



Susan "Susie" (Glotzbach) Sackman

September 12, 1958 - June 28, 2013

Susan Elaine (Glotzbach) Sackman, 54, Herndon, VA, passed away unexpectedly Friday, June 28, 2013. Susie was born September 12, 1958 in Topeka, KS, the daughter of Herbert and Irene (Renyer) Glotzbach. She graduated from Hayden High School in 1976 and earned her Bachelor of Arts in Mathematics at Washburn University in 1980, where she was a member of Kappa Mu Epsilon, the Mathematics honor society, and Angel Flight, an AFROTC affiliated group. She continued her education and earned her Master of Arts from Air University, Montgomery AL. Susie was very proud of her service to our country, serving as an Air Force civil servant for almost thirty years, with her most recent assignment being the senior Strategic Analyst for the National Guard Joint Staff. In addition to math and numbers, Susie loved the written word, poetry, and writing. Though never published, she had written a number of children's stories. She enjoyed her travels around the globe because of various military assignments, including an assignment in Turkey; she and Bill enjoyed their many trips to various destinations in the U.S. She was also very proud of her cycling, especially her Century bike rides. Survivors include her life partner, Bill Herbert and his daughter, Kimberly Herbert, both of Herndon, VA; siblings, Mike (Caroll) Glotzbach and Barbara (Larry) Shipman of Topeka and Ed (Julie) Glotzbach of St. Louis. She was preceded in death by her brother, David, and her parents. Susie will be greatly missed by all, but especially her beloved nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews. Family will greet friends from 8:30 to 10 a.m. Saturday, July

13, 2013, at Mother Teresa of Calcutta Catholic Church, Topeka, KS, where Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Inurnment will follow at Mount Calvary Cemetery, Topeka. Memorial contributions may be made to the Susan Sackman Memorial Scholarship Fund at Washburn University, sent in care of Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614. To view Susie's photo album, click the link below. [Susie's Photo Album](#)

Tribute Wall



“ Susan "Susie" (Glotzbach) Sackman

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ My fond memories of Susie include her humor and positive personality. We laughed, talked, and shared work stories many times over dinner with friends, and of course, with Bill. She loved her cycling and her thoughts of retirement, so I was so happy for her when she was able to make that a reality and had some time to relax. She truly made a positive impact on those that she knew, and even those that she didn't. Her generosity included being a bone marrow donor, not once, but twice, for strangers. I think of her often and offer my condolences and prayers to Bill and to Susie's family.

Sheila Schnellenberger - August 13, 2013 at 10:06 AM



“ To family and friends of Susie, Susie was a truly good person and cared about the people she worked with and around. I worked with Susie back in the 1997-98 time frame when we were in Arlington, VA. It was great working with her because she was an expert in the programming work and she kept the atmosphere fun and light for all of us around her. We loved her wit and energy in an often demanding work environment in DC. She will be very missed by all that knew her. Please accept my condolences and prayers in this difficult period. - Bill Ryan

Bill Ryan - July 31, 2013 at 02:45 PM

DH

“ Dear Barb, Mike and families -
Sending our sympathy, thoughts and prayers.

Duane & Rosie Henson - July 28, 2013 at 10:33 AM

VR

“ The AT&T Telecom Life Pioneers send their condolences to the
Glotzbach family.

Virginia Richards - July 12, 2013 at 05:38 PM

NP

“ Bill,
I learned a lot about the National Guard and how to survive as a GS
peon while working with Susie. She was a faithful patriot whose
dedicated service was a benefit to our nation. She was a charming
storyteller and a great person to have in your corner. Those who got
to know her knew what a special spirit she was and will miss her.
My condolences to you and the Glotzbachs.
With love,
Nicole

Nicole Pearson - July 12, 2013 at 11:31 AM

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“ Bill, my thoughts and love are with you, Kimberly, and Susie’s family.

I worked with Susie at the Guard Bureau for far too short a time between 2000 and 2003. What a “Dame!” Think “Auntie Mame” or Katherine Hepburn. (I think Susie would like that description. It is sent full of love and admiration.) She loved Lincoln and would wax philosophical on his merits, leadership and speeches. Susie had a deviously wicked wit, complete with an impertinent smirk and the most mischievous twinkle in her eye. It was a challenge, as well as a joy, to keep up with her or try to match witticisms. Susie had impeccable integrity and truly felt the moral obligation to do the “right thing” in every task she was given. She was often disillusioned by the political and bureaucratic necessity to compromise and always fought ferociously for her principled position.

