



## Suzanne Steckelberg

September 11, 1941 - November 10, 2025

Suzanne “Suzie” Steckelberg, 84, passed away peacefully surrounded by family on November 10, 2025. She was born September 11, 1941, in Wayne, Nebraska, to George Z. Bressler and Venice H. Miller.

The youngest of five children—Jeannette, Franklin, Marilyn, and Donnabeth—Suzie grew up in Wayne. After her father’s sudden passing when she was young, her mother remarried, and Suzie was adopted by Ed Miller, through whom she gained a brother and a sister.

Suzie graduated from Wayne High School and attended Wayne State College for two years, where she earned her teaching certificate. During a college dance, she met Dennis “Denny” Steckelberg. They were married on June 2, 1963, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Osmond, and together they welcomed three children - Tammy, Tim and Todd.

Throughout their marriage, the family lived in Plainview, NE; St. Cloud, MN; Storm Lake, IA; Wayne, NE; and Omaha before building their permanent home in Elkhorn. After Denny was diagnosed with MS at just 29, the family moved to Wayne so Suzie could receive her teaching degree. With the support of her family, Suzie and the kids remained in Wayne and Denny accepted a job teaching woodshop at Millard High School and moved to Omaha. Following graduation, the family joined Denny in Omaha.

Suzie began her teaching career in Millard Public Schools, first as a 6th grade teacher at Central Elementary and later as part of the opening staff of Cottonwood Elementary teaching 4th grade. After Denny's MS forced him into early retirement, Suzie continued teaching full-time while caring for him with unwavering devotion until his passing in 1992. She went on to teach for a total of 37 years, impacting countless students, families, and colleagues with her warmth, humor, and steady presence.

A lifelong sports fan, Suzie especially loved Husker volleyball and football, and enjoyed attending activities and games of her grandchildren. She always loved dogs and often had a treat ready in her pocket. Suzie loved her friendships and her neighborhood, sharing countless celebrations, driveway gatherings, and everyday moments with people who became extended family.

Grounded in her faith from childhood, Suzie was active in her church homes at Bethany Lutheran in Elkhorn and St. Mark's Lutheran in Valley. She lived in the house she and Denny built on Winterburn Road for 46 years before moving to an apartment, continuing to drive and stay independent until recent health challenges.

Suzie will be remembered as a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, caregiver, teacher, neighbor, and friend. Those who knew her will cherish her love of celebration, her generous heart, and the joy she brought simply by being present. In her later years, she was affectionately known by many as "Grandma Sue".

She is preceded in death by her parents George Z. Bressler, Venice H. Miller, and Ed Miller; her husband of 29 years, Dennis Steckelberg; brother Franklin (Lucille) Bressler; sisters Jeannette (Wilbur) Giese, Marilyn (Ray) Murray, and Donnabeth (Lynn) Schwier; brother Harvey (Margaret) Miller; and sister Helen

Albrecht.

She is survived by her children Tammy (Mike) Sveum of Elkhorn, NE; Tim (Tashia) Steckelberg of Zanesville, OH; and Todd (Jacki) Steckelberg of Valley, NE; six grandchildren - Lauren (Austin) Diedrichs, Bryon (Lea) Steckelberg, Kylie (Lance) Jensen, Andrew (Berline) Steckelberg, Maile (fiancé Garrott) Steckelberg, and Joshua Steckelberg; two great-grandchildren, Levi and Elliott Diedrichs; brother-in-law Donovan Albrecht; as well as many nieces, nephews, and dear friends.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **21**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Reichmuth Funeral Home - Omaha / Elkhorn  
21901 W. Maple Rd.  
P.O. Box 711  
Elkhorn, NE 68022  
402-289-2222  
services@reichmuthfuneralhomes.com  
<https://www.reichmuthfuneralhomes.com/>

## Memorial Mass

NOV **22**. 1:00 PM (CT)

Bethany Lutheran Church  
4200 N 204th Street  
Elkhorn, NE 68022

*Coffee and desserts will be served following the service at church*

# Tribute Wall



“ *Reichmuth Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Suzanne Steckelberg*



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**Reichmuth Funeral Home** - November 18, 2025 at 03:30 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Suzanne Steckelberg.*



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November 21, 2025 at 10:35 PM



“ *With love, Lelanie and Travis Rice. purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Suzanne Steckelberg.*



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**With love, Lelanie and Travis Rice.** - November 21, 2025 at 09:36 PM

WR

“ With love, Lelanie and Travis Rice. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Suzanne Steckelberg.

