



# Susan Kelly Becker

MAY 10, 1963 - MAY 1, 2014



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## **Susan Kelly Becker**

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**B**ecker  
Dr. Susan Kelly, 50, died on May 1, 2014 in Miami. Born May 10, 1963 in Winchester, Massachusetts, Susan was the daughter of Christopher and Antonieta Kelly, and big sister to Chris Kelly. Susan graduated from Hialeah Miami Lakes in 1981, and was among the first freshmen admitted into Florida International University. After one semester, Susan enrolled in Duke University and graduated three and a half years later. At Duke, Susan was a double major, earning degrees in political science and psychology. Susan's passion for psychology was further developed upon her enrollment in both the Masters and Doctorate Programs in the University of Miami Counseling Psychology Program. Whether it was serving as a highly sought after clinic supervisor, or whether she was the teacher of choice for high demand graduate courses, Susan remained a popular adjunct faculty member for 15 years. After also concurrently working in South Miami Hospital's Child Development Center for several years, Susan opened her own private practice in Coral Gables. During the last 15 years, Susan helped many in personal crisis. Susan married Michael Becker in 1988. Susan's pride and joy were her two sons, Daniel and Sean. Over the next twenty years, Susan successfully balanced the demands of her practice with her leadership in the Association for Clinical Hypnosis and Florida Society for Clinical Hypnosis and with the rigors of parenting. Daniel recently graduated from Princeton University in 2013, and younger son, Sean "pumpkin" a freshman at Ransom Everglades School. Although Susan loved reading, music and art; having two athletic boys made her learn to appreciate sports as well. Susan's dedication as a master therapist, as well as her dedication to being a devoted wife and mother will be cherished forever by those who she touched. Susan's empathy for those who she cared for will serve as a model for all others for years beyond her lifetime. Susan certainly left this world a better place than she found. In lieu of



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flowers, the family asked that donations be made in Susan's name to Children's Bereavement Center, 7600 S Red Road, Suite 307, Miami, FL. 33143 or [www.childbereavement.org](http://www.childbereavement.org). Visitation 4 PM until Service time 5 pm Tuesday, May 6th at VAN ORSDEL CORAL GABLES CHAPEL.






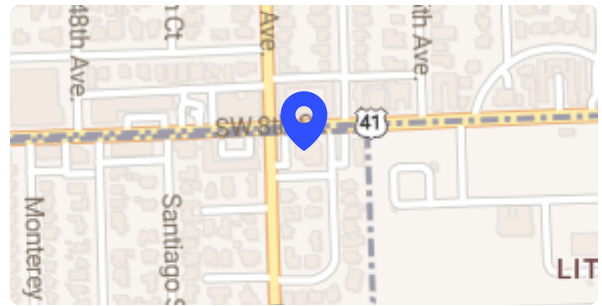
# Events

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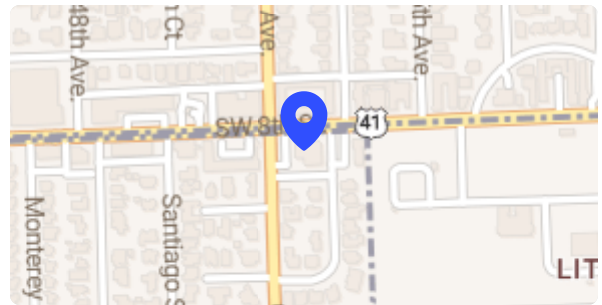
## Visitation

-  **Tuesday**, May 6, 2014
-  4:00 PM - 5:00 PM ET
-  **Van Orsdel Funeral & Cremation Services**  
4600 SW 8th St, Coral Gables FL 33134




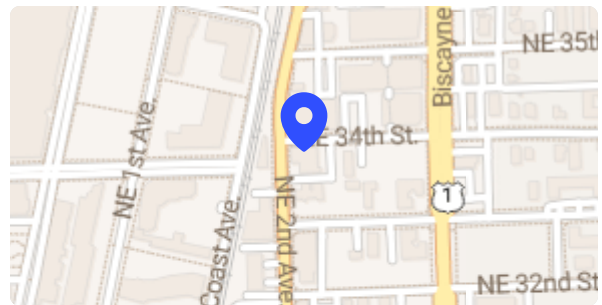
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## Cemetery Details

-  **Van Orsdel Crematory**  
3333 NE 2nd Avenue, Miami FL 33137





## Tribute Wall

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**Van Orsdel Funeral & Cremation Services** shared a **Tribute Video**.



