



## Susan Joyce DeChenne

May 10, 1953 - July 1, 2022

Friday, July 1st, 2022, became Suzie's Day when God gave Sue her wings and joined Jesus in heaven after her brave and courageous fight against cancer. Susan Joyce DeChenne was a bright soul full of life and love. She was born on May 10, 1953, in Augusta, Georgia to her late parents Sarah Odell (Banks) Simpsons and Robert Edmond Simpson.

Their father's time in the service allowed the family to live in many different areas across the country; where, they finally settled in the state of Maryland. Sue attended Wheaton High School in Wheaton, Maryland. She graduated from high school and beauty school together in 1972. Ready to take on life, she opened her own beauty salon "Hair Exchange" in the late '70s. Family members would travel to her salon to get their hair cut creating such fond memories with her nieces when they were young. Every holiday she showed up to Aunt June's with her green bean casserole, but she didn't stay long because she always had more people to share her love with throughout the holidays.

Sue met her first husband, Ty Crawford, in 1999 in Georgia while visiting her dear friend Leslie. They eventually moved to Quincy, Washington in 2001 and later to the Wenatchee Valley in 2003. She then started working at JC Penny Hair Salon where she retired some years later. She was known for her bright energy, kindness to others, straightforward honesty, and pure love for her

craft.

Sue married the love of her life David DeChenne on February 26, 2017, in the Golden Nugget Casino Chapel in Las Vegas, Nevada. Their closest friends and family flew in to celebrate the love they shared for one another. They first met on August 16, 2014, at a wedding for David's niece Jordan and her new husband Dave. Sue was her hairdresser for many years and styled her hair for the wedding. It was love at first sight.

Sue was a fierce loyal soul with a free fun-loving spirit that truly made her easy to love. Her life-long list of friends seemed endless, and she cherished them all like they were her own family. They were all dear to her heart. And then there are The Bitches! They were unlike any others. Sue, Paige, Racheal, and Laurie shared in life's deepest purposes, connections, and adventures. This tribe celebrated and supported each other through all life has to offer. Their love is deep and endless. She loved her puppies Zoey, Timber, and her kitty Gizmo just like they were her own kids.

Sue lived her life to its fullest while never holding back. One of her favorite past times was riding her Harley Davidson which she playfully called "Stella". She loved the freedom and the wind in her face while riding. In 2009, Sue entered the Gold's Gym Challenge. Her strong will and determination led her to take the championship in her age class. She was so proud of that accomplishment. Sue had a knack for taking pictures and "working her magic" on her phone to create beautiful pieces of art. She loved watching others' faces light up when she showed them off and offered them as gifts. Sue had a deep intimate love for her Lord Jesus and the promises he gave.

Sue began her fight with cancer in 2017. She showed the world what strength looked like every day. She continued to live life to the fullest and always shared her beautiful smile. Sue surprised her doctors on a regular basis

defying odds and giving her more precious years than what was expected. Sue is survived by her loving husband, David DeChenne of East Wenatchee, and his daughters; Jessie DeChenne and her children, Dakota and Shyane DeChenne, and Karla Dominguez of Malaga; Joannie and Justin Tincher and their two children Lainey and Kenny Tincher. Her oldest brother, Jim Simpson was married to Jackie and had three daughters: Cassie, Mary Beth, and Corrie. Jim is now married to Martha Bingaman and her sons Steven and Ryan McKnight, and Andrew Bingaman of Lutherville, Maryland. Her only sister Jean Simpson and her sons, Jackson and Robert of Louisville, Kentucky. Sue's youngest brother, Joe Simpson, and his sons, Nathan and Casey Simpson of Gathersburg, Maryland.

A Funeral Mass and a Celebration of Life Gathering will be held at Holy Apostles Catholic Church in East Wenatchee on Wednesday, July 13, 2022. There will be a video showing at 10:30 AM and mass will begin at 11:00 AM. You are invited to visit her tribute online at <https://heritagememorialchapel.com> and leave a memory. Arrangements are in the care of Heritage Memorial Chapel East Wenatchee.

# Tribute Wall

LJ

“ Sue,  
You were a beauty inside and out. I am grateful to have known you.  
My condolences to all those who love you. I'm forever grateful that  
our paths crossed.  
You will be missed.

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**Laura Jaecks** - July 14, 2022 at 05:11 PM

BH

“ Greg and I will never forget the first time we met you in Seattle. The  
Leather and Lace conference was going on at the Hotel. We were  
leaving the hotel and the elevator arrived. Doors opened and a large  
group of Leather and Lace participants were in the elevator, with  
chains, whips, half naked, costumes etc..... Sue politely said we  
would take the next elevator. Her next comment had me literally  
rolling on the floor in the hallway of the hotel laughing so hard. I  
knew she was going to be a lot of fun. She did have a wonderful  
soul. So glad she had Dave, She glowed when she talked of him.  
He was always working when we had our lunch dates so never had  
the pleasure of meeting the man whom walked on water for her.  
Thank you Dave for taking care of Sue.

God Bless you both  
Love Greg, Brenda and Jesse Herr

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**Brenda Herr** - July 13, 2022 at 01:29 PM

LG

“ Sue and I met in Maryland. The year was 1973 and we shared an apartment together. From that time forward, we lived, played, cried and laughed together for almost 50 years. Although our lives ultimately landed us on different coasts, we never stopped communicating, whether it be by phone, video chats or visits.

*We had a bond of love and trust that will forever keep her alive in my heart.*

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**Leslie Gibb** - July 10, 2022 at 10:25 AM