



“Susie had joyful enthusiasm... unflappable optimism in humanity...endless energy, joyfulness, enthusiasm, and positive spirit... an amazing ability to pull people together to do good work.”

“Susie was a passionate activist... a bright light in any group.”

Spokane, WA 99204

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The Susie Forest

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Dear Friends,

It started out small- just three trees planted in 2003. After I planted the first three trees, I asked to plant more "Susie trees." I was told, 'You don't want to plant Susie trees. You want to plant a Susie Forest.' Since then, **The Susie Forest** has grown to over 100 trees, and not just in Spokane, but all over the world.

The Susie Forest is a living, growing, legacy to my daughter Susie Stephens and her commitment to creating livable communities. Susie was a bicyclist, an environmentalist, an activist, and a world traveler. She was dedicated to educating others about bicyclist and pedestrian safety, and she was killed in 2002 after being struck by a bus while legally walking across the street in St. Louis.

I chose to start **The Susie Forest** for three reasons:

1. To plant trees
2. To encourage others to plant trees
3. To educate people, especially children, about trees

Each tree planted is a reminder that life goes on and starts anew. Except for the two trees planted every year on Susie's birthday and the anniversary of her death, every tree planted in **The Susie Forest** is associated with someone else. Whether it is to celebrate the birth of a newborn or a special anniversary, as a memorial for someone taken too soon, or to celebrate a reading program at a local library or school, each Susie tree is deeply rooted in personal connection.

Locally, I work closely with Reforest Spokane, a program of the Spokane Parks Foundation, and some of **The Susie Forest** is planted as street trees, which are desperately needed in our area. Most trees have been planted in public parks, at libraries and other public sites, and on private property. Just as Susie traveled the world, **The Susie Forest** has gone national & global! There are trees planted in Washington D.C., and as far away as New Zealand and Iran.



To plant a tree in **The Susie Forest**, contact me by e-mail at TheSusieForest@hotmail.com.

The Susie Forest is now online! Visit our Web site for more information, tree planting pictures, and a map of all of the Susie Forest trees planted in Spokane, and all over the world.

www.susieforest.com

Trees mean life,

Nancy Mac Kerrow



Susie



In Motion



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