



Mrs. Suzanne "Sue" Bauer Oldakowski

October 26, 1955 - October 27, 2017

Suzanne "Sue" Bauer Oldakowski, age 62 years, of Purling, New York, passed away suddenly on Friday, October 27, 2017 at her home. Sue was born on October 26, 1955, in Catskill, New York, and is the daughter of the late William K. and Johanna (Henninger) Bauer. Suzanne was the owner and operator of The Bavarian Manor Country Inn and Restaurant, that she ran with her husband Stan. She was always there to greet everyone with her gracious smile.

Suzanne held many positions of importance in this community. First among the others, she held the position of President for the Cairo Rotary Club. She was the Second Vice President of the Cairo American Legion Ladies Auxiliary. In addition to these, she was a well-respected member of the Tourism Advisory Committee and the Cairo Republican Committee. Although she was an active member in the community, her favorite job, by far, was being a wife and mother. She cherished spending time with her family above all else. Survivors include her loving husband Stan, her daughter Katie, and her three sons: Jozef (with his wife Jules), Nicholas and William. She is also survived by her brothers, William Jr. of Purling, Kenneth and his wife Janet of Cocksackie, as well as several nieces, nephews, cousins, dear friends and neighbors. She will always be remembered by her dedication to her family, community, and life, leaving her mark on everyone she touched.

It was Suzanne's explicit wish to not have a wake or funeral at this time, a celebration honoring her life will be planned at a later date. A vigil to

remember her will be set up at Richards Funeral Home, 29 Bross Street, Cairo, New York, on Wednesday, November 1, 2017, from 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. and 5:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.

Contributions in her memory may be made to The Cairo Rotary Club, 866 Mountain Avenue, Purling, New York, 12470. Kindly make checks or money orders payable to The Cairo Rotary Club, who will ensure that your donation will go to the special charities that Sue held closest to her heart.

“Forever our sunshine”

Condolences may be made at www.richardsfuneralhomeinc.net.

Previous Events

Vigil

NOV 1. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

LP

“ *Beautiful, Suzanne. You are loved and missed.* ”



Lori Proudman-Knoebel - February 12, 2025 at 04:55 PM

LP

“ *Lori Proudman-Knoebel lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Suzanne "Sue" Bauer Oldakowski* ”



Lori Proudman-Knoebel - October 27, 2021 at 12:46 PM

LP

“ *Thinking of you yesterday on your birthday and today, the anniversary of you going to heaven. Love and miss you, my dear friend!* ”

Lori Proudman-Knoebel - October 27, 2021 at 12:36 PM

LB

“ *Ling & Krys Baskiewicz lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Suzanne "Sue" Bauer Oldakowski* ”



Ling & Krys Baskiewicz - August 19, 2018 at 09:02 PM

TF

“ Our most deepest and heartfelt condolences to all. Suzanne made our hearts smile and cared beyond her hospitality. Her charisma and charm will be dearly missed.

The Lombardi Family - December 08, 2017 at 01:46 AM

KS

“ Our family deeply respect Suzanne and her family. We send our heartfelt condolences. Sincerely The Schwarzenegger family.

Karl Schwarzenegger Sr. - November 07, 2017 at 09:05 AM

LY

“ My condolences to the family of a special lady who made others feel special around her. Tho she will be missed greatly, may the hope found in God's Word bring comfort to all of us who have been touched by losing a loved one in death. John 6:40

Lynn - November 07, 2017 at 07:09 AM


Jeannette
Thatcher
Kenneally

“ I met Suzanne many years ago when I worked at the Manor the summer of 72. Her parents had the business at that time, and Mama Bauer ran the kitchen. I remember seeing Suzanne and brothers , William and Kenny around the property. She always had a kind word even back then. My sympathy goes out to her family at this hard time.



Jeannette Thatcher Kenneally - November 05, 2017 at 08:40 PM

JO

“ My deepest sympathy to Stan & family & friends for your loss.

Sue always greeted me with a smile & warm hello when I would frequent the Bavarian Manor for a brew & a bite to eat after a days work while in the area - she was a beautiful person & will be missed.



