



## Susan Elizabeth Healy

October 23, 1967 - December 26, 2023

Susan Elizabeth Healy, loving daughter, sister, aunt, and friend, passed away on December 26, 2023, at age 56.

Born in Springfield, Massachusetts on October 23, 1967, to John and Margaret (Peggy) Healy of Longmeadow, Massachusetts and later Tequesta, Florida. Susan grew up in Tequesta where she excelled in academics and music, especially the flute, which she proudly played in the high school marching band. She earned a bachelor's degree in accounting from Boston College and started her career in finance with Arthur Andersen in Boston. Susan later transitioned to the world of private equity, where she built a successful career in investor relations. Susan's career took her from top cities in the US - Boston, Washington, DC, and New York – to the UK with a stint in London, eventually settling in Chicago, making it her home these last ten years.

Susan was renowned for her sharp-witted humor, enthusiastic determination, and boundless generosity. She cherished her close friendships in both Chicago and beyond, always prioritizing her family and friends by either hosting gatherings or travelling to reunite with them for holidays, special events, or just to spend quality time together.

A lover of cats, Susan shared much of her adult life with her beloved

companions, Guinness and Killian. While she preferred feline company, Susan also had a soft spot for dogs, even though she would never confess to being a “dog person”. In fact, there were a handful of exceptional pups she welcomed into her home and volunteered to pet-sit for weekends or have them over to hang out with friends. She was a wonderful “dog aunt” and provided a warm and welcoming environment for furry friends – just not on the living room furniture.

Susan was well-traveled and loved history, especially her family’s ancestry, which she traced back to Ireland. On trips to Ireland, of which there were many, she eagerly scoured old records and explored ancient cemeteries to uncover the stories of her ancestors, tracing their journey to Massachusetts from Ireland. Her enthusiasm for genealogy was not limited to her own family, as Susan willingly assisted her friends in their own quests for familial information. Beyond exploring ancestral roots, Susan’s wanderlust led her to explore a myriad of destinations, encompassing every continent save Antarctica. Above all, Susan loved visiting Ireland and made a point of returning as recently as September 2023, demonstrating her deep connection to her Irish heritage.

Susan joins her dad, John Healy, in heaven and is survived by her mother, Peggy, brother Michael, sister-in-law, Denise, her nephew and niece – John and Katie, many cousins and too many friends to mention, who will be fondly remembered by her family as “Susan’s Village”.

A visitation and Liturgy of Christian Burial will be held on Saturday, January 6, 2024 starting at 9:30 am (10am mass) at St. Alphonsus Catholic Church, 1429 W. Wellington, Chicago, 60657. Reception to follow at Wilde bar and Restaurant, 3130 N. Broadway, Chicago, 60657.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her name to the National Prion

Disease Pathology Surveillance Center, Case Western Reserve University, 2085 Adelbert Rd, Room 419, Cleveland, OH, 44106-4907, or <https://case.edu/medicine/pathology/divisions/prion-center> (note CJD Research). 216-368-0587.

Arrangements by Inclusive Funeral Care, 773-370-2959 or [www.InclusiveFuneralCare.com](http://www.InclusiveFuneralCare.com).

# Previous Events

## Funeral Mass

JAN 6. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Alphonsus Church  
1429 W Wellington Avenue  
Chicago, IL 60657  
<https://www.stalphonsuschicago.org/>

*9:30am visitation, 10am mass*

## Reception

JAN 6. 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM (CT)

Wilde Bar and Restaurant  
3130 N. Broadway  
Chicago, IL 60657  
<https://www.wildechicago.com/>

*Reception immediately following mass.*

# Tribute Wall

LT

“ Susan was brilliant, kind and generous. I was grateful to be a part of “Susan’s Village.”



Laura Tigges - January 06, 2024 at 05:24 PM

SK

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Suchita Kishore - January 06, 2024 at 08:29 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Susan Elizabeth Healy.



