A Celebration of Life for Susan Jean Murphy Evans

February 27, 1948 - April 4, 2021







Sunday, October 17, 2021, 2 pm Monticello Memory Gardens

Charlottesville, Virginia

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Photos throughout & on her memorial bench: Susan & some of the many things she loved



Order of Service

1st Musical Selection, Prelude – Pachelbel "Canon in D" – our wedding song, to which we awoke to start each day during our last few years together

- 1. Introduction / Words of Welcome CJ Evans
- 2. Opening Prayer

2nd Musical Selection – Don Henley, the Eagles "New York Minute" – per Susan's request

3. Poem Readings – Family members

3rd Musical Selection – Spanky and Our Gang "G

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4. Reading of Obituary & Closing Poem — CJ Evans

4th Musical Selection – Nat King Cole "When I Fall in Love" – per Susan's request, for her husband

- **5. Eulogies/Life Tributes** Dylan Evans, Rebecca Gallagher Brandon, Casey Carter
- 6. Brief Informal Tributes William Myrick and others as they wish
- 7. Toast

5th Musical Selection – Andrea Bocelli and Sara Brightman "Time to Say Goodbye" – per Susan's request

- 8. Thank You and Acknowledgements
- 9. Closing, Benediction

6th Musical Selection, Closing – Keith Hopewood & Malcolm Rowe "Wind in the Willows," a nod to Susan's Irish heritage, played as the closing song at her father's wake

Opening Prayer

Prayer of Great Thanks

To our God who sees, we thank you for the life of Susan Jean Murphy Evans.

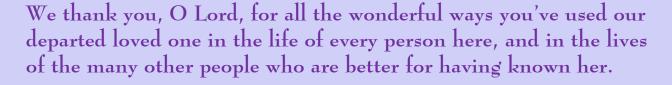
It is painful to gather for this reason.

But in the midst of pain, we give great thanks.

You have gifted us with the friendship and love of our departed Susan.

And as we hold this Celebration of Life, we remember all the good times we've spent with her.

We recount all the blessings we've received – and the blessings received by so many others that she touched and helped – through her life.



We commit this time of remembrance to you.

Amen.



Lyrics to Song Selections

Pachelbel, "Canon in D"

Brian Crain, piano and violin

Don Henley, the Eagles "New York Minute"

Harry got up
Dressed all in black
Went down to the station
And he never came back
They found his clothing
Scattered somewhere down the track
And he won't be down on Wall Street
in the morning

He had a home
The love of a girl
But men get lost sometimes
As years unfurl
One day he crossed some line
And he was too much in this world
But I guess it doesn't matter anymore

In a New York Minute
Everything can change
In a New York Minute
Things can get pretty strange
In a New York Minute
Everything can change
In a New York Minute

Lying here in the darkness
You hear the sirens wail
Somebody going to emergency
Somebody's going to jail
If you find somebody to love in this world
You better hang on tooth and nail
The wolf is always at the door

Spanky and Our Gang "Give a Damn"

If you'd take the train with me
Uptown, thru the misery
Of ghetto streets in morning light,
It's always night.

Take a window seat, put down your Times,
You can read between the lines,
Just meet the faces that you meet
Beyond the window's pane.

And it might begin to teach you

How to give a damn about your fellow man.

And it might begin to teach you

How to give a damn about your fellow man.

Or put your girl to sleep sometime

With rats instead of nursery rhymes,

With hunger and your other children

By her side,

And wonder if you'll share your bed
With something else which must be fed,
For fear may lie beside you
Or it may sleep down the hall.

[Chorus]

Come and see how well despair Is seasoned by the stifling air, See your ghetto in the good old Sizzling summertime.

Suppose the streets were all on fire The flames like tempers leaping higher Suppose you'd lived there all your life,

D'you think that you would mind?

