



Susan Castle

February 22, 1953 - December 4, 2018

Susan Barbara Castle, 65, born into this world 2/22/53, and reborn into another world, 12/4/18.

To all of those who came into contact with Sue, their experience was enlightening and memorable. Susan was full of genuine, vivacious energy that was contagious. She never had a negative word to say about anyone. Her presence in any room, meeting or interaction was positive and up-lifting. She cared about everyone and everything, and that caring followed-through with action, doing and results.

She truly talked the talk, and walked the walk, with no expectation of payback or compensation.

Although she did not pursue a complete traditional education, she was a pupil the world's classroom. She retooled and retrained herself again and again, throughout her life, and was highly successful as a paralegal, real estate agent, Commission on Aging board member, and certified purchasing agent for the county. She worked for the Boride Products division of Dow Chemical developing and producing heat shields for spacecraft and other top secret military devices. She touched lives at the Friend of the Court and the Senior Center, and was employed at Lakes States Insurance and Consumers Power.

Most importantly, she was a devoted and caring sister, daughter, wife, mother, and grandmother. She loved animals, plants, and nature. Duchess, Miss Molly, and Quigley were special dogs to Sue, who was fondly referred to as "Aunt Susie the Treat Lady" and she was frequently sought out by neighborhood canine. Sue's husband David, son David Jr., and wife Jaime, grandchildren Kiera and Mason, nieces, nephews, grand nieces and nephews, mother, brothers Joe and David, and sister Nancy were always on the forefront of her mind. Her gift of giving of both time and self was unrelenting.

Sue and her husband unselfishly cared for her 97-year-old mother, who continues to reside in her home. This was truly the work of saints.

There is a bumper sticker that reads, "I hope I am half the person my dog thinks I am". Sue's bumper sticker would read, "I'm privileged to be all my dog thinks I am, and more". Those considering an expression of sympathy may choose to do so to the Cherryland

Humane Society.

A funeral service to honor Sue's life will take place Saturday December 8, 2018 at the Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home at 2:00pm with visitation from 12:00pm-2:00pm. Please visit www.reynolds-jonkhoff.com to share your condolences with the family. The family is being cared for by the Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home and Cremation Services.

Cemetery

Oakwood Cemetery
8th Street
TRAVERSE CITY, MI, 49684

Events

DEC 8 **Visitation** 12:00PM - 02:00PM

Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home
305 Sixth St, Traverse City, MI, US, 49684

DEC 8 **Funeral Service** 02:00PM

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Comments



“ Dave, Dr. Steffey, and Mrs. Steffey, We are so very, very shocked to hear of Sue's passing today. Ed and I have known Sue through the years. Ed through his work at Munson with both Dave and Dr. Steffey, and me from the time she called to inquire about becoming a paralegal, our careers working for the County, as well as years of both of us caring for our aging mothers. I can't even imagine the loss you all feel. She was truly one of a kind. She always was joyful and delightful, I am sure she had days when life was hard for her, but you would never know it. She was like a ray of sunshine. Ed and I are so sorry for all of you and wish you to find peace in her memory.

Sherry and Ed McNamara - December 20, 2018 at 03:34 PM



“ Sue was a wonderful cousin with a big personality and caring heart. She was a sparkling influence for many people and will be greatly missed. Deepest sympathies to David C and the entire family. The earth has lost a wonderful soul.

Phil Purdy - December 20, 2018 at 01:57 PM



“ Dave, Mrs. Steffey & family: So, so sorry to learn of the loss of such a beautiful person. So many wonderful memories and laughter of time spent with Sue. Her kindness, smile, and 'giving to others' touched many, many lives over the years. I know she will be terribly missed and I wish you peace as she spreads her wings and shares her smile heavenward. -- Esther Cooper

Esther I Cooper - December 14, 2018 at 06:16 AM



“ We were shocked and saddened to hear of Sue's passing. Such a kind, loving, sweet person! Heaven gained an angel, but saddened the world Sue lived in. Our heartfelt sympathies to David, and to their family..also deep heartfelt sympathy to the Steffey's, especially Beth...they shared an exceptional closeness. Praying for peace and strength for all of you!
Lou and Candi Schussler

Candance Schussler - December 13, 2018 at 07:32 PM



“ Sue was quick to smile, quick to volunteer for a new task and quick to learn something new. I enjoyed working with her at Friend if the Court; she will be missed!
Dawn Rogers

Dawn Rogers - December 13, 2018 at 10:02 AM



“ David, I am so sorry to hear of your wife's passing. Prayers for God's comfort and peace at this time
Elaine Vickers

Elaine Vickers - December 10, 2018 at 03:00 PM



“ I was so saddened to hear today of Mrs. Castle passing. I knew Sue from my years at working in the veterinary field. I can just picture her sweet face just smiling. I extend my sympathies to her family during this time. Lots of love and prayers to you all!

