



## Allen David Suter

August 8, 1935 - August 3, 2020

Allen David Suter passed away on Monday, August 3, 2020 surrounded by family at his home in Mandeville, LA. He was born on August 3, 1935 in New Orleans, LA to the late Marion Suter and Myra Chenoweth Suter.

Allen was the beloved husband of Joyce Dickinson Suter for 59 years. He was the loving father of Steven Michael Suter (Deleen), Brian Allen Suter (Amanda), and Lauryn Leigh Mason (Lance). Allen was the proud grandfather of Kaleigh Elizabeth Loup (Austin), Gabrielle Elizabeth Burns, Benjamin Thomas Burns, Samantha Lee Suter, Caroline Elise Suter, and Zachary Brian Suter. He was the brother of Edward Suter (Mary Ellen) and survived by many neices and nephews.

Allen was a veteran of the United States Navy, serving from 1955 until 1957 and served in the Naval Reserves until 1961.

He attended Southeastern Louisiana University, during his time in school he served as President of Alpha Omega fraternity, active with Circle K International, and was listed in 1959-'60 "Who's Who among students in American Universities and Colleges".

Having graduated in 1960 from Southeastern La. University with a bachelor's degree in Education, he became a devoted educator, teaching math and science in upper elementary school. He taught and mentored many thousands of students throughout a brilliant 40 year career, at Metairie High School, New Orleans Academy, Kehoe-France School, and Stuart Hall School. During his time at New Orleans Academy he was a football coach and a winning basketball coach, guiding his team to an undefeated 1970-71 season.

He was also an accomplished musician, having played in and around New Orleans with various bands for more than 50 years. He was influenced greatly by his father, Marion, who was the lead trumpet player for the Dawnbusters radio show here in New Orleans. Allen had a love for music and great respect for all musicians throughout his life.

The family would like to give its thanks and appreciation to Anvoi Hospice Services, and all of the nurses and caretakers who helped to keep Allen comfortable during his final weeks.

A memorial service will be announced at a later date.

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“ I attended NOA from 1st through 8th grade and was blessed to have been taught my last three years by Allen, Frank France and Mrs. Ellis. They personified the NOA experience and made education an enjoyable and unique experience that helped build character. More recently I worked with Allen and Joyce as their financial planner and was always glad to visit with them and learn what was happening with the NOA community. Thank you , Allen. Bill Monsted 1971

**Bill Monsted** - August 26, 2020 at 10:17 PM

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“ I taught with Allen at Stuart Hall during the 1990's. He was always kind and upbeat and completely dedicated to his students! He had a great sense of humor and a big heart. My sincere condolences to all of Allen's family.

**Christy Sevante** - August 12, 2020 at 08:54 PM

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“ Eddie:  
My condolences to you and your family on the loss of Allen. Memories of Rosewood.

**Elizabeth Ford (Betty Reinhard)** - August 11, 2020 at 09:13 PM

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“ Mr. Suter is a wonderful soul. He was much more than a talented professor, mentor, and coach. You could sense his sincerity and desire to help his students mature. For many of us, Mr. Suter became a model for integrity and character. I am fortunate to have crossed his path.

Carlton Dufrechou  
NOA '74

**Carlton Dufrechou** - August 11, 2020 at 12:53 PM

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“ I am so sad to hear of the passing of Mr. Suter and I send my deepest sympathies to the Suter family and friends .

I have so many great memories of my time spent at NOA and Mr. Suter was one of my coaches and one of those special teachers that really tried to teach us about life and learning.

My favorite memory of Coach Suter( our football line coach) is very simple , and I remember it like it was yesterday .Right before almost every football practice started Coach Suter would come and grab me by the shoulder pads, get in my face and try to convince me that I needed to change positions from running back and come and play for him on the line .He said I could open holes a lot better than I could go through them ."Ha, no way coach" I would say and of course, I did not listen but in retrospect he was absolutely right and of course later in life I regretted that decision .He and I would laugh about those times at our NOA reunions.

Coach Suter is in my thoughts and prayers and I will miss him .

H E Arnsdorff III - August 10, 2020 at 02:44 PM

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“ My condolences to Steven, Brian, Lauren, Joyce and Mr. Suter's entire family. I have many fond memories of Mr. Suter as my teacher at Kehoe-France and, along with my dad, as my cub scout leader. Like my late father, Mr. Suter was an extremely well-rounded, caring educator who went out of his way to go beyond simply teaching the subject matter. He helped us learn to be responsible citizens and caring people. He will be missed.

