



Susan Elizabeth Calhoun

August 11, 1950 - September 24, 2025

Susan Calhoun transitioned from her earthly life into the arms of her Heavenly Savior on September 24, following a stroke.

Susan was born on August 11, 1950, at Emory Hospital to Alison M. Fincher, Jr. and Mildred Hale Fincher. She grew up in Decatur, GA, and attended Decatur City Schools, where she met her future husband in the fourth grade. After graduating from Decatur High School, she attended North Georgia College, Georgia State University, and the University of South Florida.

In 1972, she married James L. “Jim” Calhoun. They were blessed with five children. Susan was predeceased by her parents and by her daughters, Jennifer and Meghan, who both died in infancy. She is survived by her husband; sons, Matthew and Davis; daughter, Hannah Loyd (Phil); and granddaughter, Eleanor Grace “Ellie” Loyd. She is also survived by her sisters, Alyson (David) and Amy (Chuck); her brother, Don (Jean); several cousins; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Following Meghan’s death in 1983, Susan and Lynne Conboy—whom she befriended during their children’s stays at Egleston Hospital—started a support group for parents of chronically and terminally ill children, known as FOCUS (Families of Children Under Stress). Susan served as the organization’s Executive Director for its first ten years, until health issues

necessitated her turning over the leadership to another FOCUS parent. FOCUS remains active 42 years after its inception and today serves approximately 5,000 families across the state of Georgia.

Susan grew up at First Baptist Church of Decatur, and she and Jim were active members after their marriage until they moved to Conyers in 1986. Since then, they have been active members of Haven Fellowship Church.

A celebration of Susan's life will be held at Haven Fellowship Church, 2240 Smyrna Rd, Conyers, GA 30094, on Sunday, October 5. The family will receive friends beginning at 12:45 p.m., with the memorial service starting at 2:00 p.m.

The family encourages Susan's friends to consider making a donation in her memory to Families of Children Under Stress, Inc., 3825 Presidential Parkway, Suite 103, Atlanta, GA 30340. <https://focus-ga.org/donate>

Previous Events

Receive Friends

OCT 5. 12:45 PM (ET)

Haven Fellowship Church
2240 Smyrna Road SW
Conyers, GA 30094

Celebration

OCT 5. 2:00 PM (ET)

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2240 Smyrna Road SW
Conyers, GA 30094

Tribute Wall

FB

“ Jimmy, I am so very sorry to learn of Susan's passing. I have nothing but fond memories of her and you. Know that you and your family are in my thoughts.

Freddy and Linda Evans Bailey

Decatur, Georgia 30030

Freddy Bailey - October 04, 2025 at 08:45 AM

DM

“ Dan and Barbara Miller purchased the *Pretty Ple* ase for the family of Susan Elizabeth Calhoun.



Dan and Barbara Miller - October 03, 2025 at 07:58 AM

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“ Dan and Barbara Miller planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Susan Elizabeth Calhoun.

Dan and Barbara Miller - October 03, 2025 at 07:58 AM

UF

“ *United Community Bank Conyers family* purchased the *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* for the family of Susan Elizabeth Calhoun.



United Community Bank Conyers family - October 02, 2025 at 03:26 PM

LI

“ Susan was such a sweet and wise person! She did so much for our community by starting FOCUS! She will be missed!

Lisa Irwin - September 30, 2025 at 09:50 AM

RN

“ Praying for your family during this time. Susan was such a kind person and she leaves an amazing legacy that so many are thankful for.



Ruth Norman - September 29, 2025 at 08:40 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Susan Elizabeth Calhoun.



September 28, 2025 at 01:39 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Susan Elizabeth Calhoun.

September 28, 2025 at 01:39 PM

BR

“ Jimmy, I'm so sorry to hear about Susan. She was a long time friend both at Decatur First Baptist and at Decatur High. Haynes and I send our deepest sympathy to your family.

betsy roberts - September 27, 2025 at 01:17 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes* was purchased for the family of Susan Elizabeth Calhoun.



September 26, 2025 at 10:58 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Susan Elizabeth Calhoun.

September 26, 2025 at 10:58 PM



“ *Fairest of All* was purchased for the family of Susan Elizabeth Calhoun.



September 26, 2025 at 01:22 PM