



## **SELBY (NEE GOESSELL), Susan Ellen**

Susan passed away peacefully at home on November 23, 2021, after a brief battle with cancer. She is survived by her loving husband Don, son Andrew, brothers Garry Goessell (Elaine), Randy Goessell (Christianne), sister-in-law Sheila Selby (Joseph Renaud) and brother-in-law Ross Selby (Gail Harrison).

Born on Sept 10, 1960, in Kincardine, Susan was predeceased by her mother Ellen Goessell Rowe, father Ralph Goessell, and stepfather Ken Rowe. She leaves behind many beloved nieces and nephews.

Susan became a teacher to share her passion for music. Her career started in London, Ontario at Mountsfield PS. One year later she married Don, and they moved to Durham Region where she launched a new music program at Dr. Robert Thornton PS, Whitby. The teachers she met there became lifelong friends, a pattern that continued throughout her life.

Susan really hit her stride when she moved to Brock HS to teach at the secondary level. There she was introduced to musical theatre. After several wonderful years in Cannington, Susan accepted the music headship at the new Sinclair Secondary School in Whitby where she created a legacy of excellence in music and arts over the next twenty-five years. The many high points of her career include professional calibre musical theatre productions, local band and choir concerts, international band trips, and music festival performances.

Susan enjoyed travel and was an avid participant in scuba diving, sailing, swimming, cycling, table tennis, squash, racquetball, golf and both downhill and XC skiing. Her activities were always capped off by her oft heard mantra, 'Best Day Ever!'

After 33 years in education, Susan retired in 2018. This allowed her time to start some new adventures, including pickleball and ukulele, and to join the recently established Durham choir, RESOUND.

The family would like to acknowledge the excellent care provided to Susan by the doctors, nurses and staff at Princess Margaret Cancer Centre, Durham Region Cancer Centre, and Home and Community Care Support Services Central East.

Relatives and friends are invited to a memorial visitation on Saturday December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021 from 2 to 4 pm or 7 to 9 pm at **McINTOSH-ANDERSON-KELLAM FUNERAL HOME LTD.**, 152 King St. E., Oshawa (905-433-5558). Due to COVID, the family has requested that all visitors be double-vaccinated (vaccine passport and proof of identification required). Please click on the following link to secure a time slot to visit.  
<https://signup.com/go/LCZOFCR>

A Celebration of Life will be held at a future date.

Donations in memory of Susan to Princess Margaret Cancer Foundation or The Susan Selby Memorial Award for Outstanding Contribution to the Arts (Sinclair Secondary School DDSB) at  
<https://ddsb.schoolcashonline.com/Fee/Details/82797/102/false/true?school=593&initiative=21> would be appreciated.

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## Condolences

Nov 27, 2021

**Nancy & Jamie**

Don and Andrew, My heart is breaking for both of you. Susan was so proud of to be a wife and mother, you both were her world. She will be missed by so many. I have been thinking all week of the great memories that I have from kindergarten on up. Susan was the brightest light of our whole friend group.

Nov 27, 2021

**Brian and Linda Riley**

Don and Andrew, we were deeply saddened to hear of Susan's passing. Although our lives took us in different directions and we lost touch many years ago, we always remembered Susan and you with great fondness and will cherish those memories. We send our deepest condolences and hope that the knowledge that Susan is lovingly remembered by so many will bring you some small measure of comfort.

Nov 27, 2021

**Lisa and Jeff Barwell**

Dear Don and Andrew,

We were so very saddened to hear that Susan had been diagnosed with a terminal illness. And now, Pierson has told us of Susan's passing. We have many fond memories of our family get togethers. The karaoke sing alongs, and generously taking Pierson to many events such as Leaf games, and Susan once took me to see a Tiff movie, and us being a little uncomfortable during a very boisterous sex scene with Zach Braff. We always remember when invited to dinner, Susan always brought tulips! We will plant some white tulips in our garden in Southampton in her memory. Our girls have fond memories of Susan's generosity with their daily walks of Kirby.

Please know that we are thinking of you both, and we offer our deepest condolences. It seems the brightest lights are extinguished the earliest.