And it might begin to reach you

Why I give a damn about my fellow man;

And it might begin to teach you

How to give a damn about your fellow man

Nat King Cole "When I Fall in Love"

When I fall in love it will be forever
Or I'll never fall in love
In a restless world such as this is
Love has ended before it's begun
And too many moonlight kisses
Seem to cool in the warmth of the sun (sun)
When I give my heart it will be completely
Or I'll never give my heart

No, no, no

And the moment I can feel (feel that) that
You feel that way too
Is when I fall in love with you
(Doo, doo, doo, doo, doo)
Ooh, ooh

(Doo, doo, doo, doo, doo)

La, la, la, la, la, la, la

Oh and when I give my heart

It will be completely

Or I'll never, ever give my heart Mmm, but the moment that I (feel that) feel that

You feel the same way too
And I hope you do
Is when I fall in love
When I fall in love
When I fall in love
(With you)

Woo, woo, woo, woo, woo (Doo, doo, doo, doo, doo)

Woo, woo, woo, woo, woo, (Doo, doo, doo, doo, doo, doo, doo)
Oh yeah

When I fall, when I fall, oh, yeah, (Doo, doo, doo, doo, doo, doo)



In love

(Doo, doo, doo, doo, doo)

And I'm not gonna stop 'til I fall in love with you

(Not gonna stop 'til I fall in love with you)

Hey, hey, hey, hey, yeah

I'm not gonna stop 'til I fall in love with you

(Not gonna stop 'til I fall in love with you)

No, Baby, and it will be completely, yeah, yeah

(Doo, doo, doo, doo, doo)

It will be so sweetly,

(Doo, doo, doo, doo, doo)

Oh yeah

I'm not gonna stop 'til I fall in love with you

(Not gonna stop 'til I fall in love with you)

Hey, I'm not gonna stop 'til I fall in love with you

(Not gonna stop 'til I fall in love with you)

No how, no way, no, no, no

Not (Doo, doo, doo, doo) any time soon, ooh

Andrea Bocelli and Sara Brightman "Time to Say Goodbye"

Quando sono sola

Sogno all'orizzonte

E mancan le parole

Sì lo so che non c'è luce

In una stanza quando manca il sole

Se non ci sei tu con me, con me

Su le finestre

Mostra a tutti il mio cuore

Che hai accesso

Chiudi dentro me

La luce che

Hai incontrato per strada

Time to say goodbye

Paesi che non ho mai Veduto e vissuto con te Adesso sì li vivrò
Con te partirò
Su navi per mari
Che, io lo so
No, no, non esistono più
Il'S time to say goodbye
Quando sei lontana
Sogno all'orizzonte
E mancan le parole
E io sì lo so
Che sei con me, con me
Tu, mia luna, tu sei qui con me
Mio sole, tu sei qui con me
Con me, con me, con me

Time to say goodbye

Paesi che non ho mai

Veduto e vissuto con te

Adesso sì li vivrò

Con te partirò

Su navi per mari

Che, io lo so

No, no, non esistono più

Con te io li rivivrò

Con te partirò

Su navi per mari

Che, io lo so

No, no, non esistono più

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Con te partirò



"Wind in the Willows"

Io con te

Keith Hopewood & Malcolm Rowe, instrumental

Poems

"When Tomorrow Starts Without Me"

David M. Romano

When tomorrow starts without me,

And I'm not there to see,

If the sun should rise and find your eyes

All filled with tears for me,

As much as I love you,

and each time that you think of me,

I know you'll miss me too.

So when tomorrow starts without me,

Don't think we're far apart,

For every time you think of me,

I'm right here, in your heart.

"Until We Meet Again"

Dorothy Mae Cavendish

We think about you always,

We talk about you still,

You have never been forgotten,

And you never will.

We hold you close within our hearts

And there you will remain

To walk and guide us through our lives,

Until we meet again.



