



Susan Lynn Altopiedi

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Altopiedi (nee Maharay), Susan Lynn, 70, of Tampa passed away on March 2, 2024. She was born in Newburgh, NY and graduated from Newburgh Free Academy in 1971. She relocated to Tampa with her family, husband Phil and daughters Kimberly and Rebecca, in 1978.

Susan worked as a sous chef at the Tampa Club for 8 years, before opening and operating the family-run Tumbleweed Café for 7 years. She was employed by Home Depot for 20 years in their Customer Service Department at the time of her passing. Susan's true passion was caring for her family and grandchildren, and the many friends she made throughout her life. She was an avid reader, cared for with great love and kindness any stray animal that came into her life and enjoyed spending time playing board and card games with her children and grandchildren, followed by a home-cooked meal. Her laughter was infectious, she always had time to listen and provide advice and there wasn't a cooking or baking questions she couldn't answer.

Susan is survived by her daughters, Kimberly Dawn Altopiedi (Joseph Chappell) and Rebecca Sarah Houchins (John); beloved grandchildren Amber Taylor Johnson, Ryan Anthony Johnson, Emilee Sierra Johnson and Daniel Joseph Lindsey, all of Tampa; sisters Lisa J. Polen, Sharon A. Leary and Julia E. Coss (Jonathan); brothers Terry E. Diller (Patricia), Michael M. Vazquez (Christine) and Matthew E. Vazquez; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her loving husband of 39 years, Philip J. Altopiedi, Jr.; her parents, Jean I. Vazquez (nee Maher) and William E. Maharay; her stepfather, Julio E. Vazquez; and her brother, Jeffrey M. Vazquez.

A Celebration of Life will be held from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday, March 29th at the Boza & Roel Funeral Home (4730 North Armenia Ave, Tampa 33603). This is a casual celebration please come



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at your will to share in stories and to pay your respects. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to any Animal Rescue charity of your choice.



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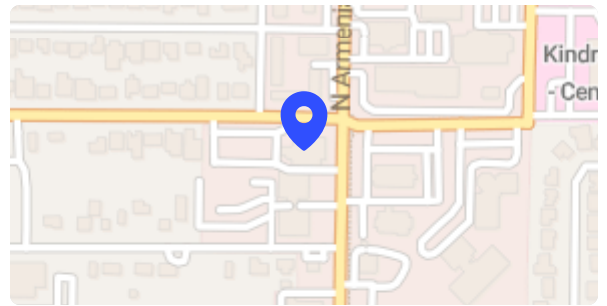
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Celebration of Life

 **Friday**, March 29, 2024

 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM ET

 **Boza & Roel Funeral Home**
4730 North Armenia Avenue, Tampa FL 33603





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Anonymous sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Altopiedi family.

March 29 at 9:12 AM



Jon Ans Sissy Bgby planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Susan.

March 29 at 9:12 AM



Sharon A Leary posted:

My big sister, my best friend! Far too many memories to share. The weekly or 2x week phone calls, the wonderful time we shared with my family in San Diego. And the time spent in AZ, the Grand Canyon, and Bearizona with Kimberly, Joe, Daniel and my daughter Melissa and grandson Ace! The laughter, the "Raise the roof" and silly jokes in the hospital before she passed. Susan Lynn Altopiedi, the best of the best. Kimberly, Rebecca and grands, they raised you right. I love you all. Susan, until we meet again ❤️❤️

March 27 at 5:39 PM



Terry (Chip) posted:

Sue, my beautiful sister, a wonderful, hardworking, loving, caring and strong woman who will be greatly missed by all that had the opportunity and pleasure of knowing her. Sue always had a smile and would help anyone she could. Growing up together wasn't always easy but we would share our memories over the years and have a laugh or two. As hard as it is to say good-bye, Sue fought a long hard battle to the very end and now she can rest in peace. We Love and miss you Sue, and you are in our thoughts and prayers every day. Chip, P.J. & Travis xoxo

March 27 at 3:50 PM



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Beth Grubb posted:

Can't remember a time when the Altopiedi family wasn't in our life after we met. Phil was my husband Al's best friend and he actually married us. Our daughter Jennifer was married at the Tumbleweed and Sue did the food!! Our daughter Robin worked there for a bit also. Phil did delivery for our door company for awhile and took Al with him every day to get him out of the house. My love and prayers to all of you.

March 27 at 9:33 AM



Nancy Perry lit a candle in honor of Susan.

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March 26 at 4:36 PM





Memories only last if you share them

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



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