With sympathy,

Lisa and Jeff

Nov 27, 2021

**Nancy Cotter**

Sending sincere condolences to you, Don and Andrew and your families. Thinking of you at this difficult time and in the days and weeks ahead. May the memories you have of shared love, of the laughter, the trips, the outings, the bonding times with friends and family stay fresh in your heart and I know you will hear Sue's laughter each and every day. A sad day for sure... thinking of you all ...

Nancy Cotter

Nov 27, 2021

**Michael Helms**

I was one of those students at Brock High School that was so lucky to have Susan as a music teacher. Even after all these years, I can still remember the enthusiasm and charisma that she brought to the classroom. Her family will certainly be in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

Nov 27, 2021

**Jeremy Smith**

Our Musical Talents is what God gave to us , What we do with them , is our Gift back to God , Susan had that ability to share her talents with those that embraced her knowledge of music . Although many years have passed I can still see her in our Knights of Jazz High School Band playing her Saxophone. Our Lives are made for making memories to hold and cherish within our hearts , may you Don and Andrew embrace your love and memories of Susan and keep them close , just close your eyes and Susan will always be there ; Take care

Nov 27, 2021

**Sean Lemery**

I was blessed as a student to have many great teachers. Not only were many of these people good at their jobs, they were just good people.

One teacher in particular made an impression on me that I am proud to say still resides within me to this day. That would be Mrs. Selby, or Sue as I would later find myself referring to her as (although that still doesn't feel right...she'll always be Mrs. Selby out of sheer respect).

Sue and Don gave me their old 81 Honda Civic that she drove faithfully from Oshawa to Cannington each day for many years. I begged Don each time I would see him to sell me that old car that I had fallen in love with. Sue would allow me to drive it to run errands for her for activities that were taking place in the music department. Finally Don came around and they sold me that car for ...lol

It needed a ton of body work, but mechanically it was as right as rain. So my dad and I set about restoring that little car and I proudly drove it until an opportunity came around to sell it to someone as their first car. It was super reliable and a lot of fun...much like the person who gave it to me.

I spent a great deal of time with Sue, as did many of the people that will read this post. She cared a great deal for her students and she made the study of instrumental and vocal music both challenging and fun.

Sue went to great lengths to ensure her students and performers were well prepared and well rehearsed...often meaning that there were multiple days of the week when she was at school both early in the morning and well past the end of the traditional school day so that she could lead one rehearsal or another.

Many reading this may also remember that look she could deliver if you were "caught" doing something during a performance that might affect the delivery of the piece or the performance of those around you. She had a great sense of humour, but it was not to be tested during a performance...lol

Living, raising a family, and operating a business in the Whitby area for the past 15 years has given me the opportunity to cross paths with a great number of people. Many of whom are high school teachers or administrators themselves. I have always spoken highly of my experiences as a student of Brock High School, but in particular I would always mention having been taught by and involved in many groups and bands with Sue. The number of these people that knew, or knew of her, has been plentiful and the conversations that have taken place once that connection had been made; well I will hold onto those dearly.

I am not a very religious person, however it is my hope that when we all pass, there is something wonderful waiting for us on the other side. If this place exists, Sue is there right now. It's 4:30am presently as I'm finishing drafting what I hope is a nice little tribute to a person who I respected tremendously. Sue is likely getting ready to attend a rehearsal of a group that she has no doubt already assembled, and they will be getting to work on a selection of her favourite jazz pieces in preparation for some performance that has also been arranged by her.

Mrs Selby, you were an exceptional educator, a versatile and talented musician, and just generally a good person. The schools you taught in, and the students you worked with are all better because of your presence. You will be missed dearly.

To Don, Andrew, and the rest of Sue's family, friends, colleagues, and former students, I give you my deepest condolences for your loss.

Nov 27, 2021

**Linda Graham**

Don and Andrew, my sincere condolences to you, and to Sue's relatives. I knew Sue from volunteering at Sinclair and she was also my daughters music instructor. Whenever I saw Sue, she always asked how I, and my daughter Trellawny, was doing. Sue was phenomenal at getting her students to produce great musical renditions at their concerts and productions. She was respected by both students and parents. She will be sadly missed by a host of people, but will be remembered with great admiration. Knowing Sue, there will be music in the heavens! RIP Sue!

