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# *The Last Dance*

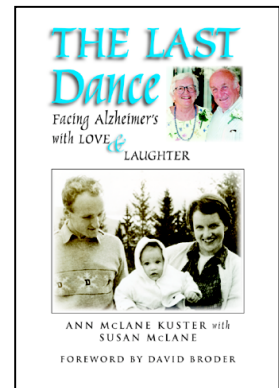
*Facing Alzheimer's with Love & Laughter*

By Ann McLane Kuster with Susan McLane

- A positive approach to dealing with Alzheimer's
- Foreword by David Broder, *The Washington Post*

"Through her exemplary life in politics and public service, Susan McLane has taught us so much. She stood firmly for her convictions and called things the way she saw them. In *The Last Dance*, her grace and courage teach us new lessons as she and her family face the challenge of Alzheimer's."

**Hillary Rodham Clinton, U.S. Senator**



Susan McLane led a life of service advocating for the families and environment of New Hampshire over her twenty-five years in the NH State Legislature. *The Last Dance* tells the story of her struggles with Alzheimer's disease, interwoven with memories of a lifetime. Wayne King, a former NH Senator and the publisher of *Heart of NH* magazine, states in the Spring 2005 issue, "Susan McLane was one of the most remarkable figures of the 20<sup>th</sup> century in NH. Public service was her calling, but not her life. Suzie was without a doubt the conscience of the NH Senate...a tireless advocate for those living in the shadows and in the twilight. She was beloved by both her allies and her adversaries...Because of Susan McLane, all of us have inherited a safer, healthier and more just New Hampshire."

*The Last Dance* was published in October 2004, and since the publication Susan has passed on, but the story continues to inspire thousands around the issues of dying with dignity, living with courage, and sharing of oneself. Susan and her family took a courageous approach to Alzheimer's by openly sharing their struggles in hopes that others might find solace in knowing they were not alone. Their offering has been well-received. Susan "Susie" McLane, succumbed to Alzheimer's disease in February of 2005, but her memory stays bright and her daughter Ann, and husband Malcolm continue to meet with and speak to groups around the state of NH and beyond. The story has been featured on NHPR's *The Exchange*, WMUR's *NH Chronicle*, *The Union Leader*, *NH Magazine*, profiled twice on NHPTV's *NH Outlook* and in countless other publications and radio appearances, since the book's publication. Ann is an engaging media guest and enjoys sharing her mother's story.

## *Advance praise for The Last Dance;*

*"To know [Susan McLane] was to learn something - about the world, about yourself, about how both could become better."*

Amanda Parry, *Concord Monitor*, February 2005

*"She spent her whole life fighting for those who didn't have anyone else to fight for them. The elderly, children, the sick, the disabled, the poor - she did so many good things in her lifetime. New Hampshire is really a much better place because of her service...a pioneer for women in politics. She was a true role model. And even though she was a Republican and I was a Democrat, she helped me in any way she could."*

Jeanne Shaheen, *former NH Governor*, February 2005

*"Ann McLane Kuster's book about her mother's experience with Alzheimer's is an inspiration."*

Becky Rule, *Bookmark's* column syndicated statewide in NH, November 2004

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