



Suzanne Cornell Dreesen

December 27, 1927 - March 3, 2015

Suzanne Cornell Dreesen, 87, of Bloomington, IN died peacefully, surrounded by her family, Tuesday March 3, 2015 at her home in Bell Trace retirement community.

Suzanne was born in Chicago, IL on December 27, 1927, the daughter of Dana Robert Cornell and Vivian Bilhimer Cornell. She attended East Chicago Roosevelt High School and was a 1948 graduate of Monticello College, Alton IL. On February 17, 1955 she was wed to Peter Krill Dreesen of East Chicago, Indiana where he worked in the family newspaper, The East Chicago Globe. After the death of her husband in 1965, she moved her family to Bloomington where she earned her Bachelor's Degree in Education from Indiana University. She raised her four children, taught briefly within the Monroe County School System and worked for many years at J.C. Penney.

Suzanne was an active Tri Delta Sorority alumna, and she served as chapter advisor throughout the late 1970's, where she was the chapter contact for the producer of the movie Breaking Away. She was also a member of the P.E.O. Sisterhood, Chapter AE, for many years where she held several offices including president.

Mrs. Dreesen was preceded in death by her parents, brothers John and Robert Cornell, her husband Peter and an infant granddaughter Baylee Dreesen. She is survived by her sister-in-laws Marifran

Peckenpough of Orlan Park, Illinois, Regine Reynolds Cornell of Decatur, GA, her brother-in-law John J. "Bud" Dreesen (Rita) of Lombard, Illinois, her three sons, Peter Dana Dreesen of Bloomington, IN; James Robert Dreesen (Kathy) of Excelsior, MN; Thomas Cornell Dreesen (Andrea) of Herrin, IL and her daughter, Laura S. Dreesen of New Paltz, NY; and 6 grandchildren; Jack, James, Lauren and Lindsey Dreesen, Richard Harrison and Sierra Pardus.

A celebration of the life of Suzanne Dreesen will be held Memorial Day weekend, Saturday May 23rd at 10:30 AM in the Bell Trace Community Room. Burial will be at Chapel Lawn Memorial Gardens Cemetery, Schererville, IN at 11am Tuesday May 26th.

Condolences to the family may be sent to; Jim Dreesen 6230 Cypress Drive, Excelsior, MN 55331 and memorials will be forwarded to the P.E.O. Sisterhood supporting higher education for women.

Allen Funeral Home 4155 South Old Highway 37 is handling the arrangements and online condolences may be sent to the family at www.allenfuneralhome.org.

Tribute Wall

LI

“ *Pete and Family. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Sue was a wonderful lady who accepted anyone into her home, making them feel loved and like family.*

Lisa keough - October 26, 2015 at 04:01 PM

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“ *Jim and family,*

So sorry for the loss of your mother and grandmother. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time.

Linda Long - October 26, 2015 at 04:01 PM

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“ *Pete, Jim, and Family*

Please accept my condolences for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you all during this most difficult time.

michael allen - October 26, 2015 at 04:01 PM

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“ *Dear Jim, and Family,*

So sorry to hear of the loss of you loving mother. This is a hard time in your life. May the condolence from those that care give you some comfort through out this ordeal.

Sincerely,

Billie Link Moore - October 26, 2015 at 04:01 PM

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“ I had the privilege of working with and getting to know Sue while working at JCPenney's in the mid-80's. We would go to lunch/dinner a couple if times a week when we worked together. We became fast friends. We often joked that we thought we were really cousin's-in-law in the Dreesen side. My great-grandmother was Hannah Krill and she came to the states with her family from Germany (small town outside Berlin) and eventually settled in Alton and then Belleville, Illinois.

We had great fun telling everyone we were relatives!

Sue was a lovely, kind, fun and fun to be around woman. And I still remember her laugh! Such joy!

I hadn't seen or spoken with her for years, but she always had a very special place in my heart.

My heartfelt condolences to all of you. I was the class at BHSN between Tom and Jim.

Prayers for all of you.

April (Baker)Ayers

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