Nov 27, 2021

**Angela Bagatto (nee Cyr)**

Sue had a profound impact on all of the lives she touched. As a former student of hers at Sinclair S.S., I can say that her enthusiasm, hard work and Joie de vivre were contagious and inspired us to love music more than we already did. She made what many students find to be challenging years, some of the best and most enjoyable of my young adult life. I can never thank her enough for that and am so sorry that she did not get to enjoy her retirement longer. My most sincere condolences to Don, Andrew and all the rest of her family and friends.

Nov 28, 2021

**JIM SCHWAN**

Don & family, so shocked to hear of Sue's illness & death. My memories of Sue from our Brock HS days are so vivid with her zest for life & indomitable spirit. Sue's laugh & love of life was contagious, always present when we had our frequent staff get togethers. Don, Donna & I send our sincere condolences & would love to have communication with you if you so desire.

Jim & Donna Schwan.

Nov 28, 2021

**Eileen and JMiminett**

Don and Andrew

Jim and I were very sorry to hear that Sue has died. Her beautiful obituary celebrated her wonderful career in Music and her love for life. But nothing really touches her love for her family. I clearly remember chatting with her on the Jones' steps when she shared her joy about her pregnancy with Andrew. We would often catch up at the annual

Lauder Road Halloween party and visit when the Cookie Lady came. Susan's death has left a big hole in your lives. We wish you both our sincerest condolences.  
Eileen and Jim Minett

Nov 28, 2021

**Brian Lake**

My deepest condolences to Sue's family and friends. I will never forget Sue and the kindness she showed me. Her leadership was second to none, her enthusiasm was infectious, and her commitment to her students was genuine and total. Sue's genius was in her understanding that strong leadership in her chosen profession needed to be in direct contact with students on a daily basis. She was an awesome role model and an inspiration to all who were fortunate to know her.

Nov 28, 2021

**Thomas Threndyle**

From Joan Threndyle:

Dear Don & Andrew:

My sincerest sympathy to you on the loss of Susan. She lived next door to us for about 15 years so we watched her growing up into a beautiful young lady. Her musical talents were much admired and rewarding as a teacher. I was so glad to see you on the boardwalk at the last Old Boys Reunion and she had just retired. I will always think of her as the little red-haired girl next door. She will be sadly missed. Love Joan Threndyle

Nov 28, 2021

**Danielle Bryers**

I was a music student at Sinclair in the 90s and Mrs Selby was, and remains, one of the most influential educators in my life. She took educating beyond what we learned in the classroom and practiced it holistically, as love and kindness toward her students (with the occasional filthy look as deserved!).

If grief is the love we never got to express, the grief I feel 20 years after leaving her classroom is testament to her impact. I'll always remember the music teacher who let us have the keys to the classroom so we could have a band during the strikes, made practice rooms the cool place to be and encouraged my own desire to be an educator (got there eventually, Mrs Selby!).

I'm sorry that everyone, but especially Don and Andrew and her siblings, have to experience this loss before you were ready. I hope you find some comfort in these memories.

Nov 28, 2021

**Sandy Evans**

I can't tell you how sorry we are for your loss. She is a great person, and will be missed terribly.

Any time I seen Susan she always had a smile and a minute to chat, even if she was on the run. She is a wonderful person, wife and mother.

Our thoughts are with you Don and Andrew.

Nov 28, 2021

**Angelo Lao**

I'm so sorry for your loss.

Susan was the director of my high school bands at Sinclair Secondary, and it was an absolute blast being under her leadership. Her love for music was always visible every rehearsal, as she conducted and mentored the students. Her hard work allowed us to make music we were proud of, and nurtured our own love for the art. Today, I've been a musical director myself and I'm extremely thankful for the impact Susan had on my life - I look back and see how blessed I was to have her as one of my musical role models.

I'll be praying for Don, Andrew, and everyone whose lives this incredible woman lifted up. She served so many so well.

Nov 28, 2021

**Dan Threndyle**

So sad to learn of Susans's passing. I remember as children jumping in the piles of leaves from the giant maples that lined our street. She was the red headed girl next door, and pretty darn cute. It's good to know that she found her purpose in life and made a difference in the lives of her family and students...in the words of another great musician " a gardener like that one, no one can replace". Our deepest sympathy to all the family.

