

Susette "Susie" M. Olewine

2/17/57 to 12/2/09

Susie started in the restaurant business when she leased and managed the Maple Springs Restaurant for three years prior to purchasing her own restaurant. In 1984 she and her husband Marvin purchased what was then known as Endy's Shady Nook from Art Endy. The restaurant was renamed Susie's Shady nook and has become a place where friends gather together, and community meetings are held. Susie opened and operated the Shady Nook restaurant in Slatington until her passing.

Throughout her life Susie was involved in community and volunteer organizations. As a young girl she was a member of the Girl Scouts from brownies through Cadets. She continued her community service into adulthood as a member of the Northern Lehigh Jaycees where she served as the organization's President from 1986 to 1987. Susie was an active member of the Northern Lehigh Programs & Events Committee, where she was not only one of the organizers, but a judge, and former Grand Marshal of the Slatington Halloween Parade.

In addition, Susie was a member of the Greater Northern Lehigh Chamber of Commerce where she served on the board of directors. As a board member Susie was a part of the committee responsible for securing a speaker, the planning, and execution of the Heritage Day Program held every July 4th at the First Baptist Church in Slatington. She worked with Siobhan "Sam" Bennett, of Properties of Merit, and was instrumental in bringing the program to the Northern Lehigh area. Serving as a committee member for Northern Lehigh Properties of Merit she organized the awards reception each year as well as donating her time and food for the event.

Not only has Susie served the community through service organizations, but she also has served her local government by sitting on the Washington Township Zoning Board for ten years. Susie's interests expanded beyond community government service as well. She was a collector of dolls and toys, and served as the treasurer of the Endless Hills Doll and Toy Club, since 1991. She was a member of St. John's United Church of Christ, in Slatington.

Susie has had a huge impact and positive influence on our community and we need to carry on her enthusiasm and dedication to carry out her vision for our community.