



Suzanne M. Collard

December 30, 1964 - September 5, 2025

It is with heavy hearts that we share the passing of Suzanne (Sue) Marie Collard on September 5.

Born in St. Paul, MN in 1964 and raised in Sarasota, Sue graduated from Riverview High school and attended the University of Florida. She built a meaningful career in the food service industry in Sarasota and on Martha's Vineyard, most recently at Sarasota's Veronica Fish and Oyster and at Toasted Mango. She also had her own business, Permanent Makeup by Suzanne.

Sue is survived by the center of her world, her son, Max Blackledge, of Sarasota and Auburn, AL, her mother, Gracka Gruis of Bradenton, her step-mother, Ellen Collard of Sarasota, and her rock, her brother, Chuck Collard (Carole Ann) of Buffalo and nephews Matthew and Joshua, a niece, Jessica Blackledge Sobolewski and nephews Jay and Christian Blackledge of East Sandwich, MA, her aunt, Anita Micich (Paul) of Norwalk, IA and CA, plus additional precious family members, valued friends, and those who have been so supportive during her journey. She will also be missed by her faithful Rottweiler, Gronk. Sue was predeceased by her husband, Tim Blackledge, her father, Bill Collard, and her niece Carly Collard.

Sue faced pancreatic cancer with extraordinary courage, strength and grace.

For more than a year and a half, she fiercely fought with a positive attitude and her ready smile. Her loving and giving ways and sweet, upbeat personality will be missed by many. She was such a beautiful light to all who were blessed to know her.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to further Max's education at Auburn University through the Suzanne Collard page on [gofundme.com](https://www.gofundme.com). His education was her highest priority.

A Celebration of Life is scheduled on October 11 at 11:00 a.m. at Toale Brothers Funeral Home, 40 N. Orange Ave., Sarasota, followed by a luncheon.

Previous Events

A Celebration of Life

OCT **11**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Toale Brothers Funeral Home & Crematory - Colonial Chapel

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Tribute Wall



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Suzanne M. Collard.*



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“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Suzanne M. Collard.

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