Nov 28, 2021

**Ken Threndyle**

Dear Don & Andrew,

Speaking with Mom this week I heard the sad news. Growing up in Kincardine with the Goessell's as next door neighbours taught me what community is all about. Susan was my first babysitter if I recall properly and I remember when she went off to University and then when Don and her started dating as I'd always see his car in the driveway. I had no doubt that Susan would carry that sense of community and neighborhood wherever her and Don would settle. We will all miss you Susan but we will all remember you as well. My deepest of sympathy to the family.

Nov 28, 2021

**Ruth Rideout**

Don and Andrew:

I was saddened by the news of Sue's passing. Such a tragic loss to you and those who taught with her. I remember fondly being involved in Music Theatre with Sue and Frank Smith, as well as attending many Music Night performances. It was very magical. Her talents were many and always greatly appreciated with the packed houses at Brock.

Her laugh was contagious as was her smile. May she rest in peace.

Nov 28, 2021

**Chantel Lawton**

I had the honour of being one of Susan's music students at Brock High School and also spending time with Susan and Don at the Durham Music Camp. Mrs. Selby was a wonderful musician, and a vibrant and passionate teacher who truly cared for the wellbeing of her students. Her dedication in driving to Brock for early morning practices and staying late for after school practices must have taken a lot of energy and stamina that none of us fully appreciated at the time. She brought a light and energy to our small country high school that impacted many of us for years to come. She created a safe space for us to express ourselves and become a family. It was a pleasure to hear her sing this past year with Resound Choir. She will be missed. My deepest condolences to Don and Andrew and her entire family.

Nov 29, 2021

**Linda**

May this outpouring of love and cherished memories help bring you some peace and comfort. Susan's radiant smile, zest for adventure and contagiously adorable giggle we're true eternal gifts. You can't think of Sue without all of these amazing attributes immediately flooding your mind. What a beautiful legacy.

Linda & Glenn Ross

Nov 29, 2021

**Frank & Colleen Cox**

Don; to you, Andrew and the Selby and Goessell families our condolences for your loss. A life cut short but well lived.

Nov 29, 2021

**Jennifer McDonnell**

I would like to express my condolences after hearing of Mrs. Selby's passing. Not only was she my fantastic Grade 8 teacher, I most recently enjoyed our conversations as she came into the Oshawa Senior Community Centres to play Pickleball. She always had a bright smile on her face! She will be missed.

Jennifer McDonnell

Nov 29, 2021

**Louise and John Koopmans**

Our family is so very sorry for your loss. Mrs Selby had a huge impact on the musical education of our three children at Sinclair Secondary School. As a parent and volunteer in the school, all my memories are of her cheerful, unwavering dedication in support of us all.

Nov 29, 2021

**Jennifer Vibert**

I was so sorry to learn of Mrs Selby's passing. She was an incredibly warm, energetic and talented teacher. She was really one of the forces of music in Durham Region and Sinclair Secondary School. She had such a vibrant personality and was so well known and loved by all who came in contact with her, especially those students privileged enough to

be able to study with her. This loss is truly shocking and my heart goes out to Don, Andrew and her close family and friends.

Nov 29, 2021

**Dean \"Duke\" Cuthbert**

So sorry for your loss. My deepest condolences to everyone. xo

Nov 29, 2021

**Sandy Wilman**

So sorry to hear of Mrs Selby's passing. I was in her Grade 8 music class the first year she taught at Dr Robert Thornton and have always had fond memories of the musical productions we were able to put on that year. She was great at what she did and inspired a life long love of all things music in me. My deepest condolences.

Nov 30, 2021

**Sandra (Ingram) Marshall**

Sue was one of my absolute favourite teachers at Brock HS (1990-1995). She Hadassa faith in all of her students that was unmatched. I can still hear her boisterous laugh, and her dry humour and quick wit have stayed with me all these years. I have thought of her often, and am devastated by this loss. I pray her family finds peace in hers, and know that she touched and improved so many lives.

Nov 30, 2021

**Bob & Connie**

We're much saddened to hear this and offer our heartfelt condolences to all those who loved Sue.

