

## AMERICA THE GREATEST®

America is the greatest nation in the world because she has allowed her citizens the opportunity to develop their "Potential for Greatness." Citizens such as  
**JACQUELINE SUSANN.**

- Born:** August 30, 1921 (Leo)  
an only child, in  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- Died:** September 21, 1974.
- Father:** Robert Susann, a well  
known portrait painter.
- Mother:** Rose (Jans) Susann,  
teacher.
- Accomplishment:** Writer-Actress



**JACQUELINE SUSANN**

Jacqueline Susann was raised in Philadelphia, and was graduated from West Philadelphia High School at age 15. Her parents wanted her to go to Wellesley College, but she had other ideas. She wanted to be an actress, therefore, she moved to New York City. In Louis and Armand's Restaurant, she met Irving Mansfield, a young radio producer, and within a year they eloped to Elkton, Maryland. For the next twenty years, Jacqueline had a moderately successful acting career on Broadway, in television, and commercials. In 1963, following the advice of two close friends, Goodman Ace and Billy Rose, she was persuaded to write. In November, 1963, Bernard Geis published her first book, "Every Night, Josephine," a non-fiction story about her pet French poodle. The book was a moderate success. Her next three novels "The Valley of the Dolls," "The Love Machine," and "Once Is Not Enough," established her as one of America's greatest contemporary writers. "The Valley of the Dolls" is listed in Guinness Book of World Records as having sold over 20,000,000 copies.

On September 21, 1974 she quietly lost her struggle with cancer that she had been valiantly fighting since 1962.

A nation is as great as the sum total of the greatness of its individuals. America offers her people more opportunity to develop their "Potential for Greatness" than any other nation on earth. I challenge you to develop yours!

Today we honor JACQUELINE SUSANN. Tomorrow could we honor you?

*Dr. Michael R. Loss.*

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