



## Ms. Carolyn Suzanne Carruthers

March 25, 1939 - January 20, 2019

Carolyn “Suzanne” Carruthers, 79, of Columbia, died Sunday, January 20, 2019. Born March 25, 1939, in Charleston, West Virginia, she was a daughter of the late Thomas Franklin Carruthers and Macel Davis.

Suzanne worked as an Investigator for the Department of Social Services, Child Support Enforcement Division. In her free time, she enjoyed judging cookoff’s with the South Carolina Barbeque Association. Suzanne was a master Gardner and an animal lover, especially enjoying rescue and raise cats.

Survivors include her children, Elizabeth Carr Rudisill (Wesley O’Dell), Sandra Rudisill Burnett, Jennifer Rudisill Hudson (Steve), and Dorus “Chip” Paul Rudisill, III; grandchildren, Michael Stevenson Burnett, Christopher Thomas Burnett, Barbara Jayne Hudson, Zachary Paul Hudson, and Steven Joseph Hudson; great-grandchildren, Chloe Grace Burnett and Davis Michael Burnett; and her brother, Thomas Carruthers (Cara Tate).

Shives Funeral Home, Trenholm Road Chapel, is assisting the family.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Animal Protection League, [aplsc.org](http://aplsc.org); or to the City Animal Shelter, [animalmission.org](http://animalmission.org)

# Comments

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“ Suzanne will be missed in our neighborhood. She had a delightful sense of humor, and was an animated conversationalist. I have recently been looking through photo albums from our annual neighborhood park picnic we had in years past, and photos of her bring fond memories. She always enjoyed those gatherings. Her care and concern during my late husband's illness in 2012 will not be forgotten by me. She brought a small black box, decorated with a lovely gold bow, to him: it was filled with slips of paper on which she had neatly written by hand various quotes and encouraging comments for him to read daily. I still have that box, and it is a memorable treasure by which I will remember this dear lady. On one of the notes is "The way you're handling what has been dealt to you is so inspiring. Your spirit is shining through it all, thanks to your family and God." The same can be said of Suzanne.

Iwana G. Ridgill - January 30, 2019 at 08:50 AM

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“ Suzanne was a dear friend and I will miss her, her smile and her laugh. I am so very sorry for your loss. I met Suzanne in college where we roomed together one year. A few years later we were so surprised to learn both of our daughters ("Rudi" and Dana) were born on the same day. I was thrilled when Suzanne decided to make her home in Columbia. I regret that we didn't have more time to spend together through the years. I hoped when Sandy moved to an area not too far from me that now was the time to revisit. We did, however, have many phone conversations. I miss her so much.

To each of you girls, Chip, Tom and your children, your have my deepest sympathy.  
Betsy McCarley Archer  
Chapin, SC

Betsy McCarley Archer - January 29, 2019 at 11:37 AM

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“ Suzanne worked out with me for several years-I always enjoyed seeing her!! She was a joy and always shared many compliments. Her love for animals was admirable-one time when she was working out I chased down and swatted a pesky fly-she fused at me for my actions!! In recent years we saw each other at Publix on Forest Drive-I will miss Suzanne and our Friendship!! Every year at Christmas I would send her one of our Christmas cards that I had painted-sent her one this past Christmas. Praying for her Family, GOD bless you all. Neil Derrick

Neil Derrick - January 23, 2019 at 09:08 AM

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“ ELIZABETH RUDISILL lit a candle in memory of Ms. Carolyn Suzanne Carruthers



**ELIZABETH RUDISILL** - January 22, 2019 at 08:55 PM



“ Love Mommy infinitely.

**ELIZABETH RUDISILL** - January 22, 2019 at 08:57 PM



“ I met and worked with Suzanne back when Child Support Enforcement was part of the Attorney General's Office, in the pre-DSS era. She was fantastic at her job, and a real personality around the office. Simply stated, you could not get anything past her. I am so sorry for your loss.

Jim Bogle, Columbia SC

**Jim** - January 28, 2019 at 10:08 AM