Nov 30, 2021

**Anne Newton**

Dear Don and family. I am so sorry for your loss. Susan was a wonderful person. God has a special angel at his side in Susan. May she rest in peace, free of pain and turmoil, until you meet again. Luv the Newton Family

Nov 30, 2021

**Susan Humphrey**

Sue was a treasured colleague in the Arts at Brock High School, with many happy memories of those years. Along with Frank Smith and myself, Sue collaborated and organized fabulous trips to New York City for our Music, Drama and Visual Art students. Highlights included a personal meeting with Pavarotti before his performance at The Centre for the Performing Arts, seeing the Broadway show "Miss Saigon", with a real helicopter flying onto the stage, as well as, viewing masterpieces of art at the Museum of Modern Art and the Metropolitan Museum of Art. Sue always went the extra mile for everyone who crossed her path, seeing the best in everyone and making their day a happy one with



her infectious giggle and smile. Sincerest condolences to Don, Andrew and family. So sorry for your loss.

Nov 30, 2021

**Leslie Avery**

So sorry to hear of the loss of your wife and mother. Thoughts are with you.

Dec 1, 2021

**Trellawny Graham Quinet**

Ms. Selby was my high school music teacher at Sinclair and she instilled a love of musical theatre in me as well as confidence. It was always fun to be in her class and to participate in band. She lead with love. My sincerest condolences to Don and Andrew and all of her family and friends. What a tremendous woman she was. Rest In Peace, Ms. Selby ?

Dec 1, 2021

**David and Gayle Konarek**

Don and Andrew.

We are so sad for you. Susan lived her life well, and touched others deeply, but her lifespan was cut tragically and abruptly short.

Having had the opportunity and privilege to read a number of the condolences already posted here, we are struck by how many are submitted by her former students. Clearly Susan had a real impact on their lives, and whom they grew up to be. A legacy.

We knew Susan as the ski race cheerleader, always ready to lend a hand, bring along fresh made muffins to an early morning race and generally greet everyone with a happy smile. She was our social planner "par extraordinaire" for our ski trips to Quebec and out west, always finding the best restaurants to cap off the "best day ever!"

We will really miss Susan's infectious enthusiasm for life.

David and Gayle Konarek

Dec 1, 2021

**Katherine**

I was a student of Mrs. Selby's at Sinclair 10 years ago. She brought so much energy and positivity to the band and music class. I worked on the school musical Annie with her and her husband Don. Such wonderful memories. She made an impact on me even after all these years. My thoughts are with her family during this difficult time.

Dec 2, 2021

**Joan Hartwick**

To Susan's family,  
So very sorry for loss of your beloved wife, mom, and sibling.  
I first met Susan many years ago, when I first came to Kincardine.  
The little red head that was so lively.  
Treasure the memories, she was obviously very well loved and certainly instilled her love for life and music in anyone lucky enough to have her for a teacher!  
Sincerely, Wayne and Joan Hartwick

Dec 2, 2021

**Janet Patterson**

Don, Andrew and family and friends I am so sorry to hear of the loss of Susan. You all have my heartfelt sympathy at this time and going forward.  
I wish you all the love and strength you need at this time. Love Jan Patterson

Dec 2, 2021

**Philip Arkoh-Forson**

All I see is Sue bobbing her head excitedly as she stands in front of Sinclair's Jazz Band, conducting. What a vibrant soul and a dedicated teacher! I am totally heart broken. I never missed a concert or any musical show for the four years I worked with Sue at Sinclair. I loved to see her conducting. A beautiful soul has gone ahead of us.  
My deepest condolences to Don, Andrew and the rest of the family.  
Rest in Peace Sue. Rest in Peace.

Dec 2, 2021

**Kelvin and Julie Sloos**

Dear Don, our sincere condolences. Our sympathies are with you as you deal with this difficult time.

Dec 2, 2021

**Janice Donnelly**

I am so very sorry to hear this sad news . Susan thank you for 30 years of loyalty . I had the pleasure of doing susan's hair for all these years . Every 6 weeks we got together. Thanks for all the purses you picked up for me in New York , for helping me with TIFF and all the advice you shared with me regarding cruises . We should have been on the same cruise in January next year . I will miss our chats , cups of tea , laughs and the odd cry we had together . I have never met someone who loved retirement more than you . You lived life to the fullest Susan . Will miss you ♥??