January 05, 2024 at 05:06 PM

MB

“ *A big heart, a forever curious mind and always an open door. You my friend will be missed more than you know. I am incredibly grateful to have know you and called you friend.*



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**Michelle Byerley** - January 05, 2024 at 04:06 PM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



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**Mark Tillman** - January 04, 2024 at 10:07 PM



*many a fine evening has been had at this fine establishment!*

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**Mark Tillman** - January 04, 2024 at 10:07 PM



“ We met all those years ago in DC/Arlington where the recently minted adults moved in packs, afraid to push the boundary too much. Snow fridges packed with Bodingtons, Newcastle Browns and the rogue Sierra Nevada fueled our winter weekends and we didn't miss too many! Concerts a plenty, (The Black Cat, the 9:30 club in both locations, and that place in Baltimore that's long gone, HammerJacks perhaps?) our troop saw so many bands I've lost track of them all, but damn were The Mighty Blue Kings a show and a half! Squeally, you lived your life to the fullest, your demure exterior was but a slim shell of the exquisite soul that burned so brightly beneath. If there was one word that best described you from my perspective, it is "Curious." Squeally was always interested to discover something new or different. Besides being so mercurial (clever, lively, and quick) and perhaps a tad gullible, your curiosity is what made you so charming, and something we should all be better about.

Our time together predates my photos (I've looked high and low but I guess someone else has them) but the memories of those mid 90's years are seared into my life forever. Bono perhaps said it best, as the modern Irish Bard, "I'll see you again, when the stars fall from the sky, and the moon has turned red, over One Tree Hill." Rest well, my dear friend, and know that you will continue to live in our hearts until we meet again.

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**Mark Tillman** - January 04, 2024 at 09:55 PM



“ Love, Lorene Reed and Family purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Susan Elizabeth Healy.



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**Love, Lorene Reed and Family** - January 04, 2024 at 11:40 AM

DA

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**Dave Austin** - January 03, 2024 at 04:06 PM

MB

“ *Mary Bchakjian planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Susan Elizabeth Healy.*

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**Mary Bchakjian** - January 03, 2024 at 02:17 PM

MB

“ *Mary Bchakjian purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Susan Elizabeth Healy.*



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**Mary Bchakjian** - January 03, 2024 at 02:17 PM

KC

“ Oh, the places you will go... there are so many fond memories of Susan, I don't even know where to begin. My first thought was how she is one of my favorite travel companions. Starting with the rugby world cup in New Zealand over a decade ago, we've gone to so many places and had lots of adventures. We always joke that there is an Irish pub in every city in the world... they knew we needed a place to raise a toast to you no matter where we go. I feel so blessed to have known you, my dear friend.



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**Kelly Cusick** - January 02, 2024 at 10:15 PM

EB

“ We met Susan when she was just 10 years old when our families moved to Tequesta and our fathers worked together at Pratt & Whitney in West Palm Beach. Even though I didn't see Susan that often, our families have remained close and we always enjoyed seeing her and hearing about her life from her mother, Peg. . We were in contact the last few years and were fortunate to get together with her when she was in Florida visiting her Mom. RIP Susan. You will be missed 🙏❤️

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**Elizabeth Reed Baldassarre** - January 02, 2024 at 09:16 PM

CL

“ I’ll miss you my dear friend Susan. So many memories, too many things we’ll no longer do together, too many to list. So I’ll start with winter nights in front of your fireplace with a wonderful glass of bourbon, interesting conversation and a dog, any dog, all of them always welcome in your warm and wonderful home. Thank you, I’m so very lucky to have known you.



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**Cheryl LaFreniere** - January 01, 2024 at 10:07 AM

GM

“ As a part of her Dublin (pub) family, our hearts are broken at Susan’s passing. We have the best of memories of nights out with her (and her fabulous friends) in both Dublin & Chicago.

*Ar dheis Dé go raibh a hanam.*

*Ger & Fran xx*

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**Ger Meenan** - January 01, 2024 at 04:45 AM

EF

“ Oct 1st 2023, Dublin, Hedigans The Brian Boru.  
Susan, Eoin, Molly.



