

Carolyn Topol's Tribute Toast to Suzanne

It's an honor to be able to share some special thoughts on behalf of the Emanuel's office and maintenance staff.

Suzanne is rare in her attitude and approach to all of us. She cares and demonstrates genuine concern for each and every one of the members of the staff. But even more unique is the respect she demonstrates to all of us. We are privileged to have a supervisor who is humble and modest enough to make herself a part of the team, rather than just the supervisor. In turn, all of us have the utmost respect for Suzanne.

It's difficult to say good-bye to someone who has assumed the role of confidant, companion, caregiver, and dear friend.

The saying there's no "I" in team certainly holds true where Suzanne is concerned. You can't find any "I's" in Suzanne Connell. It shows in the way she approaches everything involving the staff.

She's all about sharing, giving, and caring. We have all had one or more crises over the years of our employ at The Emanuel, and turning to Suzanne was as natural as turning to a parent or sibling for the support needed.

Suzanne, you are so much more than an employer to all of us. From Mercer, Jack, Joseph, Debbie, Gail, Luanne, Jeff, and especially from me, you are irreplaceable and will be deeply missed.