Dec 2, 2021

**Lori Brudek**

Don and Family,

So very sorry to hear of Sue's passing. I remember the Friday afternoon get togethers when we were in our early years of teaching. Sue added her bright smile and laughter to those fun days! She was such a positive and

enthusiastic person and such an incredible teacher. My deepest condolences go out to you Don and all family members during this very sad and difficult time.

Dec 2, 2021

**Dana Sacco**

Dear Don and Andrew, I am so sorry for your loss. Susan was not only a long time client but I considered her a friend. I loved my visits with Susan because we always chatted about life, travel, music, kids and so much more. She was so full of life and a friend to so many! Because of Susan's advice my girls are enthusiastic musicians. She will be dearly missed.

Dec 2, 2021

**Steven Jones**

Don, Andrew, and family,

Sue has been a great example to me as a teacher, and has left her mark on the way I conduct myself in this profession. She never shied away from helping me and other colleagues improve our approaches to making every day, every moment with our students, count. Her passion for giving and shaping the world around her never diminished the whole time I have known her. Thank you, Sue; Heaven is richer with you.

Dec 2, 2021

**Cassie Karvonen**

I was lucky enough to be Mrs. Selby's student at Sinclair 7 years ago and spend lots of time with her in music classes, jazz bands and musical theatre productions. While I came in with a passion for voice, her infectious energy drew me in to band and instrumental music. This was such a gift, and it has made me a well rounded musician and music educator today. I will never forget her fiery spirit and her incredible ability to push her students towards excellence, while still creating a positive music community for them to find a home in.

Ms. Selby never shied away from a challenge and I deeply respected her musicianship. She always made me feel like she was rooting for me and I can't express how motivating it was to feel like I had someone like that on my team. I will never forget the band trip to Chicago, the trips to Wonderland, music nights, our production of West Side Story and so many moments in between. I still hear her voice saying "syn-co-PA." when learning or teaching new pieces! Ms. Selby is someone I will never forget and there are no words for how much she will be missed by all of her students.

My sincere condolences to Don, Andrew and her family.

Dec 3, 2021

**Jill and Jake Moores**

Mr. Selby and Andrew our hearts were so broken to hear this. Our thoughts are with you. The nicest lady always. She loved her boy and we had many warm exchanges about our boys and she was sooo proud. Thank you for your kindness always Mr. Selby and Andrew. Jake paperboy and mom.xo

Dec 3, 2021

**James Marrinan**

Dear Don and Andrew

We have lost a very special person from our lives. Sue had such grace, caring and commitment for her family and her work. Sue was a wonderful person. I had the pleasure of working with her at Sinclair for many years. She was always so kind and helpful to everyone that she taught and worked with. She will be missed tremendously. Sue will forever be in our hearts with love.

James

Dec 3, 2021

**Donna (Neyvatte) Burrows**

I was very saddened to hear the news of Susan's passing. Susan was a childhood neighbourhood friend. I remember exploring the Malcolm Place garden together and biking for miles. We also spent lots of time together at church youth group and church choir. I was glad to spend time with someone with hair redder than mine, lol. It sounds like Susan retained her bubbly and happy personality and brought so much to the lives of so many. My sympathy to Susan's family and friends as they say goodbye, celebrate the shining star she was.

Dec 3, 2021

**Richard & Melissa Claxton-Oldfield**

We are very sorry to hear of Susan's passing. We knew Susan through the Oshawa Cycling Club, Susan rode with us on many Tuesday evening rides. I am sorry to know I will not see her bright smiling face again on our rides. On behalf of the Oshawa Cycling Club please accept our condolences to Don, the Selby family and other friends and family.

Dec 4, 2021

**Howard and Elaine Boothby**

Dear Don and Andrew, not a moment has gone by this past week that we have not been thinking of you and Susan. Sue lived her life with such passion and enthusiasm. We are honoured to say that she considered us to be among her many friends. Elaine was always the first to say, "I'll ask Sue because she will know (almost anything) because she is "The Maeve"!!!!" Sue introduced Elaine to the wonders of TIFF and almost everybody to Pickleball. She will be dearly missed. Our hearts go out to both of you at this very difficult time. oxox Elaine and Howard

Dec 4, 2021

**Jim and Lyda Weaver**

Susan made an invaluable contribution to the music programme at Brock High School. She modernized it and was a pleasure to work with. She was enthusiastic and an excellent musician. She will be missed by her students and staff who knew her well.

