



Eleanor Louise Szugye

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“**O**ur Loving Mother”

Eleanor Louise Szugye was called home February 16, 2014, surrounded by her loved ones. Our mother was born on September 21, 1925 in Sharon, Pennsylvania to John and Isabelle Lurtz. She married Jesse Alexander Szugye on August 20, 1949 (deceased).

Mom grew up in Wheatland, Pennsylvania with her brother, Robert. She started her nursing career in the 1940's and worked hard to support her family. She was proud that all her children received higher education. She loved spoiling her grandchildren and spending time with her large family. Mom enjoyed animals, playing the piano, and was an avid reader. Mom was much loved and will be dearly missed, but we can only imagine her joy of being reunited with her daughters. Eleanor is survived by her sons, Jesse (Tricia), Paul (Cindy), Joe (Sue), and Brian; daughter, Barbara; many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her daughters, Lisa and Mary.

Private family services will be held at a later date. Mom will be going home to Pennsylvania for burial.

The family suggest that donations be made to the Humane Society.



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BS

Barbara Smith posted:

In memory of my mom, Whenever I think of my mom, I think of my childhood. My mom was beautiful as a young woman: she had jet black hair, green eyes and ivory skin. She seemed very happy prior to her marriage. However those days ended and another chapter of her life began when she married my father. This chapter was a time of adversity; however, it was also a time when mom showed her greatest strength. My father was a tyrant and all of us suffered from his wrath and abuse. My mom was the sole breadwinner and we lived very meagerly. My mom was a nurse and walked to work (approximately 15-20 blocks one way). My mom was the "glue" that kept her children together. She was very selfless: her children always came first. My mom encouraged higher education: all her children went on to college and received degrees, except one, he became a very talented artist. My mom never gave up on her children and made sure we all stayed together by her hard work and perseverance. My mom had integrity, morals and values. She also was a strong Catholic and believed in the principles that Christ taught. She passed her values on to her children. I know my mom is in heaven and is no longer in pain. I believe she is with my 2 sisters: Lisa and Mary. I love you mom and I look forward to seeing you. Barbara

May 26 at 7:48 AM

JS

Joe Szugye posted:

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY, MOM! MAY 11, 2014

May 11 at 8:36 AM



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Brian (Youngest Son) posted:

Mom, You survived and lived to be 88 years old. The strongest human being I had ever known. ALL of my girlfriends, and Chris, had your qualities: strength, compassion, empathy, work-ethic, kindness, humor, intelligence, and service. You "spoiled" me because you felt guilty and, because you loved me. You knew I was a sensitive child. The first day of Kindergarten--I threw a tantrum--and you told me I didn't have to go. So, I skipped 1 year. Halloween: I was 11 years old. On my way home with my HUGE bag of candy, a teenager ran by and stole my whole bag of goodies. You were working at the hospital. Paul was MAD--wanted to beat the kid up, but I never saw who stole it. Paul called you at the Hospital around midnight. I went to sleep sobbing. Woke up. YOU (Mom), brought me home tons of candy--and--YOU said, "Brian, you don't have to go to school today." You saved my Halloween. I have your laugh and humor. You were "liberal" before your time. Thanks for watching Jim Jarmusch films with me. My memories interweave from LIFE to LONELINESS. Your life was HARD--no doubt about it. But, you could "Rise Above" any trauma, adversity, suffering and you kept moving on. It was your absurd humor that got you through it--your service for others. Segrain's 7, Lucky Strikes, Jazz music, cats, drives in your car, cooking, coffee, naps--THAT I remember. Thank you mom--you would be PROUD of ALL of your children. We are "good," men and women. PEACE, Brian/Tucky

February 25 at 9:55 AM

BS

Barbara Smith January 27 at 3:23 PM

Loved this memory Brian ESPECIALLY the one about Halloween and how mom brought you home all that candy that one teenager stole from you. 😊😊

RP

Randy Paxton March 26 at 8:37 PM

Found this looking for you Tuck. Very nice. Randy Paxton. Try to contact me. A long time ago man.

DP

Dave Pettingill posted:

Paul and Cindy, I was so sorry to learn about the loss of your Mom. My thoughts and prayers are with you both!! It's always so hard to lose our Moms, I have the most fond memories of my Mom and I know that you will as well!! Love to you both!!

February 25 at 5:04 AM



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KR

Kim Russo posted:

Dear Paul, I am so sorry to hear of the passing of your Mom. I know how proud you are of your family, and she seemed to be the great Matriarch behind it all. I am sure she is well and at peace, and she raised a wonderful Son. My best to all.

