

Suzanne Carol Lakin Dickerson

Suzie was a long-time member of the Dingmans Ferry-Delaware Township Historical Society. She served as our Corresponding Secretary in 2020 and was an active participant in our many events. Suzie was always there to help, when called upon; her ideas and input were a benefit to the Society and always welcome. Suzie passed away January 24, 2022 in Wayne, NJ.

Suzie was born on Christmas Day, 1938, in Brooklyn, NY, where she was raised. She attended Fort Hamilton High School. Later she was educated at Centenary College and Endicott College. As a child, she spent summers at Lake Owassa, NJ and Culver Lake, NJ with her family.

Suzie's love for animals became apparent at a very young age when she would sneak off to Staten Island to ride horses. This love for horses lasted the rest of her life as she and her husband, Mike, often rode in wilderness areas of Alaska, Canada, Montana and many of the lower forty-eight states accompanied only by a guide, a dog, and pack horses. She was a very accomplished rider and camper.

All of her grandchildren knew that they would have a good time outdoors riding and fishing at Apple Creek Farm in Dingmans Ferry, PA, which she shared with Mike for more than the last 30 years.

Suzie will be remembered for her many charitable activities, one of which was her dedication to the rescue and rehabilitation of animals, through her founding of Alibi Acres Animal Rescue in Mendham, NJ. Suzie was a very giving person, loving wife, mother, grandmother, and friend.

The Seeing Eye, located in Morristown, NJ, breeds, raises and trains German Shepherds, Labrador Retrievers and Golden Retrievers to guide those who are blind or have low vision. Since 1995, The Seeing Eye has only used dogs from its own breeding program. Prior to that time, The Seeing Eye was happy to receive donated dogs that met their high standards. From December 1976 to June 1980, Suzie donated 47 dogs from Alibi Acres, 28 of which graduated from the program and became guide dogs.

Suzie will always be remembered and be greatly missed by our members. She will always be considered a special member of this organization.