We offer our deepest condolences.

Dec 4, 2021

**Rolande et David Smith**

Don and Andrew, our sincere thoughts are with you and your family today.  
We will remember Susan and her 'joie de vivre'.

Dec 4, 2021

**Kimberley Sutherland**

Don, Andrew and family,

I was deeply saddened to hear the news of Sue's passing. I think of her each time I pass the music room at Sinclair. I remember fondly the many concerts and musicals that I attended where Sue was in her element conducting and directing students in some capacity. I admired her skill both as a musician and a director. She embodied the excellence that made Sinclair a great school. There are no words to express how sorry I am for your loss but I hope you can take comfort in knowing that your wife/mother made a difference in the lives of many people and will be remembered by her colleagues.

Dec 4, 2021

**Warren Senkowski**

Sue Selby (or Mrs. Selby, as I'll always think of her) was the most influential teacher of my high school years at Sinclair Secondary School. I entered grade nine with an interest in music and a background in classical piano, and through her enthusiasm and encouragement she nurtured this interest into a full blown passion during the time we knew each other. As head of the music department, she took me under her wing and strongly supported my participation in every possible form of musical involvement the school offered: concert bands, jazz bands, choirs, keyboard classes and musical theatre productions. I'll never forget playing auxiliary percussion in our rendition of My Fair Lady. It's not easy to take a rowdy group of teenagers and achieve a beautiful harmony through practice and patience, yet that's what she was able to do year after year.

Sue brought this positive energy and leadership to all students who had the fortune to take her classes. She always seemed to be on the run, and I don't know where she got all her abundant energy from, but it was well received by all of us. Sue, you would be happy to hear that since that time two decades ago, I've kept my music hobby alive through involvement in various bands and solo projects and performances. Thank you so much for everything you gave to all of us.

I had the pleasure of meeting Sue in 2013 when she came to visit me in Rome, and again a few years ago when she and Don were passing through Vancouver on their way to a cruise. On both occasions, her smile and uplifting spirit remained as high as it had ever been, and it's this way that I will always remember her. I wish she had had more time to travel and enjoy her well-deserved retirement, but I'm confident that she didn't have any regrets as she lived life to the fullest and held nothing back.

Don and Andrew, my deepest sympathies go out to you and your family.

Dec 5, 2021

**Rick Forsey**

Don, Andrew and family,

I was so saddened to learn of Sue's passing. I want you to know that I've been thinking of you at this difficult time. I have also been reflecting on the years spent with Sue at Sinclair. We worked together daily in the music department,

always chatting about our work and what our families were doing and other life events. She encouraged and supported me in building the school's guitar program. We also always had such a great time preparing for and delivering the Christmas and Spring concerts - those were my favorites for sure, and Sue and her bands would always shine!

Sue will certainly be missed and always remembered.

Deepest sympathies,  
Rick

Dec 5, 2021  
**Susan Asquith**

Don, Andrew and family,

I was very sad to hear of Susan's passing. I have very fond memories of Susan bringing in her wonderful treats for the staff at Dr. S. J. Phillips to share when Andrew was in elementary school. Susan and Don were wonderful supportive parents when I had the pleasure of teaching Andrew in grade 1.

Heartfelt sympathy at this difficult time,  
Susan

Dec 8, 2021  
**ANNE SENKOWSKI**

I was so saddened by the news of Mrs. Selbys passing. She meant the world to us as we were the parents of Warren Senkowski. She loved Warren I know and took him under her wing from Grade 9 to grade 13. My husband Stan and I went to many concerts , plays and performances that she directed and we were always amazed at the positive energy she had and her huge influence in Warrens life.

She guided Warren through the many decisions a student has to make during their high school years, including his decision on his University choice. They kept in touch ever since and I know that he cared deeply for her.

Know Don and Andrew, that she played a huge part in his and our life.

We will never forget Susan.

My deepest condolences to you Don and know Andrew that your mother was a very loving, kind, thoughtful, smart and energetic mother.

Anne Senkowski

Dec 11, 2021  
**Kie**

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