John - November 03, 2017 at 11:12 AM

LS

“ Suzanne was warm and friendly and made us always feel welcome -when we came foe dinner, She was a great hostess and loved what she did,,We will all miss her.

Linda Schmidt - November 02, 2017 at 04:36 PM

CB

“ It is with deep sadness we send our most heartfelt sympathy to Sue's family. We will always remember her warm smile & how welcome she always made us feel every time we enjoyed dinner at the Bavarian. Our thoughts & prayers are with you all.
Sincerely, Bob & Chris Brandow

Chris Brandow - November 02, 2017 at 11:30 AM



Jessica Shastany

“ Sending love and prayers to the Oldakowski / Bauer Families ❤️ Such a wonderful neighbor and friend, I will miss her dearly.



Jessica Shastany - November 01, 2017 at 04:31 PM

RW

“ *My deepest condolences at the passing of Sue, she will be greatly missed by many people. Fond memories of her remain here across Greene County. Thanks Sue!*

*Sincerely,
Ron Waldron*

RONALD A WALDRON - November 01, 2017 at 02:43 PM

BD

“ *Brad And Kim Dittmar lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Suzanne "Sue" Bauer Oldakowski*



brad and kim dittmar - November 01, 2017 at 01:02 PM

BD

she has been in our lives for so long, always a friendly face, she will be missed..

brad and kim dittmar - November 01, 2017 at 01:04 PM

LL

“ I am shocked and saddened to hear the news of Suzanne's sudden passing! Greene County has lost one of its finest! Suzanne was devoted to all things of quality: her family and friends, her community, and most of all, dear Bavarian Manor. It stands for elegance, refinement, yet with a down-home welcoming spirit. That was Suzanne. My deepest sympathy to her family and to all who loved her. We shall miss her terribly.



Linda Lucky
Anchorage, Alaska

Linda Lucky - October 31, 2017 at 08:32 PM

KP

“ Kathy Proper lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Suzanne "Sue" Bauer Oldakowski



kathy proper - October 31, 2017 at 08:07 PM

KP

Sue was an amazing person. Always there for everyone with a smile on her face. I will miss her so much. Thought and prayers for her family.

kathy proper - October 31, 2017 at 08:11 PM

JS

“ I was first struck by how kind and generous Suzanne was. I met her while volunteering for benefit breakfasts that she always graciously hosted at the Bavarian Manor, donating the use of her restaurant for so many good causes. (Not many business owners would do that, I thought.) She welcomed us all, and when our young children were running around waiting tables and using her equipment, she had only compliments for them (in spite of plenty of amateur chaos.) Suzanne seemed to remember each of us, no matter how much time passed. Her smile set people at ease. It was always a pleasure to be around her... and I imagine she will be missed by everyone who knew her. What a wonderful lady. -Jessie

Jessie Shields - October 31, 2017 at 06:21 PM

MR

“ Mary And Charlie Rappleyea lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Suzanne "Sue" Bauer Oldakowski



Mary and Charlie Rappleyea - October 31, 2017 at 06:17 PM

ST

“ Suzanne was a one of a kind person and friend. I remember our trip to Florida around Senior year in high school and all the snowmobiling we did over at the Manor. She was always so even keel and very kind. My deepest condolences to the family at this time. We have all lost a very special person. God Speed Suzanne!



Sherry B True - October 31, 2017 at 11:09 AM

GG

“ My wife and I stayed at the Bavarian Manor on Thursday night Oct 26th. Sue checked us in and later she was bar tending and we got to talk with her. At dinner she asked us if we would like a cordial cocktail on the house to celebrate our Anniversary. She was such a pleasant person. It was our first visit to the Bavarian Manor and she made us feel like we were regular visitors. Our prayers go out to Stan and her family.
Glen and Hazel Gregson Poughkeepsie NY



Glen Gregson - October 31, 2017 at 10:00 AM

TM

“ So sorry for the lose of your loved one.

When you lose a love, you gain an angel whose name you know.