If only I could explain exactly what Susie did, while I knew her, I would. As I recall she managed very limited resources (workdays) between users (92 Air National Guard units) and the finance budgeteers (each day = \$XXX). No one wanted her answers but everyone wanted her resources. She was pressured up one side and down the other daily. I knew I did not want her job ever and likely told her so.

Susie was a warm, loving woman with a huge heart. Susie made me laugh and cry. Every time I see the comic strip “Mutts” I think of her affected “Schmeel” slurred speech so much like the the cat who plays “Little pink sock” with abandon. She was inspired to complete Breast Cancer walks and raised money and hope for so many others. She made me think, made me a better boss, friend and person. I hope you find a way to keep or publish her stories. She had a lot of fun visiting with the characters as they told her their tales. Susie and Bill had the good fortune to spend 17 years together, a relationship Susie treasured. Bill you were her “Rock”, her refuge in the storm, her confidant and her #1 supporter. Susie glowed in your presence. I will never forget Susie or her integrity,

bright smile and sense of humor. I think she is overseeing us all if not absorbed playing "little pink sock".

Kelly Timmons, Col USAF (Ret) - July 11, 2013 at 10:59 PM

SH

“ *Dear Barb and family. We are so shocked with this news and so very very sorry for you all. Such a hard year. Keep leaning on each other...and know you are in our thoughts and prayers.*

*Hugs,
Steve and Sue Huston*

Sue and Steve Huston - July 11, 2013 at 09:47 PM

DH

“ *To Susie's Family: Vicki and I were extremely saddened for the loss of Susie. Our condolences and prayers are with you.*

I worked with Bill and met Suzie thru that relationship. Was with them both on many occasions - from holidays in Canada to visiting in their home. Suzie was always honest and forthright in her feelings. She was witty and fun. She was, always, always, professional and personable. We will miss Suzie and pray for her family and friends. Darrel

While I did not get to spend as much time with Suzie as did Darrel, Suzie was one of those people, whom once you met, was just like a lifelong friend. She was so warm and kind; I loved her "sassy". Darrel and I got to stay at her condo one visit to DC; she had it set like a B&B for us - such hospitality. During this incredibly hard time, we do pray that your fond memories will help ease your pain. She was a great lady. Vicki Huskey

Darrel & Vicki Huskey - July 11, 2013 at 08:32 PM

CM

“ My sincere condolences to your family. Susie will always be a very special and important member of the National Guard family. She was always a voice of compassion and concern. Many days at the National Guard Bureau were brightened just by hearing "good morning and how are you today?" Susie made this journey through life a better experience. She will be missed by many folks who were, and still are, in the National Guard and she will be missed by me but she will not be forgotten.

I wish you all peace and good memories. Steve Mason

CMSgt (Ret) Stephen Mason - July 11, 2013 at 07:23 PM

BJ

“ *Susie's Family:*

I met Susie through Bill Herbert. Bill and I are both survivors of north NJ and the military, so the bonding was immediate, as it was with Susie who seemed to blend right into the environment. As Bill and I worked together on the West Coast, Susie would always be at his side, encouraging and creating some great laughs.

She always brightened up the room.

She was a real person, never trying to hide who she really was. She didn't have to hide anything, because you knew exactly who she was.

Bill Jagger - July 11, 2013 at 04:08 PM

RS

“ To Susie's family,
Please accept the condolences of the Hayden Catholic High School community. As a fellow graduate of the Class of 76, I remember Susie as a bright, intelligent friend in several math and science classes. It is obvious from the other entries on this page that she led a very accomplished life and brought joy to many who joined her journey. May God Bless,
Rick Strecker - Hayden Catholic

Rick Strecker - July 10, 2013 at 10:15 AM

“ Dear Bill, We were just 14 when Susie befriended me, a new student thrust into a school full of strangers. That proved typical of her kindness. All her life she made friends and remained faithful to them in a legacy that enriched many lives. Milestones, broken hearts and happy celebrations wove through our lives for the next 40 years. And whether we were together, writing letters, calling or sending emails, we were always friends who'd pick up right where we'd left off.

