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Susy Brown of Fruitland Park, Florida departed this Earth peacefully on April 24, 2022.

Susy was born Susy Jeanne Cook on May 21, 1934 in St. Petersburg, Florida to parents Jeanne

DeGuire Cook and Sam Salisbury Cook. Raised in St. Petersburg, Susy graduated from St.

Petersburg High School in 1952 and University of Florida in 1957, where she received a degree in

Fine Arts. Following her college years Susy lived in Manhattan, NY and Oakland, California

before returning to St. Petersburg with her two young daughters in 1964. She worked for the

Pinellas Park Sheriff's Department as a deputy and then as an elementary school teacher in Ybor

City. In 1970 Susy moved with her family to Fruitland Park, where she taught generations of

students at Fruitland Park Elementary School, once winning Teacher of the Year honors. Susy is

remembered by many former students as the teacher who always had a pet in the classroom,

whether an abandoned kitten or an orphaned squirrel or opossum. Susy was a lifelong animal lover and environmentalist. She loved nature and was formerly a member of Lake County Rails and Trails. In her retirement she dedicated herself to volunteer work with the Salvation Army and Leesburg Public library. She was active for decades in her church, Holy Trinity Episcopal, where she served on the altar guild and as a senior warden. She also had a long time personal ministry at Holy Trinity, caring for the feral cats who lived in the churchyard. Susy loved to cook and was a "foodie" before the word was in popular usage, subscribing to Bon Appetit and Gourmet magazine. She was a collector of cookbooks and loved exotic recipes. Susy loved to travel, visiting Ireland, England, Greece, Italy, France, Turkey and the Caribbean. Her favorite US destination was Anna Maria Island where she spent many happy times with her sister, her daughters and her grandchildren. Susy is predeceased by her beloved sister Nancy MacKenzie, brother-in-law Gordon MacKenzie and nephew Eric MacKenzie. She is survived by daughters, Nancy Franklin of Weirsdale, Florida; and Jennifer (Mark) Rolph of Miami, Florida; as well as three grandchildren, Samantha Rolph, Cailin Rolph and Ian Rolph also of Miami. Susy's surviving family also include nephews Scott MacKenzie and Kenneth (Deana) MacKenzie and niece Amy (Barry) Pavia; great-nieces Mariah and Morgan MacKenize, Hannah and MacKenzie Pavia, and great-nephews

Trevor, Braydon and
Brennan MacKenzie.

Per Susy's wishes, no funeral service will be held. A memorial service will be arranged at a later date. In lieu of flowers the family requests that a charitable donation be made in Susy's memory to an animal or environmental charity of your choice. Susy supported Best Friends Animal Society, North Shore Animal League, Alley Cat Allies, Farm Sanctuary and others. Susy was loved by many, and will be missed by all whose hearts she touched. May she rest now in the arms of the angels.

Tribute Wall

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“*Mrs Brown was my all time favorite teacher, she gave me a calico kitten that I adored and named jingles. I'm so very fortunate to have had her for a teacher and I've often thought of her over the years. Sounds like she was as special outside the classroom as she was inside it. My condolences to the family for their loss.*

Diane Rager Eskridge - April 29, 2022 at 08:16 PM

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“*My sincere condolences for your loss. Ms. Brown was my third-grade teacher in 1977 and my favorite teacher always. She not only taught her students third-grade academics but also compassion toward animals and fellow human beings. There were always animals in her classroom. She always had peanut butter, bread, and a toaster so no child was without breakfast before the school day began. I hope her family and loved ones receive comfort in knowing she is a beautiful angel now playing with all of the animals she so adored.*

*Sincerely,
Lisa Snook Mayo*

Lisa Anne Snook Mayo - April 29, 2022 at 02:38 PM

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“ *Suzy, you'll be missed by many! You always had time to talk to me and never rushed me even when I was making small talk. I didn't always know what to say, but I'd always screech out the words Suzy Brown. You'd turn with that bright smile and talk. It was mostly about the church cats, how our days were going, and I'll never forget your kindness. R. I. P until we meet again. You touched my heart in a special way. Now your fur babies that went before you are with you and giving you some lovens. Enjoy! I'm blessed to have you in such great care. Your friend LORI*

Lori - April 28, 2022 at 08:50 PM