



Susan Andrea Weiner

December 11, 1941 - December 23, 2025

We are heartbroken to share that our mom, Susan Andrea Weiner, passed away peacefully in her sleep at 84 years old, due to complications of dementia and pneumonia.

Susan will be greatly missed by her husband of 61 years, Howard, daughter Robin (David Gusick), son Doug (Jocelyn), brother Ed Fink (Deb), and her six beloved grandchildren: Sam, Sydney, Cooper, Jonah, Ethan and Margo, along with many close friends and relatives. Susan was extremely close and shared many happy times with her sister-in-law Varda and nieces Elana and Rebecca.

Susan was born in the Bronx to Beatrice and Leo Fink, went to Taft High School, studied at Hunter College and went on to get her masters degree in teaching. She taught Spanish and English as a Second Language for 30 years at a Bronx middle school (with many students returning years later thanking her for being strict and saying she changed their lives), before retiring close to when her first grandchild, Sam, was born. The role that Susan was most excited to take on was “Nana” and to say that she treasured her grandchildren is a massive understatement - they were truly everything to her and they all adored her.

Susan met Howard while teaching in the same school, married him when she

was 23, and started out living briefly in the Bronx, before moving to an apartment building in Flushing, Queens. It was there that she started a family at age 26, and made lifelong friends in the same phase of life. Together, they chatted while pushing their kids on the playground swings, running out to the ice cream truck and raising their families together. Susan especially loved having her friend Sandi on the 17th floor, only two floors up from her, and they remained very best friends, like sisters, the rest of her life.

Susan absolutely loved the ocean, so in their early 30's, she and Howard decided to get a weekend house in Hampton Bays, NY. The Hamptons were a big part of Susan's life. She loved her morning walks with friends, tai chi classes, and their bright-colored light blue and yellow kitchen with lots of space to cook. Everyone enjoyed her meals cooked in that kitchen, including matzoh ball soup, brisket and "nana's pancakes" which were from a mix, but somehow her grandkids liked "only Nana's pancakes" with perfectly crisp edges. She took great joy in making those pancakes and watching her grandkids enjoy every bite. Her grandkids fondly remember her stocking the fridge with their favorites, including lime ice pops, cheddar cheese (had the cheese store guy drive it over for Sydney once) and always a nice supply of avocados for Margo.

Some of her favorite Hamptons things were swimming laps in the bay, walking in Westhampton or Southampton or at the ocean, getting a black and white cookie at Beach Bakery Cafe or a black and white ice cream soda at the local Carvel, having the people at the oceanfront fish store pick out the freshest piece of fish for her, or the people at the local farm pick out the freshest fruit and vegetables, wine tasting and listening to music at the North Fork wineries, picking up the "best apple pie in the world" at Briemere farms, dancing to 50's music at local outdoor concerts, finding the perfect lobster roll and french fries (usually taking others' French fries and then caving and ordering them herself, savoring each one and discussing her love of anything potato), having friends

over, making guacamole or chicken parm (still the best version ever), and hosting barbecues on their backyard deck and holidays like Thanksgiving. Susan was proud to be by far the slowest eater at any table, always declaring that it was healthier to eat slowly.

After 14 years of apartment living in Flushing, Susan and Howard moved to a house in Sunnyside Gardens, Queens. They loved their neighbors, having their own outdoor garden space and being a quick subway ride to Manhattan. They were members of Lincoln Center Theater, the NY Philharmonic and the Joyce Theater, and took in every Broadway, off Broadway and off-off Broadway show, classical concert, dance show and foreign film they could fit in, sometimes multiple shows in a day, squeezing in a meal with friends in between. Susan loved taking her grandkids to shows, and always spent a good portion of the time watching their reactions to the performance. If not at a live show, Susan could often be found watching Law and Order or any good murder mystery show.

One of Susan's greatest loves was her Manhattan book club - she developed many close friendships, and enjoyed countless books and meals with that group. She also loved visiting her grandchildren in Chicago and Connecticut, and taking in their games or shows, always their #1 fan.

Susan and Howard moved full-time to Hampton Bays a couple of years ago, while spending a few months in Florida each year. Having then decided about a year ago that the cold was not for them (snow and ice were not happy words to Susan), combined with health and mobility issues, they decided to move to Florida full-time. It was an extremely challenging last year (in sudden, stark contrast to her vibrant, active life, always on the move, always doing something). However, even with declining cognition and growing confusion, Susan never lost the ability to recognize her treasured family. Her last words

to her children Doug and Robin were “I love you” and we are forever grateful for that.