Kendra Willett - December 09, 2018 at 08:00 PM



“ I only knew Sue briefly during our work on Jason's last campaign. She was a vibrant soul who made you happy just being with her. My sincere sympathy to Dave and all the children. May the peace of the Lord be with you during this time of grieving.

Margaret Salow
Summerville, SC

margaret salow - December 08, 2018 at 08:20 PM



“ I first met Sue at the Senior Center when she worked at the front desk. She was always vibrant and happy. She spread joy to everyone. Sally Eichberger



sally eichberger - December 08, 2018 at 01:15 PM



“ Rick and I are so shocked ! We always felt happier whenever we ran into Sue! She had a spiritof joy that radiated to everyone. Our hearts are broken for Dave and family. Our prayers for comfort for all. Rick and Jan Shifferd

Jan Shifferd - December 08, 2018 at 11:02 AM



“ Oh how I will miss my "swim buddy"! Sue was "one of a kind"--so full of life, so giving, so caring! God will surely welcome her with open arms.

Our deepest sympathy to David, Beth and family,

Sandy and John Thorne

Sandy Thorne - December 08, 2018 at 10:51 AM



“ Dear Mrs. Steffey, Dave, and family. My first meeting of Sue and the beginning of a very long friendship took place at Eastern Elementary School's first ever kindergarten class. She was kind, fun, funny, and there is a bond I can't explain kids have when you grow up together from about age 5 that we had with our many classmates. I will never forget her.

Christine Maxbauer - December 08, 2018 at 02:08 AM



“ Susan always had the most positive and happy energy. I will miss her greatly!! Her spirit lives on!

Tina Tuller - December 07, 2018 at 11:40 PM



“ Sue was the sweetest and most giving person I have ever known. All of the Steffey family are so very special and Sue will be greatly missed. They were wonderful Apache Pass neighbors and friends.!

With heartfelt sympathy!

Marcia Anderson (Havill), John, Will and Lyndsey Havill

Marcia Anderson - December 07, 2018 at 05:01 PM



“ My condolences to Susan’s family, she has been a friend to me since high school. The Steffey’s are a wonderful family, and Susan’s devotion to her mother’s care was very admirable. She was taken much too soon.

Luana Bishop Dueweke - December 07, 2018 at 02:51 PM



“ Sue passed away much too young. She was a vibrant and energetic person who was also kind and thoughtful. Sue smiled and laughed easily. She will be greatly missed by her friends and family including her Apache Pass friends. Our sincerest condolences to the Steffey family who have been our wonderful neighbors for years.

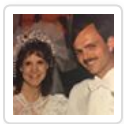
Phil and Sue Rodgers

Phil and Sue Rodgers - December 07, 2018 at 12:53 PM



“ I will miss Sue with her warm happy smiles and her wonderful hugs!

Debie Horn - December 07, 2018 at 12:49 PM



“ Sue and her special spirit will be dearly missed at the Senior Center! She was a bright spot in our days with her hugs and warm smile. We are heartbroken for David and Beth, our hearts are with you! ~ Lori Wells and Senior Center staff and members

Lori Wells - December 07, 2018 at 10:09 AM



“ Joe and I are so sorry to have to say goodbye to Sue. We'll miss her waving hello as we take Shubby for his walks on Apache Pass. You are all in our hearts at this difficult time.

Elizabeth Chapelle Verschaeve - December 07, 2018 at 09:27 AM



“ Dave sorry for your loss I know that she meant a lot to you
Fred form Munson

Fred Braun - December 07, 2018 at 08:24 AM



“ Dave and Beth, Sue was our angel of Apache Pass. We will miss her smile and generous spirit so very much..
Deb and Betty

Deb - December 06, 2018 at 08:51 PM



“ I have so many memories of Sue, my best friend, I will miss you so much, I can't express in enough words. We had such a good time with you and our husbands when we went to the U.P. together for a friends vacation. You were the best to everyone. Love you always.

Patricia Workman - December 06, 2018 at 07:26 PM



“ Jason & Candy purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Susan Castle.



Jason & Candy - December 06, 2018 at 04:49 PM