Thomas & Mary Murphy(Prapolsky).

thomas murphy - October 31, 2017 at 08:23 AM

LS

This is a Beautifl thought.

Linda Schmidt - November 02, 2017 at 04:40 PM

UG

“ Udo & Joan Glosch lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Suzanne "Sue" Bauer Oldakowski



Udo & Joan Glosch - October 30, 2017 at 07:54 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Mrs. Suzanne "Sue" Bauer Oldakowski .*



October 30, 2017 at 07:05 PM



“ *Debbi & I were married in Round Top at The Glen Falls House in 1996. She was a lifelong summertime vacationer in Greene County as were her parents and grandparents. When the place was sold in 2007, we felt without a "home" in the Catskills. Then we found the Bavarian Manor. I should say we found Suzanne. She was friendship and hospitality and welcome personified.*

Deb & I will always remember Suzanne with a smile on her face. Her work never seemed like work. Her personality was contagious. Her gentle leadership was undeniable. The caring people who comprised the staff followed Sue's lead so that a visit to the Inn was always like staying with friends.

Although we saw each other only occasionally, we felt a bond with Sue and Stan. They were in love. It is that love we pray will sustain Stan and their children- Katie, Jozef, Nicholas, William- their relatives, and all those who were befriended, mentored and comforted by Sue's presence. The world is an emptier place for her passing. She left an indelible mark of affection on all of us who knew her, however briefly- which we get to keep and share forever.

Deb & Joe Guastella

Deb & Joe Guastella - October 30, 2017 at 06:54 PM

DB

“ Dolores "Dee" Boutin sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Suzanne "Sue" Bauer Oldakowski



Dolores "Dee" Boutin - October 30, 2017 at 12:36 PM

DB

Prayers of support go out to Sue's family. I am thinking of all of you during this trying time. She will leave a void that our fond cherished memories will eventually help us in our struggles to deal with her passing.

Dolores "Dee" Boutin - October 30, 2017 at 12:43 PM

BF

“ Budz Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Suzanne "Sue" Bauer Oldakowski



Budz Family - October 30, 2017 at 12:07 PM

DB

“ Debora Barbato lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Suzanne "Sue" Bauer Oldakowski



Debora Barbato - October 30, 2017 at 07:45 AM

LM

“ Franz and I will surely miss Sue. She was a Unique, Caring, Passionate of life Woman. Gave her all with a smile.



Linda Mascari - October 30, 2017 at 07:27 AM

MA

“ Megan Adrian lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Suzanne "Sue" Bauer Oldakowski



megan adrian - October 29, 2017 at 06:29 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mrs. Suzanne "Sue" Bauer Oldakowski .



October 29, 2017 at 04:04 PM

SM

“ It is with deep sadness hearing of Suzanne's passing, such a terrific and very outgoing person & friend whom I enjoyed visiting and being around through the years at the Bavarian Manor. My deepest sympathy to each of you.

Shirley Mower - October 29, 2017 at 03:01 PM

AA

“ Amy and Steve Amedure purchased the Love's Journey for the family of Mrs. Suzanne "Sue" Bauer Oldakowski .



Amy and Steve Amedure - October 29, 2017 at 02:47 PM

DS

“ Kenny,
I hope it will help to comfort you knowing your grief is shared by all of us who knew Sue. Such a wonderful person! Such sad news. Please extend our condolences to all of your family.
Sent with a hug ~ Dawn

Dawn Mower Sirizzotti - October 29, 2017 at 02:44 PM

D(

“ Dolores Abel (Stapchuk) lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Suzanne "Sue" Bauer Oldakowski



Dolores Abel (Stapchuk) - October 29, 2017 at 11:14 AM

LC

“ Len and all the children purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Mrs. Suzanne "Sue" Bauer Oldakowski .