Our school years left me with endless memories. Sleepovers and secrets. Double dates to school dances. Rides in the yellow Volkswagon Bug she called "Sunshine." Pep Club uniforms to cheer on the teams. The expression on her face when she was lectured for holding hands with Mike on school property ("an unnecessary degree of familiarity!") Good grades and bad yearbook pictures. 16th birthdays.

She could do anything. Her accomplishments amazed me. Of all the students in our class, I think she went the farthest. And not just living in the far corners of the world. Her promotions on the job, buying her own condo in DC -- the picture of independence, finding you and creating the lovely home you shared. It was her own determination, intelligence and drive that set her apart and determined her future. I admired and envied that in her.

Susie was so appreciative of the life you made together, Bill. She expressed it often and eloquently. And whether she was describing your romantic beach ceremony, or the horror of the Sept. 11 attacks on the Pentagon, she could paint a picture with words that brought those scenes to life in unforgettable detail. In her favorite stories to tell, you were the hero. The love of her life. She so looked forward to retiring, to your dream home in the desert and to having more time to simply be with you.

Extraordinary, unforgettable, loving. We've lost a unique woman. You have my heartfelt sympathies.

Jane Albright

Jane Albright - July 10, 2013 at 12:13 AM

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“ *To Bill and Susie's family: As a long time friend of Bill, I want to pass along my sympathies and prayers to you at this difficult time. Bill, I will always have your "six". Sincerely, Mike*

Col Mike Poore, USAF (Ret) - July 09, 2013 at 04:55 PM

LM

“ *For Bill and Susie's family, you (and Susie) will be in our thoughts and prayers. Susie was a superb professional that was always ready to assist anyone in getting things done. Her drive and dedication were well known throughout the Department of Defense. She started her 29 year career as an Air Force Civil Servant by accepting an entry level position as a GS-3 Clerk, Typist - despite having an undergraduate degree in Mathematics. She moved a number of times to places that needed her skills and initiative... in garden spots like Enid, OK; Warner-Robins GA; Minot, ND; and an overseas tour in Turkey; and many years in Washington DC where she spent a number of years in the Pentagon; she attended Air Command and Staff College, Air University, Montgomery AL in residence in 2000 and earned her Master of Arts. Susie's professional life was an example of her dedication to our country. She served as an Air Force civil servant for over 29 years - and her years in the Pentagon culminated with her selection as the senior Strategic Analyst for Plans and Policy on the National Guard Joint Staff. A great person, and a great civil servant - Susie made a difference everywhere she went. She will be sorely missed by us all. LTG Chuck Mahan*

LTG (Army, Retired) Chuck Mahan - July 09, 2013 at 02:53 PM

MW

“ To Bill and Family you have our deepest sympathy on your loss. Susie was a phenomenal person and I was fortunate to have served with her on the NGB Joint Staff. Susie was Col Scraba's Executive Assistant when we met in 2007, she was responsible for my transition to the J5. Her brief was the best, not only the unique aspects of the Joint world but also the do's and don'ts. She cared about people and wanted to help everyone succeed. Later we worked together on the 2009 and 2010 Posture Statements. These are incredibly complex reports primarily for Congress. Susie's attention to detail and writing skills really made the project a success. But what struck me most was the time and care she took to make sure the listings of Soldiers and Airmen in the memorial section were correct. My most lasting memory was when she took Soldier's night shifts as a desk officer in the 2008 hurricane season to give them a break. Susie's contributions to the Guard and our country have not gone unnoticed or unappreciated by her your team. Like the Soldiers and Airmen she memorialized she left this world much too soon. We trust Susie has found peace.

Mark and Pat Wahl - July 08, 2013 at 06:23 PM

BP

“ I would like to take this opportunity to express my deepest sympathy to her family and her friends. I have known Susie since November 2004 when I began working at the National Guard Bureau. Susie was my "cubicle" mate from day one and we have continued to work together ever since. She was just one sincere person who cared about people. I can not tell you how many times she brought me fruit each day over the years. She really spoiled me and others. Whenever she needed help with work, we were always glad to assist her. She was just a wonderful person and I am going to miss her very much. I know that she is in heaven and at peace. I am very blessed to have known her.