Marc DiMaggio - August 10, 2020 at 02:20 PM

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“ Allen was a great teacher and light years ahead of many of his colleagues His positive influence was felt and experienced by all those who new him and were fortunate to have been his students. He inspired leadership morality and a thirst for knowledge in all of us . Rest In Peace our thoughts and prayers are with his family H Craig Cabral

h craig cabral - August 09, 2020 at 02:01 PM

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“ Mr. Suter was one of the greatest influences of my life. As my teacher, coach and mentor he made me a much better man. I'm so glad we had a chance to speak at an NOA reunion. I got to shake his and and hug him. He taught me “Tough Love” when I needed it. He will be with me all through my days.

I live you Mr Suter.

**Mickey Zatarain** - August 09, 2020 at 11:32 AM

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“ Mr. Suter, as he was known at New Orleans Academy, was a respected teacher and mentor to us Cadets. Initially, many of us were intimidated by his manner, but that soon changed as we realized that he was only motivated to help us grow and strive to become the best version of ourselves, in every way. Mr. Suter's impact helped shape my life in a meaningful way, but not unlike most cases, this was not fully realized until years later when I became a husband and father. I had a few opportunities over the years since I graduated high school to see and speak with him during NOA reunions and a few chance meetings, all of which were special and will always be fondly remembered.

**Jeff Doussan** - August 09, 2020 at 11:15 AM

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“ Love you Dad. Steve

**Steven Suter** - August 09, 2020 at 01:31 AM

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“ Allen was in many ways my mentor when we taught together at NOA. There was never an individual with better sense of humor and always positive. Every conversation between us started with an effervescent comment from Allen which usually just broke me up in laughter. I did not have a better friend and truly treasured each meeting and conversation with him. Additionally, Joyce was and is wonderful. She could not have been a kinder person to me and my wife. Allen's children have always been models of his personality. I was closer to Brian and Lauren than Steven, because I taught Brian and knew Lauren as a little one. I learned so much from Allen in the manner in which to work with students, being positive and pleasant with all individuals, and expanding my knowledge of music. We chatted about all topics, football, track, basketball, popular music and so forth. I, too, attended the Woody Herman concert at Rummel those many year ago. Following that event I literally sat at Allen's feet learning tidbits and aspects of the music that evaded my ears. I have been so fortunate to have the friendship of Allen Suter, and his impact on me was to make me a better person and to appreciate the little things in life. Thank you Allen. I miss you so much.

Jeff Brock

Jeff Brock - August 08, 2020 at 01:04 PM



“ Well said, Coach. I have remembered Mr. Suter fondly since my short time at NOA... ('80-'82 I believe) I went on to pursue a career in music (not math, thankfully). He was instrumental in helping me realize that music like most things, can be expressed mathematically. I know he will be missed. Peace be with his friends and family.

Jim Yongue - August 08, 2020 at 02:10 PM

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“ I'm saddened by the loss of Mr. Suter, on his birthday nonetheless. Mr. Suter was to me the epitome of a father. The Suters were a second family to me during my childhood as my own home life was a little chaotic I took solace in the many, many weekends on Maple Ridge Drive. Always a smile and kind word. Mr. Suter you will be missed and I wish I would have told you how much those weekends and your guidance meant to me. Rest In Peace.

Mia Sciafani - August 07, 2020 at 11:31 PM

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“Like family, we are tied to each other. This is what all good musicians understand”.-- Billy Joel I had the great privilege of performing with Steven in one of the most Rocking Stage Bands the State of Louisiana ever had, and like Steven, I was the son of a locally famous and beloved Jazz Man. I remember Mr. Allen as being always smiling, always friendly, and willing to compliment the musicianship of young men other than his own son. This made him one of the great " Band Dads" of all time, and we were always happy for the advice he could give us. When Woody Herman and the Thundering Herd came to Rummel (and yes, that really happened), I remember Allen and Chuck being in their glory as they shared stories with all these Eastman School of Music graduates-- as though they had known them all their lives. Steven, your Dad was not just a great musician-- he was a great man. He will be remembered in the Credo Family Rosary. Brian Credo M.D.

**Brian Credo** - August 07, 2020 at 10:51 PM

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“ My deepest sympathies to Joyce’s, Brian, Steven, Lauryn and to all of Allen’s extended family. Allen was a sweet and kind man and I know he is going to be missed.

**susan stallings** - August 07, 2020 at 09:08 PM