In lieu of flowers, if you are inclined to make a donation in Susan’s name, a cause that was near and dear to her heart is <https://keshet.org/> a life-changing, extraordinarily caring organization which continues to be a tremendous help to her grandson, Jonah.

Thank you to all of her loyal, true blue friends (special thanks to Sandi, Sheila, Linda and Lorrie over the past year) and family for their love for Susan over the years. Our lives will not be the same without her feisty personality and her above-and-beyond devotion to everyone she loved. We will do our best to honor her memory by putting family and friends first, taking many ocean walks and slowly enjoying lots of french fries.

With all our love,

Susan’s children

Robin Gusick & Doug Weiner

Tribute Wall

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“ *My deepest condolences go out to Robin and Douglas. We have special memories of playing together as children and my parents Sandy and Joel Schechter, both of blessed memory. May Susan's memory be for a blessing.*

Lynn Schechter - May 10 at 03:34 PM

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“ Susan will forever be in my heart. We met fifty two years ago and our friendship grew as we raised our children. I have endless, wonderful memories of our time with and without our kids and as couples.

Susan was a party gal who loved to dance. Often, we were partners for all the Lindy dances. Susan made sure that we would be doing the Lindy together at both Robin and Doug's weddings.

Susan and I used to jog, in the mornings, down Kissena Boulevard, in order to get our exercise in before the day began. It was a great time for us.

One of my fondest memories is going to Jones Beach every week. We would go early in the morning and sit and talk for hours, sharing everything that was on our minds. Ww were each other's support.

Susan was like a sister to me. Our bond is unbreakable. She will be missed but never forgotten.

Much Love
Sandi 💕💕

Sandi Shapiro - December 28, 2025 at 01:38 PM

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“ How to begin? Susan and I shared so much over our 47 year friendship. We were each other’s counsel through good times and bad;she always provided reassuring advice when I needed it. There were so many fun times- when it was just us but also when “our guys “ were with us.

One day after having lunch and a film at our beloved Paris theater,instead of heading right away for Grand Central (in my case) or the subway (in hers),we decided “to heck with that”let’s stay out late and go shopping! Being in a kind of giddy, goofy mood we both spied something in the window of Joe fresh on 42nd St.? Summer was coming and we both flipped over a little yellow and white striped cotton dress. In we walked, both of us tried it on, both of us bought one, assuring each other we would just not wear them together. Wrong!! In a couple of weeks Steve and I were spending the weekend with Susan and Howard in the Hamptons. I packed the yellow and white striped dress. Being in another goofy mood we decided to go out to dinner that evening with each of us decked out in our yellow and white striped dress. So much fun! Both of us laughing in a slightly self-conscious way, enjoying the amused looks of the others in the restaurant. It was like we were teenagers again. Simply can’t believe you’re gone. Love you forever.

Linda

Linda Krivisky - December 26, 2025 at 07:37 PM

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Susan was always an attentive dear friend. She was always taking care of me and bringing small gifts of fruit and cookies from the farm stands. Always sharing whenever she found something good or delicious.

Although we met some 45 years ago, our friendship blossomed after retirement!

We spent time together with our men, attending theater, restaurants, and home dinners. Always on the go and ready for anything filling her calendar and her days !

I will miss our heartwarming talks and confidences. She was a true devoted friend. I felt her love and it was shared. Our time together, whether easy or difficult will never be forgotten and we have had both. Rest well my friend. You have left a mark on my heart❤️

Lorrie

LlorrieThompson - December 27, 2025 at 09:04 AM

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Susan was my "older sister." We met in 1966 when her brother, Eddie, brought me to New York from Wisconsin to meet his older sister. When Eddie and I married, she became my older sister as well. We were always separated by miles but never in our hearts. We spoke frequently, visited back and forth but mostly in New York. We watched our children grow up and become their own persons. We supported each other through hard times and laughed in good times. I will never forget her making me (raised kosher) eat a lobster on New Years Eve. Even after Eddie and I divorced we remained sisters. I will miss her terribly but always carry her voice and her spirit with me.

Varda Fink - December 28, 2025 at 07:30 PM

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Dear Susan, SIEP 🌹❤️

Going to NYC museums and visiting the Flower shows at the Bx Botanical Gardens will never be the same. Siempre viva en mi corazón, te quiero amiga. 🌹

Maria Labanca - January 05 at 10:13 AM