



Maureen Theresa Danet Truss, also known as Muz, was born on March 6, 1949 to Rene Danet and Elizabeth Greaux Danet. She was their middle child and only daughter. Her childhood was filled with lively memories - her father's music and jokes, her Mom's laughter and singing. She grew up with Jimmy's mischeiveness, and Bobby, the baby brother she had looked forward to with so much anticipation. The family was close knit and her cousins were not far - Marianne, Judy, Irene and a gang of others, all running up and down Miss Liza Hill between the sugar apple trees.

Maureen excelled in everything she did. She twirled the baton in the Frenchtown Majorettes, played piano with Ms. Classen, sang in the glee club and church choir, was Prefect of the Sodality and was, of course, a straight A student. She was beautiful too - Miss Frenchtown! But, most of all, Muz loved to dance and she was professional. Still, as busy as she was, Muz always found time to listen to everyone's problems and this facility continued into her adult life.

Maureen graduated valedictorian of the St. Peter and Paul class of 1967 and was awarded a scholarship to St. Elizabeth's College in New Jersey. While there her mother died. She was devastated, their relationship was close and her whole world changed. She became the other child of her Aunt Dorothy with whom she spent many weekends at their New Jersey home. She was a big sister to Sandy and had a lasting influence in her life. She later transferred to Catholic University in Ponce, Puerto Rico where she received her bachelor's degree in Spanish.

On Dec. 26, 1972 Hubert Nelson Truss and Maureen Danet were married and soon after they moved to Santo Domingo. That marriage produced two sons William and Rennie. Her life revolved around her husband and sons with a dedication seldom seen in these times. That dedication was reciprocated when she became ill and Hubert cared for her every single day. Muz raised her boys with love and instilled in them respect and responsibility. It wasn't always easy since Hubert was himself a "military brat" so became his family as they traveled with the Air Force to many U.S. bases. They finally put down roots in San Antonio, Texas in 1994 after Maureen was diagnosed with Lou Gehrig's disease. Summers, until then, were always fun especially when they came home to St. Thomas. She loved the outdoors. You could see the joy in her eyes whenever those six boys got together for fishing, camping, and barbecues or when the whole family gathered.

Maureen began to study the impact and implications of Lou Gehrig's disease. She asked her friends to support ALS and the related research groups in their effort to find a cure. She prayed for a miracle but in the event that a miracle was not in the stars for her she asked for the strength to endure. And endured is what she did so to be blessed with William and Christy producing Avery and with Renie and Jennifer producing Kaden and Kaylee. Muz loved and enjoyed her growing family. The trials of ALS was not going to deprive her of the precious moments she spent with them, especially with her grandchildren.

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Maureen had a special way with people. She took the time to listen and offered advise, she prayed for and with you and always smiled, joked, laughed and often cried with you. She exemplified a kind of integrity and depth of character that made you feel comfortable in bearing you soul to her. Even when she couldn't speak, she showed so much concern, not for her situation, but for whatever was bothering you. That bigness of heart, that broad shoulder to lean on will be her legacy forever and her gift to all of us.

Maureen has left us - but she has not left us empty. We are filled with everything that was Muz. In her "One life to Live" she gave more than she took, she believed in love and in the philosophy that "love is not love which alters when it finds alteration, nor bends with the remover to remove, it is an ever fixed mark, which looks on the tempest and is never shaken." So now, our dear, brave Muz can dance her way to her final reward because she is free at last, she is free at last, thank God Almighty, Muz is free at last.



SURVIVORS

Husband	Dr. Hubert N. Truss
Sons	Williams and Rennie Truss
Grandchildren	Kaden, Kaylee and Avery
Daughter-in-Laws	Christy and Jennifer Truss
Brothers	James and Robert Danet
Sister-in-Laws	Barbara and Rose Danet
Mother-in-Law	Lydia Truss
Aunts	Sylvia Olive, Gertrude Magras and Nancy LaPlace
Uncles	John and Leon Danet
Special Second mother	Dorothy Greaux
Nephews	Troy, Chad, Sean and Shannon Danet, and Dario Compain
Nieces	Shanda Danet, Taffy Compain and Tammy Tookes
Special Godchild	Sonia LaPlace Cannistraci
Special Cousins and friends	Sandy Free
	Marjorie Caraballo
	Judy Raimer
	Irene Richardson
	Evelyn Aubain
	Barbara Miller
	Gene Greaux