May 5 at 10:31 AM



**AK**

**Antonieta Kelly** posted:

My Beloved Daughter Susan: It is 2 years, 9 months since you went to Heaven. I love you more than ever and find it very difficult living without you and your Beloved Brother Christopher. How can this be possible? Two wonderful people as you two, and taken in the bloom of youth, leaving broken hearts along the way. The children are doing just fine. Daniel lives in New York and is very successful. He is a good, decent person as you are. Sean will graduate from Ransom Everglades on May 19th. and will be going to Princeton as his father and brother did. He is a very good boy, very serious about his academic obligations and he even made Quarterback in the football team! I hope you and Christopher are together. Please wait for me. I love both of you, love you, love you!Mama

February 5 at 5:16 AM



**Michelle Kalphat** posted:

I only just recently got back on FB and just saw this and am deeply shocked and saddened by this loss 😞😭 I lost my son 4 years ago and Susan reached out to me with her condolences and was so thoughtful and caring. She even went so far as sending me some cds to help me in my grief. We were good friends in high school and had so many classes and activities together. My first high school party was one she held at her house and was as fun as she was. As I mark the 4 year anniversary of losing my son, I also grieve for such a wonderful and caring woman. My prayers are with your family. ❤️😭 Love your friend, Michelle

November 11 at 6:07 AM



**DI**

**Diana** posted:

A few years ago, I was a patient of Susan's and I can say she saved my life. The only reason I stopped being a patient was because with her encouragement I applied to an out of state nursing school and moved. I was hoping to have a few more sessions with her the next time I fly in to Miami (its been 6 yrs) but I saw the obituary. She was an amazing person and therapist. Her compassion and kindness will forever be missed.

August 4 at 4:44 AM



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NB

**Natalie Blacher** posted:

Dear Mike, Daniel and Sean: We find it difficult to express our profound sadness for your loss. We came to know Susan during the Ransom years. She is fondly remembered as funny, down to earth, caring and just someone who was totally genuine. We consider ourselves very fortunate and privileged to have known Susan. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Natalie (Blacher), Chris and Cameron Warren

May 9 at 2:59 PM

MD

**Mary Weatherford, Ph.D.** posted:

Susan was such a lovely and sensitive person. She shared her personality and expertise to help brighten and heal many people's lives. She will be sorely missed as a friend and colleague. Her love and light will remain forever bright in our hearts. My condolences to her entire family for your loss. Mary Weatherford, Ph.D.

May 9 at 3:16 AM



**Nancy Zuckerman** posted:

My condolences to your family. May you feel God's consolation.

May 6 at 3:07 PM

PF

**Patti Frese** posted:

Dear Coach Becker, Daniel & Sean - we were deeply saddened by the news of the passing of your wife/mother. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. With our deepest condolences, The Frese Family (Tom, Patti, Billy and Dani)

May 6 at 5:26 AM

HS

**Heidi Sell** posted:

We are sending thoughts and prayers to the entire Becker and Kelly families. Cherish the wonderful memories you have of such a special woman. Love, Cheryl Trane and Heidi Sell

May 6 at 3:38 AM



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MM

**Maggie Mauer** posted:

I remember meeting Susan during our Practicum Supervision sessions, many years ago. She was smart, and shy, and helped me realize that we were all scared and trying hard to do our best even though we felt we knew so little. We were all together in our fear and it felt good to have her as a colleague. Susan became a sought after psychotherapist and I hope she knew that she had achieved the goal she worked so hard to attain during our training. Good bye, dear Susan. Godspeed.

May 4 at 4:49 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Rose Garden Heart to the Becker family.



May 4 at 10:30 AM

SA

**Signe Anthony** posted:

My prayers go out to the family on their time of bereavement. Susan was a very special person and will remain in all of our hearts. Love and light. Rest in peace friend. Signe

May 3 at 5:54 PM

EM

**Emma** January 23 at 3:30 PM

My condolences to your family. I was Dr. Becker's patient many years ago, and I wanted to look her up again when I came upon this page. She was a special human being, and she helped me get through a very tough time in my life. She also gave advice to my daughter when she was in High School and considered studying psychology. I will forever be grateful to her and will always remember her kindness and sweetness. My prayers are with you.