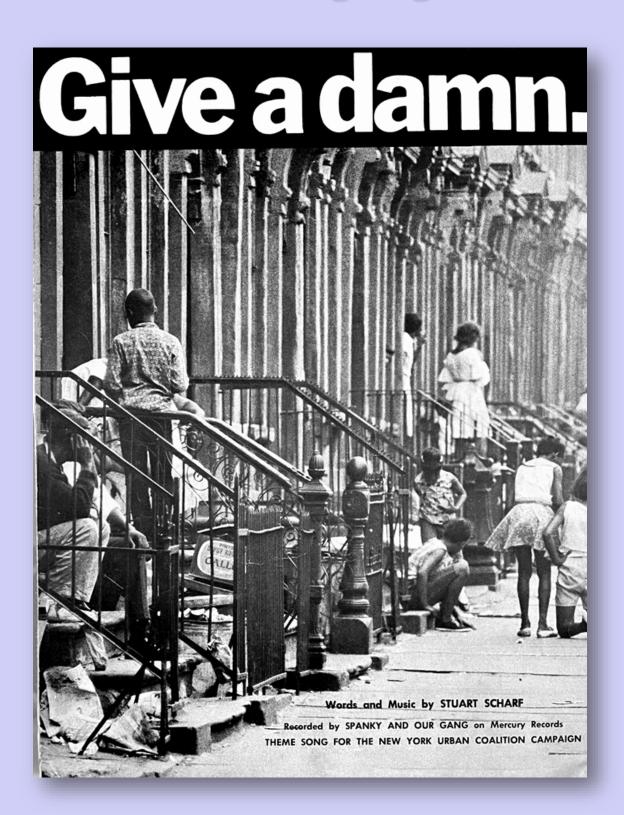
"An Extract from Fahrenheit 451"

(with gender changed)

Everyone must leave something behind when [she] dies,

my [grandmother] said. A child or a book or a painting or a house or a wall built or a pair of shoes made. Or a garden planted. Something your hand touched, some way your soul has somewhere to go when you die, and when people look at that tree or that flower you planted, you're there. It doesn't matter what you do, [she] said, so long as you change something from the way it was before you touched it into something that's like you after you take your hands away."

Career Highlights



Career Highlights: Kids in Distress

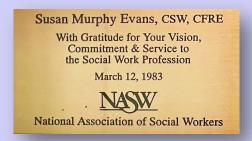


"When a building was needed, you built it; When a problem was posed, you solved it; When it came to the children, you changed their lives. What a wonderful legacy you leave, and [it] will always be remembered."

Career Highlights: National Association of Social Workers

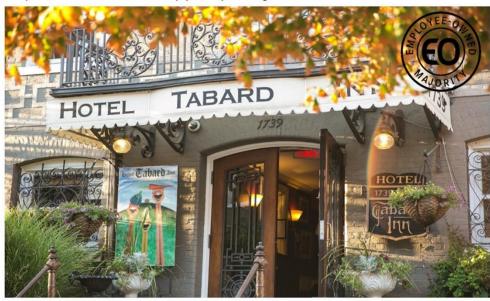
Susan, elbow on hip, is in the photo in the middle row, second from the left





Career Highlights: Tabard Inn

Susan's Final Fundraising EFFORT – and success – was a campaign she carried out in 2020 to help prevent the historic Tabard Inn from permanently closing during the COVID pandemic. In gratitude for her contribution, the Tabard Inn's employee owners placed a commemorative picture with a heart-felt inscription on the frame (see below) in the musicians' corner of the Inn's popular fireplace lounge for all to see.





Awards



20 Essential Fireside **Dining Destinations**





Doughnut Destinations

The Tabard Inn is the oldest continuously operating hotel in Washington, D.C. It will celebrate its 100th year of operation in February 2022. It has been designated as an historical landmark.







"Not in Vain"

Emily Dickinson

If I can stop one heart from breaking,

I shall not live in vain;

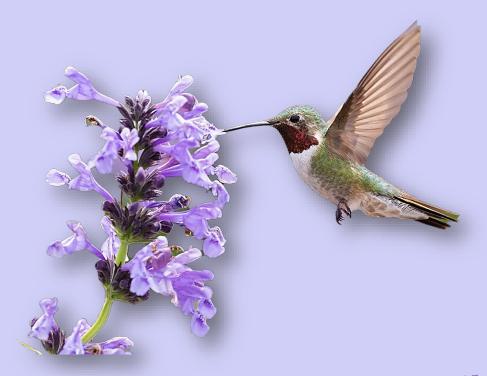
If I can ease one life the aching,

Or cool one pain,

Or help one fainting robin

Unto his nest again,

I shall not live in vain.