With love, Lelanie and Travis Rice. - November 21, 2025 at 09:36 PM

EC

“ Erik C. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Suzanne Steckelberg.

Erik C. - November 21, 2025 at 05:29 PM

PF

“ Paul and Brenda Jacobsen and family purchased the Forever Our Angel Bouquet for the family of Suzanne Steckelberg.



Paul and Brenda Jacobsen and family - November 21, 2025 at 10:11 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Suzanne Steckelberg.



November 20, 2025 at 04:25 PM

MF

“ Mike Miller & SEI Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Suzanne Steckelberg.

Mike Miller & SEI Family - November 20, 2025 at 04:25 PM

JC

“ Joe Nuss and Joan Carl purchased the Fall Fantasy for the family of Suzanne Steckelberg.



Joe Nuss and Joan Carl - November 19, 2025 at 10:48 AM

BT

“ Bath & Body Works RE & Construction Team purchased the Heavenly Heights Bouquet for the family of Suzanne Steckelberg.



Bath & Body Works RE & Construction Team - November 18, 2025 at 02:14 PM

TH

“ Tim & Tammy Hildenbrand purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Suzanne Steckelberg.



Tim & Tammy Hildenbrand - November 18, 2025 at 09:08 AM

TH

“ *Tim & Tammy Hildenbrand planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Suzanne Steckelberg.*

Tim & Tammy Hildenbrand - November 18, 2025 at 09:08 AM

KH

“ *Kaitlyn and Haydar Hasan purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Suzanne Steckelberg.*



Kaitlyn and Haydar Hasan - November 17, 2025 at 11:03 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Suzanne Steckelberg.*



November 17, 2025 at 02:16 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Suzanne Steckelberg.*



November 17, 2025 at 11:55 AM

NM

“ Nicole M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Suzanne Steckelberg.

Nicole M. - November 17, 2025 at 08:23 AM

DV

“ Donna Fintel, Brian&Londa Vencil purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Suzanne Steckelberg.



Donna Fintel, Brian&Londa Vencil - November 16, 2025 at 10:54 AM

RM

“ Rex Murray purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Suzanne Steckelberg.



Rex Murray - November 16, 2025 at 09:17 AM

RM

“ Rex Murray planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Suzanne Steckelberg.

Rex Murray - November 16, 2025 at 09:17 AM

JR

“ Mrs. Steckelberg was my daughters’ teacher at Cottonwood Elementary and I volunteered often in her classroom. Sue was not just a wonderful teacher, but also an amazing person who always had a smile to share. She made a difference in so many lives and I celebrate her with fond memories. Rest in peace, Sue.

Jill Reeves - November 15, 2025 at 05:18 PM

RL

“ I just met Sue when I moved to Maple Ridge 3 1/2 months ago. We connected immediately and spent time together visiting and laughing. She made my new home a great place for me. I miss her so! I wish her peace and joy in her new home with Jesus! Love you Sue! Regina

Regina Lubash - November 15, 2025 at 04:39 PM

JH

“ Jean Krahmer & Teresa Hockey purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Suzanne Steckelberg.



Jean Krahmer & Teresa Hockey - November 14, 2025 at 05:57 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Suzanne Steckelberg.



November 14, 2025 at 04:39 PM

ER

“ We had the pleasure of visiting with Sue at Buckeye Lake during her last visit to Ohio. She was a beautiful person who has left her legacy through her amazing family. 💕🌹

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**erna** - November 14, 2025 at 04:32 PM

LT

“ Sue was a kind person, good teacher, and wonderful friend. She managed the curveballs she was thrown in life with optimism and grace. She was a dear friend and will be missed!❤️

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**Linda Terry** - November 14, 2025 at 01:30 PM