



Suzanne Mary Consford Mendoza

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“ For those who were not able to attend, here is the outline of the remarks I gave at Suzanne's funeral.

We come today in remembrance to honor the life of my sister, Suzanne Mary Consford Mendoza. Suzi was a sassy, funny, smart, lively and talented woman. My daughter Rachel and I signed up to have a star named after her in the Corona constellation. The Corona constellation means 'crown'. I thought that was fitting because Suzanne had just a touch of diva in her! At least she could sing like a diva...

I have a thing where I choose a trait from woman I admire and learn from them by emulating their actions. In doing so, I've become a better person. So for example, from my Mother, her ability to forgive and not hold a grudge, her service to others and how she can get a stain out of almost any piece of laundry...

From my grandma Audrey, I loved the way she ALWAYS made a point to drop whatever it was she was doing and meet us at the door after arriving from a long trip over the mountains (I think that's why she always had a dog so that the barking would give her enough time to get to the door). We always felt welcome. The mental picture of our arrivals are so vivid. Grandma Audrey would fling open the door, shout out a great big "hello" and then give out her famous boisterous laugh while opening her arms wide for hugs and kisses.

Sometimes the trait seems small from the outside but means a lot on the inside. The trait I chose from my dear Sister Suzanne, is her willingness to share whatever she had even when she didn't have a lot. This always humbled me. Whether it was gifts for Christmas, food at family gatherings or camping trips, clothing etc. she always gave what she had willingly and without reservation.

There are some traits you just can't emulate, you either have them or you don't. Suzi had a lot of things in this category... In school she

was 'gifted' smart. She needed very little studying or tutoring. Subjects just came easy to her. While she had a very sharp mind and an even sharper wit. She could come up with the best 'zinger' in any verbal exchange when we were kids, to which my flailing response would be, "soo...yyyou're a brat!" Very persuasive. Suzi was also very VERY funny. She could turn an everyday amusing event, into a hilarious story with out embellishing the facts.

As kids we fought a lot. I guess that was natural. But with the arrival of Michael, we found ways to have fun all together. They 'Hywapa' story for example. Huge snow drifts and diving head first while shouting "HYWAPPA". We would encourage Mio to make up funny songs, dress im up and make him remake his bed until he made it correctly, --big sister stuff. As adults, we became friends and developed a whole new facet in our relationship.

As a Mother, I know that Suzanne loved all of her children very much. I always admired how often she would taken the kids camping, in tents no less! Especially brave when they were little! She knew how to make fun times for her kids in ways I couldn't. Martina, Kristina, Josie and Sam, please know that you have lots of love and support from everyone around you. Mourn your loss but don't forget to celebrate your Mom's life.

We all have lots of good memories and I encourage you to share them.

In closing, Suzi, we will all miss you. I will miss dancing and singing with you. I will miss hearing your funny stories. I take comfort that Grandma Audrey was most likely the first person there to welcome you to heaven. With arms wide open into the light, a big warm Hello and a boisterous laugh...till we meet again dear sister please know that I love you very much.

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