Len and all the children - October 29, 2017 at 10:02 AM

AW

“ *A beautiful, kind person. I am a lucky one to have shared moments with her. She will be greatly missed.*



Angela Wagner - October 29, 2017 at 07:30 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Suzanne "Sue" Bauer Oldakowski .*



October 28, 2017 at 08:37 PM

BS

“ *Barbara Antonelli Saxe lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Suzanne "Sue" Bauer Oldakowski*



Barbara Antonelli Saxe - October 28, 2017 at 07:25 PM

BS

I remember Suzanne with affection. She was a good friend in high school, and we continued to meet at the Bavarian Manor occasionally over the years, her smile always the best beginning to every dinner we ate there. We will miss her. ~Barbara Antonelli Saxe

Barbara Antonelli Saxe - October 28, 2017 at 07:33 PM

PS

“ *Patty Sutter lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Suzanne "Sue" Bauer Oldakowski*



Patty Sutter - October 28, 2017 at 06:16 PM

SM

“ *Steven Mann lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Suzanne "Sue" Bauer Oldakowski*



Steven Mann - October 28, 2017 at 05:28 PM

JB

“ *Our most sincere condolences to Stan and his entire family. There are no words .*

John and Jeanne Bensen - October 28, 2017 at 05:20 PM

BD

“ *Barbara Spohler D'Elia lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Suzanne "Sue" Bauer Oldakowski*



Barbara Spohler D'Elia - October 28, 2017 at 03:56 PM

BD

Having known Suzanne my whole life, I have no words to convey my shock and sadness at her passing. She was a wonderful, kind, caring human being that will be sorely missed by everyone who ever crossed her path. Sincere sympathy to the Bauer and Oldakowski families. May the happy memories bring you some small measure of comfort.

Barbara Spohler D'Elia - October 28, 2017 at 03:58 PM

“ In 2001 I was looking for employment as the resort I had worked at had been sold. I answered an ad from a company called Executive Connection in Coxsackie for an office manager. I had no idea that the job was actually for a job in the hospitality industry. Executive Connection was a recruitment group for other businesses but I did not know this until I went for my interview with them. My interview went well and they set up a meeting for me with Suzanne Oldakowski at the Bavarian Manor. I will forever remember that meeting with Suzanne.

It was June and I always had my Diet Pepsi or large tea with me. I was nervous; needing a job. There are few people that we meet in life that we feel an instant connection. Suzanne is one of those few in my life. The interview lasted over two hours! It turned into two people, new friends, talking about hopes, dreams, our lives, children and visions. We clicked right away. I had a new job & couldn't wait to start working in this beautiful place with this beautiful person; Suzanne Oldakowski.

Suzanne is one of those people that make you feel instantly relaxed. There is a sign that hangs as you walk into the bar area that says “Stress Free Zone.” It isn't the building that creates that atmosphere. It is Suzanne, it is her family; always welcoming, giving hugs, making you feel, and know, you belong here, we love you. I worked for The Oldakowski family until 2005 when I needed to obtain health insurance. During that time my friendship with Suzanne grew. I admired this woman who always, ALWAYS, had a smile for everyone regardless what she was personally going through. I watched her battle breast cancer in the most positive and graceful way anyone could. Chemotherapy was on Wednesday and there she was on Friday, feeling quite ill, greeting guests with that smile and radiating beauty that came from deep within her soul. A few times I was fortunate to go to radiation with her and we would take the long way home from Albany, driving through the Schoharie valley and back to Purling. I will treasure those talks, she was an extremely wise woman too.

When my daughter was in a hospital in Westchester County and I had to drive down there late it was Suzanne who went with me. As

you can see, she was so much more than my boss. I love her and always will. She loves me too and made sure to tell me that every time I would see her.

When I left there to come to work for Schoharie County, she wished me well. She gave me a plaque on following my dreams. She was not upset with me. It would be hard in the interim training a new person but her focus was on me, her friend. She was always first my friend, that started that June day in 2001.

When I met John for the first time, I brought him to the Bavarian Manor, the very first day of our meeting. It was my comfort zone, that stress-free zone, even 5 years after I left. Over the years we would go there for dinner and to see everyone.