Testimonial

On Susan's 50th birthday, from Kelly Anderson

February 1998

Dear Susan,

Happy Birthday! While I'm sorry not to be able to celebrate your half-century mark with you, it's a joy to take the time to think -- and write -- about your friendship.

Trying to capture everything our friendship means, has meant, and is likely to mean is far too daunting a task. So, I'm focusing on one main point -- the time we spent working together, and the effect that's had on my life.

Working at the Rape Crisis Center, I'm exposed to more than my share of idealistic bright young women just starting out in their careers. As my former interns and younger co-workers contemplate launching themselves into the real world, many of them have asked me for advice.

While there's a lot that I can offer them, when they ask how to get where I am in life, I'm stuck. Because all I can advise them is: find a Susan Evans.

Mentor Extraordinaire!

Find a mentor who takes a real interest in you and your development, who's generous and wonderful about wanting to see you grow, who will encourage you to take on more responsibility than you ever thought possible, and will then dump even more on you! (And will support your attempts, even when they don't succeed, and help you brainstorm solutions when you've caused a mess -- without blaming you.)

And even as I discuss my own career path, I realize that most of these young women will never find a Susan. Whenever I stop to reflect on how I got to this point in my life, I realize how lucky I was to answer that ad in the Washington Post eight years ago.

At 21 years old, knowing only that I wanted to work for nonprofits, Development had never crossed my mind. I'd probably never heard of it. What you taught me -- what I never would have learned any other way -- is that Fundraising is Power.

You probably don't remember telling me that the reasons I should work in development were: It's essential to every non-profit working on every issue that I would ever care about, and it's transferable -- I could go on to environmental or women's issues organizations with these skills. Obviously, you were right, since I've now done one of each!

"Mentor Extraordinaire!"

And now I can stand in a nursing home that we helped build and see people living in dignity and comfort at the end of their lives. Women turn to the Center and we help them find the strength to rebuild their lives -- and it matters that I was here.

This strange career path that you started me on has given me the ability to reach more people and affect more lives than I ever could have dreamed. That's a level of power and efficacy that I take very seriously -- and for which I'm very grateful.

Working with you also created an obligation to pass along that same potential to the young women in my life. Just being a boss isn't enough. Knowing you has taught me and stretched me in ways that will continue to benefit the people who work for me.

And so much more...

Of course, there's a lot more between us than the relatively brief time we spent working together. You've been much more than a mentor -- you have been a very special friend.

Over the past few years we've had identity struggles; what it means for me to be outgrowing the role of protege. Part of that growth meant asserting my independence -- sometimes in clumsy ways. We're learning to redefine the relationship with me as an adult. In a lot of ways, we've been going through an adolescent phase.

And I guess that's truly what it means to be family -- to struggle together and to grow and change, but not to walk away.

When you moved to Florida, I had to re-establish my base in DC. From the annual Christmas tree-trimming/divorce party... to (too many) margaritas at La Lomita... to special celebration dinners at AV... so many of my rituals revolved around your family. Your house was literally my second home in DC, the place that Arlyne and I gravitated whenever possible.

I miss that. I miss your presence in my life. I miss being able to see Dylan grow up. I miss the sense of family that we had created. But time and distance never separates true friends... nothing does.

Cross-generational Advice

As I recall you saying many times at Vinson Hall, "Getting older is not for sissies!" It takes a lot of grace and courage to face the changes life throws our way.

The traits that I associate most with you -- warmth, vibrancy, enthusiasm for life, genuine interest in and concern for people around you -- are not about youth. They are the measure of a person's true value and place in the world, and they grow with experience.