Bill Peters - July 08, 2013 at 12:02 PM

LB

“ To Bill and Susie's Family and Friends. I cannot begin to express my sorrow and sympathy at Susie's passing. I always thought we would have many more years of friendship and laughter. I first met Susie in 1985 when she lived next door to us at Minot Air Force Base. She quickly became a loyal friend. We shared many fun experiences (working out in Peggie's basement, squadron teas, dances, Susie attempting to teach me to drive a stick shift!), and some sad ones as well. I will always be forever grateful for the time she came and stayed with me for two weeks after the birth of my second son (my husband was away on military duty). She was one of the most selfless and giving souls I know. We had many wonderful times together, both here in the Seattle area and on my annual trips to WA DC for work. Susie and Bill were the most gracious of hosts, always treating me to a special lunch or dinner, making me feel like a "DC Bigshot"! Susie would always find time to take me to the airport and send me off with a special goodie bag for the plane. She was a joy to be a friend with, admire and be inspired by. I will miss her dearly. From Laura Bach, Lacey, Washington

Laura & Terry Bach - July 07, 2013 at 09:42 PM

SH

“ Susie was my National Guard Sister. We had many lunches together laughing. While I was deployed to Afghanistan last year, she e-mailed once a week checking on me. She sent words of encouragement and care packages once a month or more. She wrote and processed many awards for Soldiers and Airmen praising them for their service to the nation. Susie's service to the nation was full of integrity, carefully written articulation, and expert knowledge that she shared to all of those around her. Serving with Susie was truly an honor. I miss you Susie!

Starrleen Heinen - July 07, 2013 at 08:28 PM

RS

“ Susie – Lea, Jenny and I miss you. We miss your wit and sense of humor. We remember the time you walked into Cambridge and the Kennedy school of Government, stating that now you could claim ‘You’d gone to Harvard!’. We remember shared culinary adventures – deli lunches in VA, lobster rolls in Boston and home –made chicken in Hopkinton. We miss your dedication to the US and to what is right. We remember the many, many kindnesses you and Bill showered upon us after Wendy’s death. It seemed that for years a new package arrived every month with a different type of cookie, brownie, English muffin, popcorn or other edible delight to raise our spirits and communicate you cared. We pray for you. And we ask you not to worry, we’ll help take care of Bill. Love, Lea, Jenny and Rob Steinberg

Rob, Lea and Jenny Steinberg - July 06, 2013 at 01:15 PM

LC

“ To Bill and Susie's Family: Jeff and I are deeply saddened at the unexpected loss of Susie. Her love of family and for Bill were always evident-and her sense of humor was a joy to behold. She was always able to make us laugh-and really knew how to tell a good story! Susie will be greatly missed.

Liz and Jeff Cuneo - July 04, 2013 at 04:47 PM

JC

“ For Bill & Susie's Family: Please accept our deepest sympathy and heartfelt condolences with the passing of dear Susie. We were truly saddened to hear this unexpected news. Our thoughts and prayers are with each of you. Susie was such a delightful person and she will be sorely missed. The world will be an emptier place without her intelligence, sense of humor, and kindness. We will always remember how much fun it was to be around her. Love to you all, JoAnn & Bob Caudle - Powder Springs, GA

JoAnn & Bob Caudle - July 03, 2013 at 09:14 PM

TE

“ To Bill and Susie's Family,
Our deepest condolences go out to you. We were stationed with
Susie at Minot AFB ND. She used to work out in my basement with
Laura Bach, Kelly Spinelli, Beverly Millwee and myself. She was a
beautiful person and will be missed dearly.

*Peggie & Tom
Merritt Island FL*

Tom & Peggie Eye - July 03, 2013 at 04:57 PM

LM

“ To the Glotzbach family,
Keeping all of you in my prayers. I'm so sorry your family has
suffered another loss. May the love of family and friends help
comfort you during this time.

Linda Swalwell Martin

Linda Swalwell Martin - July 03, 2013 at 09:38 AM