



Susan Ann Hurley

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Susan Ann Hurley was born to James and Sylvia Hurley on April 8, 1963. She grew up in North Reading, Massachusetts, and loved her New England roots.

As the story goes, she once missed the school bus in elementary school - and from that day forward, she never stopped running. Her passion for fitness was matched only by her devotion to family and her love of cheerleading. She became a Patriots cheerleader in her 20s.

Around that time, she met Boston Marathon Race Director David McGillivray. They married in the late 1980s and had two sons, Ryan and Max. She spoiled her boys with endless love and support - cheering them on at every game and performance. "Mulch" and "Peanuts" were her pride and joy.

Though Susan and Dave divorced in 1996, they maintained a close friendship and working relationship. Both lived in North Andover for more than 30 years, raising their sons there. Susan loved her town - especially walking the common and greeting the neighborhood dogs.

In 2008, Susan began her life's work by establishing CharityTeams, a small business that helps nonprofits raise funds through athletic events. "Fun-raising" was the name of the game as she started with a small cohort of Boston Marathon runners raising money for Lazarus House of Lawrence.

Over the years, she helped hundreds of runners across various races achieve their running goals while raising an impressive \$42 million for nonprofits. The cornerstone of her endeavors was her work with the Boston Marathon. For 18 years, she trained runners each marathon season, leading weekly long runs along Heartbreak Hill.

Her signature "Superhero 17" training run event featured charity runners dressed as superheroes running 17 miles of the marathon course, while the "Hop 21" was another training run that marked



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the first days of spring as eager runners geared up for the big day. Her personal touch, kindness, and vibrant personality were often the spark runners needed to make it across the finish line.

As her business flourished, her love life found its stride as well. Barry Foland of Owings Mills, Maryland, entered her life, and together they shared 15 wonderful years. Playing Pa and Honeybee to Barry's grandchildren later in life was one of Susan's greatest joys.

In 2022, Susan was diagnosed with ovarian cancer. Although it was a roadblock, she found the strength to keep running by drawing peace and inspiration from her deepening relationship with God. Throughout her life, Susan was honored by numerous charities for her philanthropic work - most recently with a tree dedication at the Gronk Playground in Boston, which she helped build along the Charles River for all children to enjoy.

Family, friends, and runners will remember Susan fondly for her energy, commitment, and wisdom - a mother and cheerleader to all. She made the world a better place and everyone around her better people. Although she passed at 62, her life was full.

Susan was preceded in death by her father, James Hurley. She is survived by her two children, Ryan McGillivray and Max McGillivray; daughters-in-law, Courtney McGillivray and Kristin Curtis; sisters, Lisa (Jesse) First, Mary (Tim) Hurley, and Cheryl (Greg) Cuoco; nieces, Julia and Isabella Cuoco; mother, Sylvia Hurley; lifelong best friend, Dave (Katie) McGillivray, and his children - Elle, Luke, and Chloe McGillivray; fiancé, Barry Foland, and his children - Carly Foland, Morgan Quinn, and Jason Foland.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, November 8th at 10 AM at Waters Church Norwood (668 Walpole St, Norwood, MA 02062), followed by a reception at The West Club at Gillette Stadium. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her name to any of the charitable causes she championed through CharityTeams.

In the coming weeks, Susan's family will be establishing a charitable fund in her name. More details on how to give and the purpose of the fund will be shared soon. For online condolences and other information please visit us at www.breenfuneralhome.com





Events


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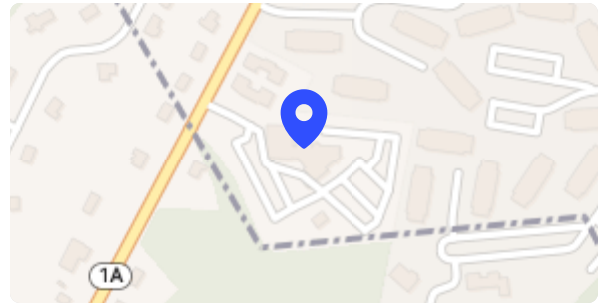
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Celebration of Life


 **Saturday**, November 8, 2025

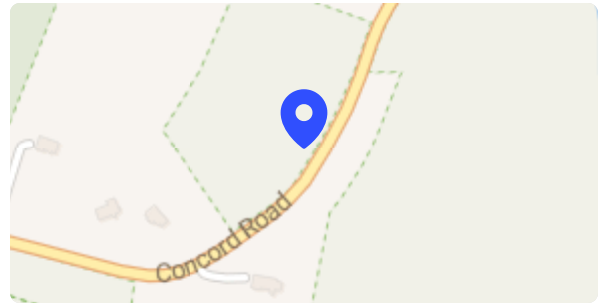
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 **Waters Church**
668 Walpole St, Norwood MA 02062-2427



Cemetery Details

 **Burial will be private.**
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William Hurley posted:

God was good for sharing you with us and the light you carried for others. We thank you for your giving of the Lord to others that they may see the goodness of the Lord. God bless our sister in Lord

November 20 at 3:02 AM



Michele Lee Occhipinti lit a candle in honor of Susan.

Our deepest thoughts and sincere condolences go out to Susan Hurley's family and friends. Having had the privilege of running alongside her on Charity teams was an experience of a lifetime. I will always remember her kindness, her spirit, and the joy she brought to others. May she rest in peace, cheering gracefully in heaven. May peace surround you all. With sympathy, Michele Lee Occhipinti



November 14 at 7:04 AM



Deborah Davies posted:

To Max and family - My abiding memory of Susan while you were at Brooks is her joy, enthusiasm, and deep love for her sons. While I am sorry that you lost her so early, her gift of love and passion for helping others will be an enduring gift to you all. May these continue to bring comfort to you all as time goes on. Thinking of you all - Deb Davies

November 11 at 1:31 PM



Boston Red Sox And Red Sox Foundation planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Susan.



November 7 at 11:02 AM



Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Hurley family.



November 7 at 11:02 AM



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Sally And Jack Scott planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Susan.



November 6 at 3:15 PM



Sally And Jack Scott sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Hurley family.



November 6 at 3:15 PM



The Head Of The Charles Team planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Susan.



November 6 at 6:16 AM



Anonymous sent a Sentiments of Serenity Spray to the Hurley family.



November 6 at 6:16 AM



Coreen posted:

With heartfelt sympathy to the Hurley family, many memories of growing up with the Hurley girls, RIP Susan, may God hold you in his loving hands, praying for peace and comfort for Mary, Lisa, Cheryl , Sylvia, Susan's boys.....and all who knew and loved her Coreen DeMarco

November 5 at 7:38 AM



Colleen E. Carafotes November 8 at 8:34 PM



Colleen E. Carafotes November 7 at 4:40 PM

♥ always loved the Hurley girls. I have the fondest memories of all of you.. So sad to learn of Susan's passing. Sending love to Sylvia, Lisa, Mary, Cheryl and your families. ♥♥♥♥





Memories only last if you share them

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



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