



Susan Ellen Polack

January 27, 1954 - May 11, 2026

It is with deep sadness that we announce the peaceful passing of Susan E. Polack on May 11, 2026.

A devoted friend and grandmother, Susan is survived by her sons, Shane (Andrea) and Adam (Beth), whom she loved dearly. Her grandchildren, Janay and Lucas, brought her immeasurable joy and were her greatest treasures. Her loving spirit will continue to live on in their hearts and in the stories they share about their cherished "Grandma Sue."

Susan was also a beloved sister to Sharon (Zvika), Rebecca, and Alisa, each of whom will forever hold her memory close. Her warm and friendly nature extended far beyond her family, touching the lives of countless friends and all who had the privilege of knowing her.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Saul and Gloria, and her niece, Brittany. We take comfort in knowing that Susan is now reunited with her loved ones-and with her beloved dog, GiGi.

Susan's life was a testament to kindness, creativity, and the beauty of connection. She found joy in simple pleasures: sharing laughter and a glass of wine with loved ones, supporting the arts, and volunteering with organizations close to her heart. Her commitment to the Ground Floor Theatre reflected her

belief in the power of storytelling and her passion for nurturing creativity within her community.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests donations to the Ground Floor Theatre (<https://www.groundfloortheatre.org>) in Susan's honor, continuing her legacy of supporting artistic endeavors.

The family extends their heartfelt gratitude to Susan's longtime friend, Lisa Scheps, whose unwavering friendship and presence brought immense comfort during Susan's final days. They also wish to thank the compassionate nurses, Faith and Elana, at New Century Hospice in Austin, Texas, whose kindness and care provided solace to Susan and her family.

As we prepare to celebrate her life at a later date, we do so with hearts full of gratitude for the time we were able to share with her.

Rest in peace, Susan. Your presence will be deeply missed, but your spirit will continue to resonate in the hearts of all who loved you.

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I am not sure exactly what year I met Susan, however the first year we co-chaired the Austin Transgender Day of Remembrance (TDOR) organizing committee was 2008.

Susan opened her home to the committee every month from August thru November for four years, providing not just a comfortable place to meet but also delicious food, drink and a place for friends to gather.

Beyond meetings, Susan often just had a group of friends over to just hang out.

When not planning TDOR or other events, Susan was gathering a group of us, at least monthly, to sit outside at Central Market and listen to music. She always managed to be there early enough to get the best seats.

My memories of Susan will of course include seeing her and Gigi at Ground Floor Theatre.

*To see Susan was to get a huge smile and an even bigger hug. I remember vividly when Janay and then Lucas was born. Susan was *beyond* thrilled to be a Grandma.*

Susan, you will always be in my heart.

May your name and your memory be always for a blessing.

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