

MEMORIALS

Suzanne "Suzy" Holterhoff Weaver

May 9, 1949 – March 25, 2015

Suzanne Holterhoff Weaver went home to be with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on March 25, 2015, after battling cancer for over ten years. Suzy fought her illness with every ounce of her being and looked on each new diagnosis as an adventure, an opportunity for God to use her and her illness to encourage others as they traveled their roads of illness and treatment. She determined early on in her illness that she was going to glorify God and praise Him continually. She did just that with every person she met. She always had a wonderful smile on her face wherever she was, no matter how much she was hurting or how sick she felt.

Suzy was a born teacher, both in academics and in the Scriptures. When you were with her, it was obvious that she knew her Savior and what the Bible said. She was a native of Stockton, California, but during her childhood she also lived in Decatur, Georgia; Greenville, South Carolina; and Cincinnati, Ohio. She graduated from high school in Charleston, West Virginia, and she earned B.S. and M.Ed. degrees in education from the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga. She taught Physical Education and Wellness at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga for fifteen years and an additional six years at Lee University in Cleveland, Tennessee. She made sure she presented the Gospel to her students as well as teaching them the principles of a healthy lifestyle. When she taught at Lee, her classes also had a devotional at the beginning of each class. She taught her stepfather, Wally Henry, to use a white cane for mobility when she learned that he was losing his sight; she was concerned that he know how to ambulate when he could no longer see.

Suzy and Herman were married for 45 years. During many of those years, Herman played football as a punter, first for the Detroit Lions and later for the Seattle Seahawks. In each place Suzy worked with players' wives to form friendships and to share the Gospel. When they came back to Chattanooga, Herman worked with Sports World Ministries before forming his own Thunderfoot Ministries. Suzy worked with him at Thunderfoot Ministries keeping his records, scheduling speaking engagements, and supporting him in prayer. They were truly a devoted couple.

The last time Suzy was able to come to Sunday School, she asked many of her class friends who had been having health issues to tell her exactly how they were feeling and encouraged them. The next week many of them received handwritten notes of encouragement, assuring them of her prayers for them. She was a one-of-a-kind friend who is truly missed. Suzy always had to have a cause to support, whether it be the Susan G. Komen Run to support cancer research or taking care of neglected animals. When her son Bill gave the tribute to his mother at her Celebration of Life service, he said that he knew what her job in heaven would be—she would be the person in charge of animal welfare and was already taking care of all of the family's animals who had preceded her.

Suzy is survived by her husband, Herman Weaver, son and daughter-in-law Bill and Shay Weaver, their children Addie Grace and Jackson, daughter Michelle Weaver Henry, Michelle's son Benjamin, brother and sister-in-law John and Olivia Holterhoff, and stepfather Wally Henry.

Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make straight your paths.

— Proverbs 3:5-6 ESV

— Nancy Klein