

Susan M. Noreika (1921-2011)

The community of eastern Queens she so well-served sadly shares news of the passing of the Hon. Susan M. Noreika, a Charter Member of Community Board #13, Queens, who served as its first Chair and served three decades from 1971 to 2001. She was an original member of the predecessor Local Planning Board formed in 1965, serving 36 years in all on the community/planning board.

The wake for one of our City's outstanding civic leaders will be held on Thursday, November 3, at Gleason's Funeral Home, 36-46 Bell Blvd., Bayside, Queens. The time for viewing is from 2:00 -5:00 p.m. and 7:00 -10:00 p.m., with services at 8:00 p.m.

Interment will be on Friday, November 4, at 10:00 a.m. at Hackensack Cemetery in New Jersey when Meta Susan Noreika will be buried alongside her husband, Frank Noreika who served with distinction in the NYC Police Department, 24th Pct., Manhattan and retired as a Captain. Both Susan Noreika and her husband, Frank were veterans of our Nation's armed forces. She turned 90 this past August.

Susan Noreika was born in Nebraska. One of her earliest experiences was babysitting for Johnnie Carson many years before he entertained millions on the *Tonight Show*.

In addition to her community board role, Susan Noreika was a founding and long-time board member of Services Now for Adult Persons, Inc. (SNAP) which she helped create to fill a void in services for her community's older adults. She was active in PTA and youth concerns and devoted countless hours as a volunteer including to the Summer Youth Employment Program based at the community board. She was a frequent speaker at civic meetings and served many years as a trustee of her home neighborhood's Lost Community Civic Association.

Sue was a member of American Legion Post 301, Queens Village, the Charter Council of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Board Member of the Children's Psychiatric Center, founder of the Queens Overall Economic Development Council and founding Steering Committee co-chair of the first of its kind NORC-WOW (Naturally Occurring Retirement Community Without Walls) developed and operated by the Samuel Field Y.

She mentored many community leaders and elected officials.

She is survived by a daughter and two grandchildren.

For information please contact Community Board #13 Queens at (718) 464-9700 or SNAP at (718) 454-2100.

Community members and others interested in making donations in Sue's memory are asked to send their donations to SNAP, c/o SNAP of Eastern Queens Center, 80-45 Winchester Blvd., Bldg. #4, CBU #29, Queens Village, N.Y. 11427 [Telephone: (718) 454-2100; fax: (718) 740-4999; Email: SNAPQueens@aol.com].