JE

**Jennifer** November 4 at 12:00 PM

Susan, Just this morning, I sadly learned of your untimely death. Even 5 years after having worked with you as a client, your wisdom and life lessons continue to nurture my soul. I've shared many of the tools you introduced to me with others since and so a domino-effect of your good karma lives on. You were not only a mentor but a friend. Your creativity and authenticity was a breathe of fresh air in this most challenging world! My prayers are with you and your family! Jennifer

BW

**Brad Wagshul** May 5 at 11:26 AM

Our thoughts, prayers, & condolences are with Mike, Daniel, Sean, & the rest of the Becker/Kelly family. (And our prayers are with Susan.) Susan was an amazing person. -Brad & Karen Wagshul



## Media

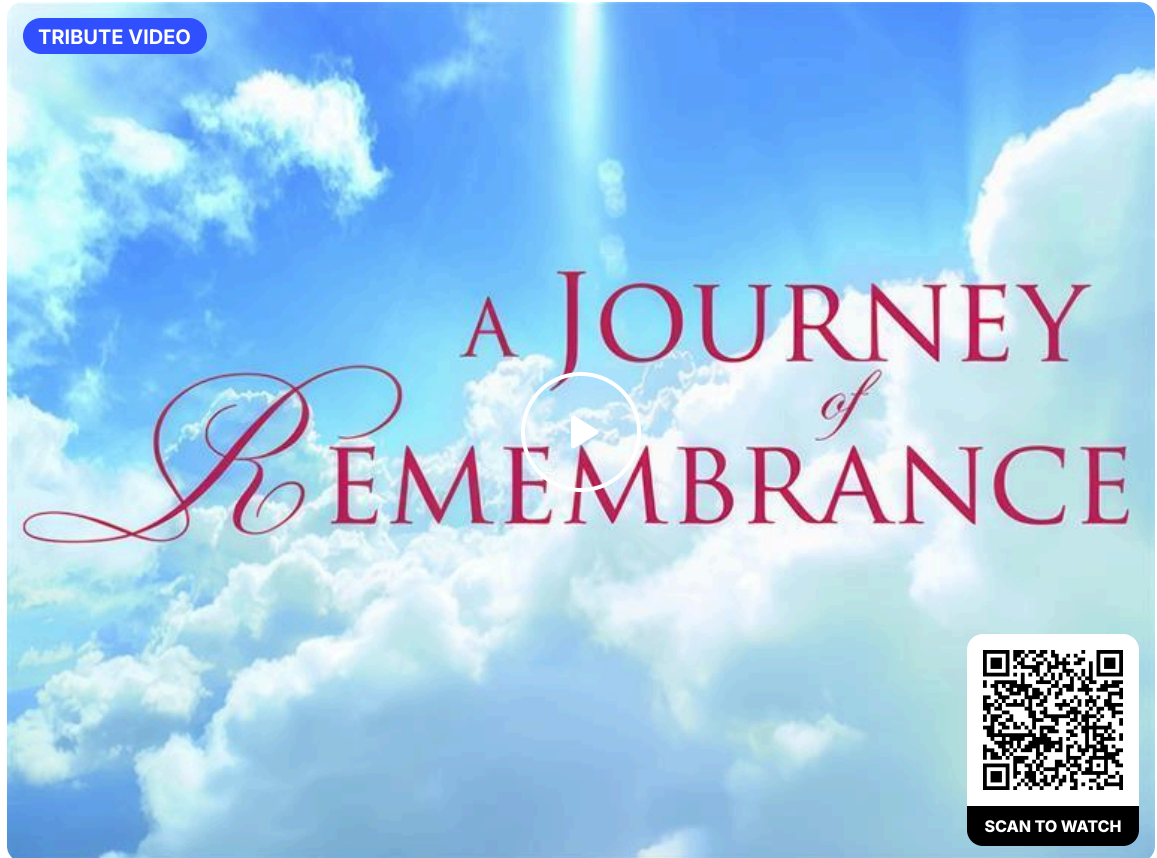
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# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Susan by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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