



Suzette Harter Fabello

January 22, 2026

Suzette (Harter) Fabello, 87, passed away peacefully on, Thursday, January 22, 2026, in Syracuse, New York. Born on February 15, 1938, in Fulton, New York, Suzette—affectionately known as Sue—lived a life marked by compassion, dedication, and unwavering love for her family and community. Sue’s professional journey reflected her versatility and deep commitment to service. She worked as a comptroller at General Electric before transitioning into roles that allowed her to nurture and care for others. She served as a cafeteria assistant at Jamesville-Dewitt High School and later became a daycare teacher. Her passion for children extended into her own business as a self-employed childcare provider. In every role she held, Sue brought warmth, patience, and a nurturing spirit that left lasting impressions on those around her.

Family was the cornerstone of Sue’s life. She is lovingly remembered by her son Don; daughter Sue; son-in-law, Bryan Nicholls; grandchildren, Kevin, Kristina, Alex, Jacob, and Zoey; and great-grandchildren, Hailey, Andrew, Noah, and Joshua. Her legacy also lives on in the countless lives she touched through her work with children and her generous heart.

She was predeceased by her older sister Suzanne; her first husband, Don Harter; her second husband, Rick Fabello; and her beloved daughter, Michelle Nicholls.

Sue often referred to herself as a “leftover Valentine,” having been born the day after Valentine’s Day—a fitting sentiment for someone whose heart

overflowed with love. She had an extraordinary gift for making others feel cherished. Whether she was baking cookies to share with friends and neighbors or offering gentle guidance to children in her care or community, Sue embodied kindness in action.

Her interests were many and reflected the joy she found in life's simple pleasures. She loved attending church services where she found spiritual nourishment and fellowship. Reading books, solving crossword puzzles, playing card games with friends or family—these were among the ways she spent time doing what she loved most: connecting with others. Animals held a special place in her heart as well; all cats and dogs regardless of size—were met with affection. Though her heart may have stopped beating on January 22nd, Sue's servant's heart endures in the memories of those who knew her best. She had an innate ability to recognize teachable moments—not just within her own family but throughout the neighborhood—and used them to impart wisdom with grace and humility.

If you knew Sue, you knew a woman whose heart of gold will never be surpassed. She was deeply loved by so many—and always will be. May her memory bring comfort to all who were fortunate enough to know her.

Family calling hours will be held on January 27, 2026, from 5:00 to 5:30 PM. Open calling hours 5:30-6:30 PM at North Syracuse Christian Church, 911 Church St, North Syracuse, NY 13212. Her Funeral Service will be held directly afterwards from 6:30 PM to 7:00 PM. Donations, in lieu of flowers, may be made to The Alzheimer's Association of CNY, 5015 Campuswood Drive, Suite 102, East Syracuse, New York 13057.

Cemetery Details

North Syracuse Cemetery

555 South Bay Road
North Syracuse , NY 13212

Previous Events

Calling Hour

JAN 27. 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM.

North Syracuse Christian Church

Funeral Service

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