The last time I saw Suzanne was July 29th of this year. Our daughter announced she was getting married and I wanted to do a reception for her as she lives in Maine. When Kayleigh was about 6 she would say when she got married she wanted to have it at the Bavarian Manor. She came to work with me and played with Suzanne and Stan's son William. She stayed over there with them, he came home with us. It was so much more than just my job there. So, I contacted Suzanne and we quickly threw together a dinner for Kayleigh and Christopher. It was beautiful and I could see Suzanne's loving touch in everything. It was everything I wanted it to be & a beautiful memory for Kayleigh and Chris.

My friend Joanne called me yesterday morning with the news. I'm still in shock. My heart breaks for Stan, her children, Jozef, Katie, Nick and William. It breaks for the staff, the guests and the entire Cairo and Greene County community. Her loss will be felt by so many. She epitomized community, grace, beauty, love. I will cherish every moment that I spent with her, every single moment.

Rest easy, my beautiful friend. I have no doubt there is a special place in heaven for you.

Lori Proudman-Knoebel - October 28, 2017 at 02:20 PM



“ *Michael Brockway lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Suzanne "Sue" Bauer Oldakowski*



Michael Brockway - October 28, 2017 at 12:00 PM

DB

“ *Dennis & Lisa Brockway lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Suzanne "Sue" Bauer Oldakowski*



Dennis & Lisa Brockway - October 28, 2017 at 11:44 AM

EG

“ *I was deeply saddened to hear of Sue's untimely death. Although a great deal of time has passed since I have been in contact with her, my mom, Geraldine Hylan, has been a frequent patron of the Bavarian Manor Restaurant and has shared information over the years regarding Sue and the family's lives and activities. Please accept my heartfelt condolences during this very difficult time.*

*Sincerely,
Emily Eisenhardt Genovese*

Emily Eisenhardt Genovese - October 28, 2017 at 10:54 AM

VW

“ I am always puzzled when life throws another curveball at you. God is smiling right now because he has in his company, one of the most wonderful women to have walked this earth. Suzanne Bauer Oldakowski told me the way she helped people remember her married name was by telling us to think of " an old cow skiing". It seems that Suzanne always could make sense of the the things that I felt overwhelmed by. Although we havent seen each other often recently, I always knew that when I did see her, I would feel better afterward. She was just a "feel good" person. Stan, Joseph, Nicholas and Katie, we are praying for your comfort during this sad time. Hugs❤️ Vivian White-Sharkey and family

vivian white-sharkey - October 28, 2017 at 10:31 AM

VW

I am sorry for poor spellings and bad memory, my prayers for William too. Hugs again and much love, Vivian and family

Vivian WHite-Sharkey - October 28, 2017 at 05:59 PM

MA

“ Megan Adrian lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Suzanne "Sue" Bauer Oldakowski



megan adrian - October 28, 2017 at 08:24 AM

MA

“ Sue will be greatly missed. Our manor family will never be the same without her. We are so sorry for the loss of such a wonderful person. We are here for you guys and we are sending our love. We love you guys. If you need anything at all please do not hesitate to call. Love, Mike, Nancy, and Megan Adrian

megan adrian - October 28, 2017 at 08:11 AM

DF

“ *My family has had many wonderful times at Bavarian Manor over the years. Suzanne was an amazing, soft spoken, kind, lovely woman. She will be missed. Our prayers and thoughts are with Stan and the family. Joe and Inge Dapice /Evelyn and Phil DeLuccia*

Dapice/DeLuccia Family - October 28, 2017 at 07:35 AM

DF

“ *Dapice/DeLuccia Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Suzanne "Sue" Bauer Oldakowski*



Dapice/DeLuccia Family - October 28, 2017 at 07:30 AM

LL

“ *Linda Lawrence sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Suzanne "Sue" Bauer Oldakowski*



Linda Lawrence - October 28, 2017 at 06:16 AM

ES

“ *So sorry to hear about Suzanne's passing, we have fond memories of her in the restaurant. She will be sorely missed. Condolence to the Bauer/Oldakowski and Bavarian manor family..Lou and Ellie Schepp*

Ellie Schepp - October 27, 2017 at 04:32 PM



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Richards Funeral Home of the Mid Hudson Valley Inc. - October 27, 2017 at
12:21 PM