"As I recall you saying many times ... 'Getting older is not for sissies!' It takes a lot of grace and courage to face the changes life throws our way."

Your birthday is an excuse to find the words to express what it's meant to me to work with you, learn from you, and be your friend over the past eight years. This doesn't begin to do justice to what I feel, nor to what you deserve to hear. For that, I apologize.

But please know that whatever else I go on to do, it will be in part because my first job out of college happened to be working at an old folk's home in McLean -- with Susan Evans. Fate may seem random sometimes, but I believe there was a reason that you decided to hire me -- and I'm grateful.

The seeds you've planted in me -- and so many others -- go on in the world. You've made a contribution that will not end. You deserve to be proud -- and to celebrate!!!

With love and respect,





Snapshots in Time: From the Beginning ...

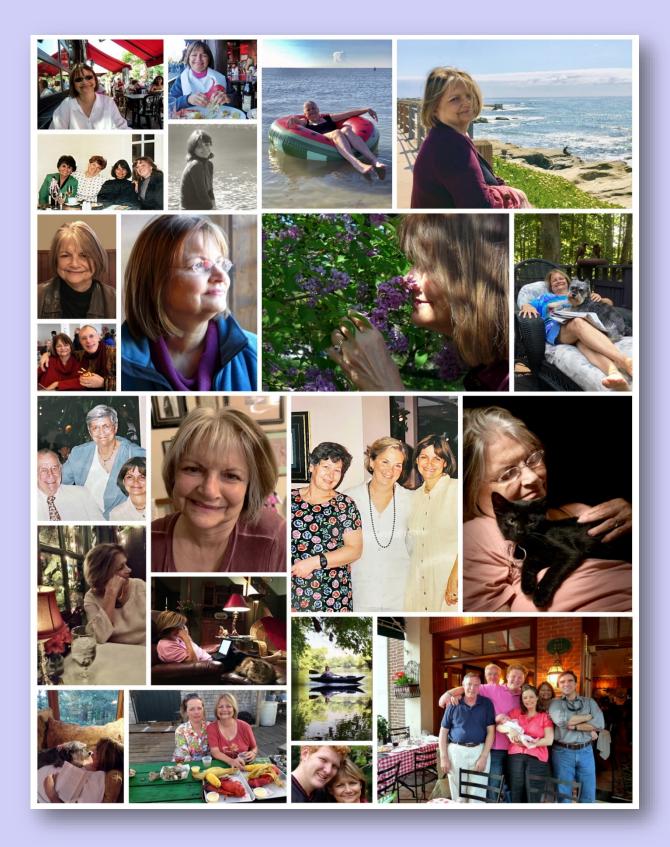


Until We Met ... And Then 42 Awesome Years





" ... there really are places in your heart you don't even know exist until you have loved a child." – Anne Lamott Susan to Dylan: "I love you ... forever and always"



"Memories warm you up from the inside. But they also tear you apart."

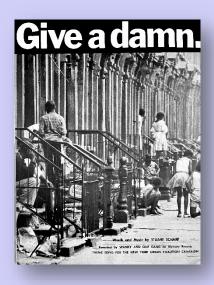
- Haruki Murakami, from "Kafka On The Shore"

Susan's Obituary

Susan Jean Murphy Evans February 27, 1948 – April 4, 2021

Susan Jean Murphy Evans, 73, a native of Maine and long-time resident of South Florida, passed away with her husband by her side at their home in Charlottesville, Virginia, at dawn on Easter Sunday, April 4, 2021, due complications from Parkinson's and heart disease.

Born February 27, 1948, in Brewer, Maine, to Eugene Joseph Francis Leo Murphy and Juanita Wombolt Murphy, Susan attended Northwestern High School in Hyattsville, Maryland, and Lee High School in Arlington, Virginia, received a Bachelor's of Science from James Madison University, in Harrisonburg, Virginia, and a Masters of Social Work from New York University.



