, www.bevisfh.com) is assisting the Stoutamire family with their arrangements.

Tribute Wall

SP

“ Suzann was a class mate she was a true person that loved life and loved helping people. I also went to school with tommy and they were always great friends and class mates. So sorry for the loss but be reminded of the good years some never have. Sandra Pennington.

sandra pennington - July 17, 2020 at 09:49 AM

SF

“ Scarlett Jackson & The Florida FFA Foundation purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Suzann Ford Stoutamire.



Scarlett Jackson & The Florida FFA Foundation - July 15, 2020 at 12:43 PM



“ Bright and Beautiful Spray was purchased for the family of Suzann Ford Stoutamire.



July 14, 2020 at 10:36 PM

CA

“ Mrs. Suzanne will be missed. She was so much a part of the FFA family and leaves a hole that will be hard to fill. Many prayers a sincere sorrow; you are all in my thoughts and prayers.



Camille - July 14, 2020 at 03:53 PM

SC

“ A wonderful loving Lady gone from us too soon. Our loss but Heavens gain. You are all in my Prayers.Love to you all ❤️❤️❤️❤️🙏
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Shirley and Tom Carte - July 14, 2020 at 02:09 PM

DT

“ Darlene Tanner lit a candle in memory of Suzann Ford Stoutamire



Darlene Tanner - July 14, 2020 at 12:55 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Suzann Ford Stoutamire.



July 14, 2020 at 08:17 AM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Suzann Ford Stoutamire.*



July 13, 2020 at 10:37 PM



“ *Suzann’s family my heart breaks for all of you. My love and prayers are with you all.*

Dorothea Stoltzfus - July 13, 2020 at 10:08 PM



“ *A beautiful lady that I am so glad I knew...she and Mr. Tommy hosted my dad many times at the hunting camp and numerous cookouts/fish fry! Love to you all!*

Kelly Ziglar - July 13, 2020 at 08:52 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Suzann Ford Stoutamire.*



July 13, 2020 at 07:08 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Suzann Ford Stoutamire.*



July 13, 2020 at 07:04 PM



“ *My memories of Suzann all consist of going to school with her. She was as smart as they come and she excelled in everything she did. She was sweet and a true friend to everyone. She will always be remember for loving heart of mankind and children.*



RIH my classmate and friend.

cathia schmarje - July 13, 2020 at 05:22 PM



Suzann was one of a kind. She was a good friend to me and my family. I will miss her dearly.

donifan anders - July 13, 2020 at 05:58 PM



So sorry to hear of your great loss. Our hearts and prayers are with you all. Raymond and Susan Rus

Susan Russell - July 13, 2020 at 06:35 PM



We pray for yall

Steven Danley - July 13, 2020 at 06:42 PM

IL

Suzann was a beautiful person. I always considered her a strong woman and thought of her as the powerful matriarch of her family. She held her family together during some very trying times. I offer my prayers and heartfelt sympathies to all her family. She was taken too soon and will be missed terribly.

Isabelle Lockhart (her Aunt Izzy)

Isabelle Lockhart - July 13, 2020 at 07:03 PM

CF

My condolences to Susann's families and friends. I pray God will find a way to ease the pain felt from the loss of Susann. I did not know Susann that well in her adult life but knew her as a child growing up with her parents, Lamar and Erika, and her sister Maria and her brother Stephen. They were wonderful people and I know she had to be also. God bless everyone.

Charlotte (Green) Flitcraft - July 13, 2020 at 07:33 PM

JA

My condolences to the family. Suzann was such a wonderful person and educator!

Dr. Jennifer Adams

Jennifer Adams - July 13, 2020 at 08:52 PM

KS

Suzann was a true matriarch and made everything look easy, even we knew it wasn't. She was a beautiful, highly intelligent, creative, selfless soul, and I was lucky to call her my cousin. Her presence in our family will never be forgotten

Kim Stoutamire

Kim S - July 13, 2020 at 08:52 PM

GD

Aunt Erika, Stephen, Maria, Tommy, Tyler, Erin and Leah and all others, my many prayers are pleas for comfort for you all. Suzann is a dear cousin to me. Wonderful memories. Our blue crushed velvet coats in middle school connected us even more - we were the bobbsey twins! We swooned over her Donny Osmond posters and ate Aunt Erika's stash of German chocolate tubs of icing- we each got our own and a spoon and enjoyed it! She would memorize her talks she gave at church-when we were younger thanks to grandma Tury. During high school lunch we would buy a pkg of hotdogs and warm them at the church and eat lunch there. She taught me to love family history. She served her fellow man. She lived the Savior. I love you Suzann.
Gretchen Gentry Dees.

Gretchen Gentry Dees - July 13, 2020 at 09:24 PM

GF

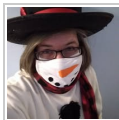
There are no words to express what I feel in my heart right now. I was one of the lucky ones. I got to work with her for many years.

gale ferguson - July 13, 2020 at 11:23 PM

GW

There are no words to express how my heart is hurting right now. It was such a shock to hear about the passing of such a dear friend. I've known Suzann for many years and had the upmost respect for her. She was a bright spot wherever she went and a positive influence to everyone she came in contact with. My prayers to her whole family. Well done faithful servant. Go rest high on that mountain.

Gail Warden - July 14, 2020 at 08:35 AM



Dear Aunt Erika, Stephen, Maria, Tommy and family, I was so sorry to hear of Suzann's passing. Sending my love along with prayers in your behalf, Carolyn

Carolyn H. Gentry - July 14, 2020 at 10:44 AM

DD

Suzann was one of a kind! She was a dedicated educator who truly cared about each and every child, family, and staff with whom she worked. She dearly loved her family and shared many proud "momma" moments whenever I would see her. She will truly be missed as she certainly made a difference in the lives of many.

Donna Doelman - July 14, 2020 at 02:05 PM

ZG

Suzann was an amazing woman and an absolute ball of fire. She could get more done in an hour than I could do in a day. She loved her work in the school system, but most of all she loved her family and served them at every opportunity. She lived the gospel principles that she believed and exemplified Christ like service to all. Her passing will be mourned by all who knew her.

Zann Geiger - July 14, 2020 at 04:25 PM

DE

Condolences and prayers to Suzann's family and friends. I had the privilege of working with Suzann through the Early Learning Coalitions and I know she loved the children of Liberty County.

Debbie - July 14, 2020 at 05:42 PM

EW

So sorry for your family's loss. Thinking of you.

Emily Westergaard - July 14, 2020 at 05:43 PM

BM

Condolences to all the Family, She was a wonderful Lady. Prayers and God's grace during this time. I enjoyed and was blessed with have known her. I also enjoyed seeing her school shop at Wal-Mart, when she was teaching. She will truly be missed.

Bruce Meredith - July 16, 2020 at 03:19 PM