



## Mrs. Susan G. McNinch

May 17, 1943 - January 2, 2024

Susan Georgia McNinch, co-owner and operator of Eastover Resort from 1983-2000, passed away early Tuesday morning, January 2, surrounded by her loving family.

With the birth of her first grandson, Susan became “Suesue,” not only to her grandchildren, but to everyone that knew her. At the drop of a hat, Suesue would lovingly prepare a dinner table full of comfort food for friends and family. Suesue’s kitchen table was the gathering spot for all—a forum for discussion and debate. No topic was off limits. Common themes included travel, politics and world history. When the plates were empty and wine bottles corked, her grandchildren could always anticipate the same sentiment, that she was so proud of her family.

Suesue was born in Stamford, CT on May 17, 1943. She was the daughter of George and Ruth Bisacca and sister to Ticki Winsor. When she was 3, her father bought the Eastover Estate in Lenox and opened it as a recreational resort. Sue’s early years were spent parading through the center of town on horseback, in Eastover fashion, as the community celebrated the 4th of July.

It is at Eastover that she met the love of her life, Bob McNinch. The two of them were inseparable for the next 56 years. Together, they raised three wonderful children, Paige, Rob, and John along with a crowd of dogs, cats,

goats, horses, roosters, and a famous 600 pound pig, Henrietta.

As a young adult, when she was not keeping the books at Eastover or serving as Lenox's first female Selectman, Suesue could be found bringing the kids to hockey games and horse shows, playing at the "Eastover Tennis Club", or scheming to play her next big prank. While serving as Selectman, she was passionate about preserving Lenox's history while also eager to establish the foundation for future generations. Her work aided in the building of new schools, expansion of the water treatment plants, and ultimately helped to secure the town's financial future.

Suesue loved getting involved. She was an instrumental member of the Kennedy Park Committee, founding member of the Lenox Hound and Hunt Club, a board member of the Lee VNA, a Fresh Air Mom, and, along with Bob, actively involved in the Church on the Hill. She loved her Bridge and Book Clubs, had a green thumb, and a way with animals. Suesue was spunky, warm, stubborn, wise, and worldly. She was a charismatic entertainer with a love of performance. She knew a tune for everything, and broke into song and dance any time the opportunity presented itself.

Susan and Ticki were sisters blessed to have children all close in age, and grandchildren who followed suit. Susan was a mother, grandmother, aunt and great aunt; but "Suesue" meant something special to everyone.

Suesue is survived by her three children; Paige McNinch Waugh, Robert B. McNinch, and John J. McNinch and his wife Jackie; her sister Ticki Winsor; and 9 grandchildren including Rory McNinch, Emma Waugh, Alec Waugh, Tucker McNinch, Trey McNinch, Sam Waugh, Parker Waugh, Connor McNinch, and Kate McNinch; and many cousins, grand-nieces and grand-nephews. In addition to her parents, Susan was preceded in death by her parents and her husband Bob on July 17, 2018.

A Service of Remembrance will be celebrated Saturday, January 6th at 11 am at the Church on the Hill, her burial will be at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations in Susan's memory may be made to The Kennedy Park Fund (Lenox Town Hall, attn: Kennedy Park Fund, 6 Walker Street, Lenox, MA 01240) or The Fresh Air Fund ([freshair.org](http://freshair.org)).

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JAN 6. 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM (ET)

Church on the Hill  
Main Street  
Lenox, MA 01240

# Tribute Wall

CR

“ I heard so much about this woman and I hoped one day I would meet her. She helped raise her grandson and the love of my life. I couldn't be more grateful for the influence she had on him. I'm so so sorry and my heart goes out to everyone who loved her.

Crystal - January 27, 2024 at 12:50 PM

KR

“ Paige, Rob, John, Ticki & families,  
I'm so sorry for the loss of your mom & sister. She was so good to all the neighborhood kids, always had a smile and kind words for each one of us. I saw her last summer, I think, at the Heritage and went over and said hello. I know you have a lot of memories to cherish. Sending prayers for strength and peace to you and your families.

Karen (Larson) Rufo

K Rufo - January 10, 2024 at 11:11 AM

BK

“ Dear Katie, Connor and all the family,  
I am so very sorry for the loss of your grandmother/mother. I know it's hard to say goodbye to someone who has been such a special, active person in your life. Loving memories will always remain in your heart. Cherish them.  
Sending prayers for peace and comfort. May God embrace you and let you know that He has his arms around your beloved. Blessings to you all.

Sincerely, BeckyKnox



Becky Knox - January 09, 2024 at 10:05 AM



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

January 06, 2024 at 08:18 AM



“ Valeri family cousins share in the sadness of Sue McNinch's passing. Inseparable was Susan's infectious joy of life often witnessed aside her equally loving sister, Ticki. John, Paige, and Robert, your mom and dad had such a genuine fun presence around Eastover. Uncle George was so proud of his Sue & Ticki. Her appreciation of Uncle Johnny's propensity for public pranks at Eastover was legendary! God rest her soul.

Paul Valeri - January 05, 2024 at 08:17 PM



“ Deepest condolences to ALL of you!! Susan was a great friend of the Marsden family and so many other families who considered Eastover a second home!!! May she rest in peace!!!

William J Marsden Jr - January 04, 2024 at 05:46 PM



“ What a great woman. You'll be missed by your family and everyone who ever knew you. There is not enough room on this page to write all of the good things and memories you created. God bless!  
David T.W. and Susan Condron

David Condron - January 04, 2024 at 09:14 AM



“ A beautiful soul, a loving friend. I'll miss your wisdom and your feistiness! I'll miss you. Until we meet again... cheers!

Marie Field - January 04, 2024 at 08:41 AM

ME

“ I feel such an emptiness knowing that my good friend, Sue is no longer here to fill my world with laughter and a huge sense of joie de vivre. In essence, she feels everybody's world with this she was everyone's special friend Sue I will miss you terribly.

myrna estes - January 04, 2024 at 07:13 AM

AV

“ It is with deep sadness to lose such a dear friend. I will cherish our early morning walks on the beach solving the problems of the world while counting the dolphins as well of the over 50 years of friendship.. Love you and miss you already

Avon - January 04, 2024 at 07:02 AM

ST

“ Sending our love and support to all of the McNinch Family and extended family during this difficult time. Anyone who knew SueSue was beyond blessed. May she be dancing in heaven with Bob and reunited with her parents sharing wonderful memories of Eastover.

Scott and Heidi Tremlett - January 03, 2024 at 06:52 PM

MC

“ Magi Merritt Cantrell lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Susan G. McNinch



Magi Merritt Cantrell - January 03, 2024 at 04:23 PM

JF

“ *Our Sincere condolences to the McNinch clan. SueSue was a kind, generous, caring friend & neighbor that will be surely missed by everyone who knew her. May she be reunited with all those that passed before her & may she rest in peace.*

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**Jim & Kim Sorrentino & Family** - January 03, 2024 at 02:11 PM

RW

*What we once enjoyed we can never lose. It becomes a part of us. My deepest sympathies to the McNinch family.*

*Rick Wilder*

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**Rick Wilder** - January 05, 2024 at 04:56 PM