Susan chose social work as a profession as the result of riding on the New York Subway and seeing a black and white poster developed by the Y & R Agency that showed a picture of residents of Harlem sitting on their front stoops that said, "Give a Damn." The New York Urban Coalition Give a Damn Campaign, with the tagline "give money, give jobs, give a damn," was put to music in a song of the same name by Spanky and Our Gang.

Susan served as a social worker for Manhattan Criminal Court, an experience that she said was captured perfectly in the description of the "maw of the criminal justice system" by Tom Wolf in "The Bonfire of the Vanities."

Next, Susan worked at the Mount Loretto Orphanage on Staten Island, helping the orphanage's young men rise above the traumas of abandonment

and poverty and develop the emotional and practical skills to live productive lives, a goal with which Susan found occasional success and great satisfaction.

Susan met her future husband, Craig Evans, while living in a group brownstone on 101st and Broadway in Manhattan, where they both made lifelong friends, including each other. They were married at Windows on the World on December 27, 1980, 21 years before the September 11, 2001, attacks destroyed the World Trade towers.

During their courtship, Susan and her husband-to-be moved to Washington, DC, where Susan became a Certified Fundraising Raising Executive (CFRE) after a friend asked her to help raise funds for the Action on Smoking and Health's (ASH's) campaign to ban smoking in public buildings, restaurants, public transit, and airplanes.

Susan combined her passions for the environment, social work, and fundraising by establishing the fundraising programs for the National Association of Social Workers and the House of Ruth; expanding the fundraising development programs for Defenders of Wildlife, the Sports Fishing Institute, Trout Unlimited, Center for Jury Studies, and the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions in Washington, D.C., and leading a successful capital campaign for the Navy Marine Coast Guard Residence Foundation in McLean, Virginia.



After the couple moved to Florida in 1997, Susan became the director of development for Kid's in Distress in Ft. Lauderdale, which is dedicated to preventing child abuse, preserving families, and treating children who have been abused and neglected.

Susan built the development department from a staff of two to a staff of 24 that used every fundraising approach from direct mail to special events to

major donor recruitment and multi-million dollar endowments to increase the organization's budget from \$3 million to \$17 million per year.

Susan also led a successful capital campaign that expanded Kids in Distress from three buildings to a five-acre campus with 24-hour emergency care shelters for abused and neglected children, infant-up-to-18-year-old housing with group parents providing educational, trauma, and mental and physical health services, as well as a family counseling clinic and foster care and adoption programs.



Char Mollison, a Senior Fellow at the Center for Nonprofits, Philanthropy, and Social Enterprise at George Mason University, wrote in her capacity as the vice president of membership and development for the Independent Sector, a national coalition of nonprofit organizations, foundations, and corporate giving programs, that "I consider Susan to be the finest development professional I have known in my 25 years of work in the nonprofit sector."

Susan also created development programs for nine nonprofit organizations in Northern Virginia and Palm Beach County, Florida, that had limited or no fund raising history, and built a large-donor and endowment program to create a director of development position and fund the restoration and maintenance of the Bonnet House Museum & Gardens, a historical 35-acre beachfront estate in Ft. Lauderdale that preserves one of the last examples of South Florida's native barrier island habitat with five distinct ecosystems.

In Charlottesville, Virginia, Susan contributed to and expanded the fund raising programs for Hospice of the Piedmont, the AIDS Services Group, and Habitat for Humanity.

Susan was called "a force of nature" by her neurologist, Patricia J. Shipley, M.D., who made the early diagnosis and treated Susan's Parkinson's Disease. Many of those who knew and worked with and were help by Susan would agree.

Susan is survived by her husband, CJ Evans of Charlottesville, Virginia; her son, Dylan Quincy Evans of Aguanga, California; her sister, Linda Gallagher Myrick of Barnwell, South Carolina; a nephew, Special Forces Company Commander and National Capitol Region Liaison Officer U.S. Army Major William Myrick, his wife, Gracyn, and grandnephew, Liam Myrick, of Washington, D.C.; as well as a niece, Rebecca Gallagher Brandon, her husband, John Brandon, and a grandniece, Josephine, and grandnephew, Wilkins Brandon of Charleston, South Carolina.