February 23 at 9:46 AM

CS

Cindy Szugye posted:

Mom you opened your arms to me and my boys and I will always love you for it. I will always have good memories: the trip we took to California (you riding the rides at Disneyland, laughing when we got lost going to the baseball game, sitting around the fire at the beach), Tijuana (shrimp tacos and huge margaritas), our trip to Phoenix (how many apartments did we look at?), and us taking swimming lessons together (oh my)! You have reached the end of your journey. You have left one heck of a legacy. Your children and grandchildren are strong. You will always walk with us Mom. You are cherished and loved. May you be surrounded by loved ones until we are together again.

February 22 at 6:01 AM

SS

Sue Szugye posted:

I will always cherish the memories I have of Eleanor. Whenever I smell coffee brewing or cookies baking in the oven, I will remember-and I'll smile. Sleep well dear lady.I love you-Sue

February 21 at 5:07 PM

AS

Amie Szugye posted:

Grandma Szugye, I was lucky enough to have you so close by during some of my childhood. You were just a few houses down and I loved always spending time with you at your apartment. I miss riding in your white car with maroon interior while you smoked your Lucky Strikes. Your house always smelled of coffee and I always remember playing with that potato face pillow you had with you. You never missed a birthday and I looked forward to your presents you would send each year. I remember you always got me things I loved. Some of my favorites were cuddly bear in the purple Velvet dress I slept with every night,the lion king underwear set, and the giant sucker the size of my face. You always made me smile, and your kind words always stayed with me as I grew older. I'm sorry I didn't visit more once you were in the home. It didn't mean I didn't care or think of you. I wish you could have met my baby girl. I knew you would have loved her and would be a proud great grandma. We all loved you so much. Thank you for being such a kind caring person whom I have looked up to so much.

February 21 at 1:22 PM



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Ashley Szugye posted:

My childhood was spent right in the middle of fifth avenue. To the corner on the west was my grandma Norma, and to the corner on the east my grandma Szugye. There are times when I wake up to the smell of coffee, and the sound of newspaper pages flipping that take me to her place. That damn work out bike thing that took both my little sister and I to power. The time she told Amie and I to knock our selves out when we asked if it was ok to gather all the leaf bags curb side. We dumped all thirty of them in front of her door and went to to the second floor to jump... she got in trouble for that. She told them they should have picked up the bags faster then lol!!! Or that damn couch potato she had. One of my best memories of grandma ever ever was when I road my bike with out my shoes on and ripped my pinky toe almost off. My mom was so mad at me for not listening she told me to just deal with it. So as I hobbled onto the patio where nurse lucky strike coffee drinker was she looked down and said....." I'm pretty sure you need a lot of stitches. Where is your mother?? .. sue... hey sue... Your daughter needs, well a brain and some stitches get her one of those will you?" I don't think my mom listened very well cuz I never received either one of those requests .. I love my grandma very much, and was extremely happy that my son had the chance to know her. RIP grandma, I know where my sarcasm comes from and I enjoy it daily :-)! Love you, till we met again!!!

February 21 at 9:44 AM

AM

Anita Mitchell posted:

Echoing Sarah's memories. We were also fortunate to have her living right around the corner for a time. Loved going to her place to play or go for walks.

February 20 at 6:05 AM

TS

Tonya Smith /Szugye posted:

My one and only grandma. I have missed you over the years and will continue to do so, but with the hope and faith that we will see each other again. You are a very caring and loving woman of God and I know that Jesus will say well done good and faithful servant. I am learning to walk more in love and I can look to my memories of you and others as an example. I wish I could hear your voice feel your hugs and even to hear you say "Uh huh", lol those who know you know. Thank you God for sharing her with all of us she played a very important part in this world. I love you grandma, miss you, see you when God is ready. Xoxoxxxo

February 19 at 9:19 AM



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SF

Sarah Fowden posted:

Many great fun memories of Grandma. The long drives to Colorado, the many summers we got to spend with her, lottery tickets, and for some reason, her sugar jar and the wonderful smell of coffee in her apartment. :) Always very sweet with lots to say. Rest peacefully, Grandma E! Love Sarah and the boys

February 19 at 5:25 AM

JS

Joe Szugye posted:

I can't believe mom has passed away so suddenly. I thought I'd have more time in visiting with her so of course there is much I wanted to say but didn't have the time. I will miss her so much. She may not of expressed her love through her words all the time but definitely through her actions. She was always there when I needed her: birthdays, having a home to come home to when things weren't going so well for me, working different nursing shifts for our family's well being, and just being grandma Szugye for my children. I'll definitely miss her candid opinions on various subjects; that's what made her truly "real". She will now be with her daughters Lisa and Mary and that comforts me. She will be truly missed. I love you mom. Until we meet again. Love, Joe

February 18 at 2:42 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Eleanor by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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