

Memorial Resolution – Susan Doyle
May 7, 1963 – November 12, 2020

Susan Doyle, Respiratory Therapist and Research Coordinator for the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health, passed away on November 12. Sue's work and skills involved the measurement of lung functions in children. These determinations require precision, attention to detail and can be difficult particularly when children are young. Sue was kind, patient and meticulous in her work. One of her major responsibilities was directing and supporting ten clinical sites who were members of our NIH-supported Inner City Asthma Network. Sue established lung function units at each site, was always available for guidance when problems arose, was effective, patient, and supportive for these multiple sites, and became a major factor in the success of our studies. Sue was an inspirational friend and trusted colleague to all.

The following are a few excerpts from letters written by her friends and colleagues in remembrance of Sue. We received many notes of sympathy but more importantly, the comments were an overwhelming note of appreciation, respect and love for Sue.

"The thing I noticed right away about her is how positive she was about everything and I can honestly say she taught me to look at things in a different and better way.

Sue's heart was full and she was always willing to share it with me.

Her smile and enthusiasm lit up the room.

Her laugh was the best, but her heart was even better.

...She just radiated positivity and good vibes.

Her patient and friendly approach was remarkable and endearing to all.

(We) respected her kindness, calmness, and professionalism and always counted on her support.

Sue was a very special combination of happy, serene and smart.

(Sue was) incredibly knowledgeable, patient, and brimming with positive energy.

Sue was so genuine, selfless, and always a pleasure to be around!

It is clear that Sue Doyle was one of a kind and loved immensely.

It was obvious Sue's family was the most important thing in her life.

She was a strongly spiritual person and it showed in her yoga practices and her incredible generosity and insight.

And finally,

“I hope to live each day as she did and embrace the positivity of each moment.”

These are the impressions, memories, and expressions of friendship from Sue’s colleagues in New York City, Bethesda, St. Louis, Baltimore, Dallas, Detroit, Cincinnati, Denver, Chicago and Madison. We will all remember Sue as an exceptional friend who made great contributions to asthma research.