Donations in her memory may be made to the Susan Jean Murphy Evans Living Legacy Fund (please see the back page of this program).



The little boat of you and me - went sailing on the deep blue sea - we weathered winds and crashing waves - and we were still in love so we kept sailing on the deep blue sea - the little boat of you and me



"Standing Upon the Seashore"

Henry Van Dyke

I am standing upon the seashore.

A ship, at my side,

spreads her white sails to the moving breeze and starts for the blue ocean. She is an object of beauty and strength.

I stand and watch her until, at length, she hangs like a speck of white cloud just where the sea and sky come to mingle with each other.

Then, someone at my side says, "There, she is gone"
Gone where?

Gone from my sight. That is all. She is just as large in mast, hull and spar as she was when she left my side.

And, she is just as able to bear her load of living freight to her destined port.

Her diminished size is in me -- not in her. And, just at the moment when someone says,

"There, she is gone,"

there are other eyes watching her coming, and other voices ready to take up the glad shout, "Here she comes!"

And that is dying...

Death comes in its own time, in its own way.

Death is as unique as the individual experiencing it.

"If I Should Go"

Actress and comedian Joyce Grenfell

Weep if you must,

Parting is Hell,

But life goes on

So sing as well



Benediction

"Buddhist Prayer of Peace" Followed by [a Christian Benediction Prayer]

May all beings everywhere plagued with sufferings of body and mind quickly be freed from their illnesses.

"May those frightened cease to be afraid, and may those bound be free.

"May the powerless find power, and may people think of befriending one another.

"May those who find themselves in trackless, fearful wilderness - the children, the aged, the unprotected - be guarded by beneficial celestials, and may they ..."

[forever bask in the gory of our Lord, Jesus Christ ...

[Grant that Susan, our wife, our mother, our aunt, and our friend, may sleep here in peace until you awaken her to glory, for you are the resurrection and the life.

Then she will see you face to face and in your light will see the light and know Your splendor, for you live and reign forever and ever, as she will in your Devine company.

[Amen.]

So That We Never Forget ...

A Biving Begacy Fund is being established to carry on Susan's passion for helping those in need

During a career spanning nearly 50 years, Susan not only helped abused women and children, the disabled and homeless, and those in heartwrenching poverty, but inspired others to do so as well, and empowered governing boards, executive directors, staff, volunteers, and donors to set ever higher goals to do more to help more people.

This is the legacy that Susan's husband, CJ Evans, wishes to carry forward.

The Susan Jean Murphy Living Legacy Fund will be endowed with its lead gift in mid-2022.

In the meantime, donations in Susan's memory to launch the foundation's programs are greatly appreciated. For details, please see the back cover of this program.

The Susan Jean Murphy Evans Biving Begacy Fund will be supporting:



- A Development Officer/Fundraiser Mentoring Program in cooperation with the Madison House at the University of Virginia
- A Patient Assistance Fund in cooperation with UVA Health
- Health, Nutrition, Housing & Employment Micro Grant Programs
- Community-based nonprofit programs that support individual empowerment, under-served communities, small business startup, social justice, and employee-ownership

To learn more about the foundation and the programs it will be supporting, please visit the working draft of the Susan Jean Murphy Living Legacy Fund website (which has been created to assist in structuring the Fund; the website will not become public until the foundation is fully endowed):

https://craig4868.wixsite.com/livinglegacyfund.



Donations in Susan's Memory

Donations to the Susan Jean Murphy Evans Biving Begacy Fund will help in carrying forward Susan's legacy & launching its programs

A Donor-Advised Fund is being established on behalf of the Susan Jean Murphy Evans Living Legacy Fund. Once established, Tax-deductible donations can be made in Susan's memory to launch the Living Legacy Fund's giving programs. In the meantime, you are invited to make a pledge for a donation to initiate these programs. To do so, please to:

https://craig4868.wixsite.com/livinglegacyfund/donation

Thank you ... from both Susan & CJ!