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**Eoin Fleming** - December 31, 2023 at 07:12 PM

EF

“ Susan's visit to Dublin, Hedigans The Brian Boru 1st Oct 2023. We shall miss her dearly..



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**Eoin Fleming** - December 31, 2023 at 09:47 AM

EF

Susan's last visit to Dublin, Hedigans The Brian Boru, 1st Oct 2023. We shall miss her dearly..

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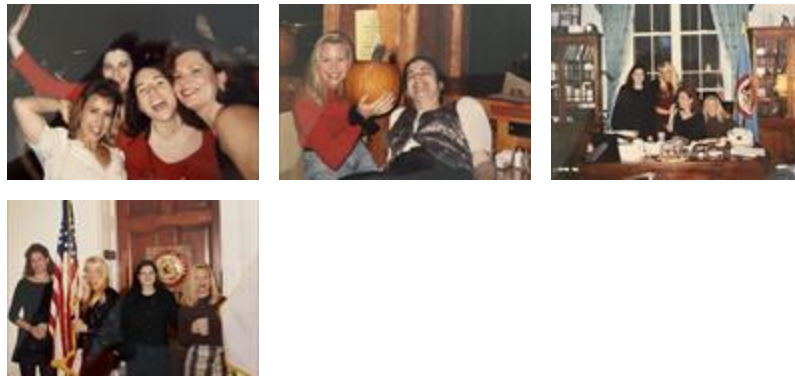
**Eoin Fleming** - December 31, 2023 at 09:48 AM

LA

“ Susan and I reconnected this year and we were trying to figure out how I could come visit in Chicago when I traveled to see my son swim in midwestern NCAA meets. The world had lost a truly great human who was always there for her fam and friends. We will all miss Susan ❤️

Sharing pictures from the 90s (we were obviously still in high school) including some from a field trip to Capitol Hill and a NYE 1995 at the National Press Club.

Susan's memory will be a blessing for us all. ❤️

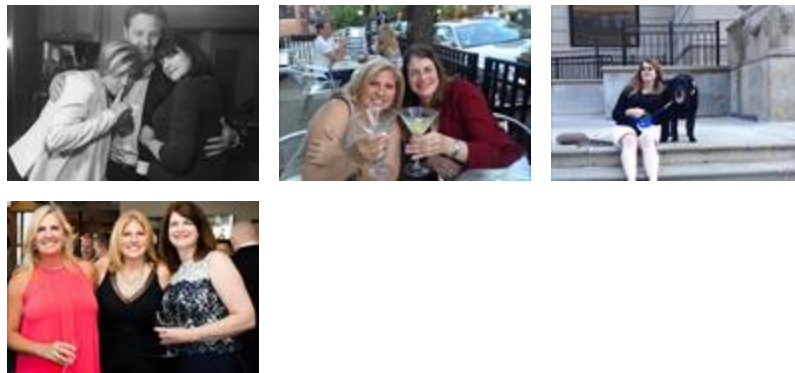


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**Lisa Zinn Anderson** - December 31, 2023 at 09:43 AM



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**Nancy Gaspadarek** - December 30, 2023 at 01:55 PM



“ *Our hearts are truly shattered. We lost a beautiful, brilliant, kind & generous friend. Weather it was card night, cocktails on the deck, dinner get togethers, or binging Game of Thrones, or haunted places in America, you were always there, complete with Cosmo roadies & a bottle of wine in your backpack. The village & all our fur babies will be lost without you Suz.*



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**Nancy Gaspadarek** - December 30, 2023 at 01:53 PM

KW

“ *In all her adventures, Susan was always lived in the moment and enjoyed new experiences.*



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**Kristina Warga** - December 29, 2023 at 09:03 PM

RL

*Our family was truly blessed when Susan came into our group. Her wit, intelligence, quiet spoken demeanor and the many topics we shared was such a treasure for our family. Also she was named the Queen of the "spinach dip", one of her specialties. We will miss you Susan.*  
*Ruth Lafreniere*

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**Ruth Lafreniere** - January 05, 2024 at 11:25 AM