



Sue Adams Kendrick DeCuzzi

February 5, 1949 - February 2, 2017

Sue Adams Kendrick DeCuzzi, 67, of Salisbury passed away Thursday, February 2, 2017 at Select Specialty at Novant Health Forsyth Medical Center, Winston-Salem.

Born February 5, 1949, she was the daughter of the late John Marion Kendrick, Sr. and Bette Adams Kendrick.

A graduate of Shelby High School, Mrs DeCuzzi received her undergraduate and graduate degrees in Special Education/Early Childhood Education from East Carolina University.

She began her career as a teacher at the ECU Lab School in Greenville, NC

A well respected award winning Special Education teacher for 39 years in the public schools of North Carolina and Virginia. She specialized in working with preschool and school age children who had been identified with Intellectual Disabilities, Developmental Delays or Autism Spectrum Disorders.

She served as a self-contained classroom teacher with Rowan-Salisbury Schools for many years with assignments at Overton, Landis and North Rowan Elementary Schools.

Her last assignment was as a Pre-K Itinerant Special Education teacher traveling Rowan County working with students in their homes or daycare centers.

Ms. DeCuzzi respected each child's strengths and endeavored to meet their needs no matter what those needs might be. She thrived on the challenge of meeting these diverse needs and never turned any child away.

She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, Greenville, NC. She enjoyed daily reading and working jigsaw puzzles and spend time with her companion Fenway, cooking, music, rescuing animals, going to the mountains, and spending time with her family and friends. She loved drawing, painting and was a collector of many thing including art and books.

Those left to cherish her memory are her rescued K9 companion of 7 years, Fenway; daughter, Amy Hope Mann and husband Billy; granddaughter, Elizabeth Susan Belle Mann; great-grandchildren, Jaxon C. Mann and Parker W. Mann all of Roanoke Rapids; brother, John M. Kendrick, Jr. and wife Jan of Shelby; nephew John Adam Kendrick and wife Kristin of Cincinnati, OH.

The family will receive friends from 2-4 pm Sunday, February 5, 2017 at the Summersett Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Faithful Friends, PO Box 3097, Salisbury, NC 28145 or Rowan County Special Olympics, c/o Jesse Byrd, 828 W. Jake Alexander Blvd., Salisbury, NC 28147

Summersett Funeral Home is serving the DeCuzzi family. Online condolences may be made at www.summersettfuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 5. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Summersett Funeral Home
1315 W. Innes St.
Salisbury, NC 28144
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<https://www.summersettfuneralhome.com>

Tribute Wall

PC

“ I just learned today of Sue's passing. I just wanted to say how sorry I am to hear this. She was a customer of mine at Stitchin Post Gifts. We will miss her very much. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with the family during this difficult time.

Pam Coffield

Pam Coffield - February 08, 2017 at 02:36 PM

SC

“ I did my student teaching under Sue at Stokes Elementary School in Stokes, NC. She was a fantastic teacher and mentor. I was sorry to hear of her passing. My thoughts and prayers go out to her family.

Sheryl Clifton

sheryl clifton - February 07, 2017 at 01:40 PM

MM

“ My deepest condolences to your family. Continue to cherish the memories you shared until you can meet again. May the words at 1 Thes. 4:14 comfort your heart knowing there is hope for your loved one.

M Morales - February 07, 2017 at 06:45 AM

BS

“ We are very sorry to learn of Susie's death. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this time.

Bee and Martha Strain

Bee/Martha Strain - February 06, 2017 at 04:53 AM

MH

“ Amy,
I always loved to hear Sue's book/movie reviews at Sunshine Video in Greenville. She touched so many lives with her intelligence, warmth and wit. May you find comfort in many fond memories. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.
Marty Hackney

Marty Hackney - February 05, 2017 at 04:13 PM

CL

“ So sorry to hear about Sue's death. I attended high school with her in Shelby. Thoughts and prayers with family.

Carol Lee - February 05, 2017 at 11:29 AM

JB

“ Amy,
We are so sorry to learn of Sue's death. We live at Barngate. Always loved your mom. Our prayers are with you.
Jim and Barbara Walters

Jim and Barbara - February 04, 2017 at 05:10 PM

CP

“ Amy R D and Dale I are sorry for your family lost she was very a sweet lady and we always rremember your mom we all still love you and your family sending prayer for the up coming days

carolyn porch - February 04, 2017 at 10:47 AM

SJ

“ *Mrs. Decuzzi taught our daughter Caitlin who is living with Rett Syndrome and Epilepsy 15 years ago at North Rowan Elementary. She was a very devoted "Special Teacher" and will be missed.*

SHERRI JACKSON - February 04, 2017 at 07:53 AM

MM

*Ami . I am so sorry to hear about loosing your mother . I will beep your family in my thoughts and Prayers .
Mickey Mitchell*

mickey mitchell - February 04, 2017 at 12:57 PM

CI

I am shocked and saddened at the news of the passing of Susie. I knew her from pre-school days. I remember going over to play at their house in a neighborhood on the south side of Hwy 74 W. I think we were third cousins or something. I remember her brother kept calling me Ross one time during a beach trip when we were kids. He had another friend by that name.

CHARLES H WELLS III - February 05, 2017 at 01:27 AM