



Susan Marie Ketcham Herbin

August 5, 1944 - May 8, 2020

On Friday, May 8th, Susan Marie Ketcham Herbin, amazing mother of five, passed away at the age of 75. She was born on August 5th, 1944 to Milton Eads (Jack) and Inez Pearl (Deckard) Ketcham. She graduated from Smithville High School, and later from Johns Hopkins University with a degree in Nursing. She practiced nursing in Bloomington off and on for 38 years while raising a house-full of kids.

Susan became a nurse because she wanted to help people. She took untold numbers of casseroles and her famous pecan pies to church members in need. She served as a Den Leader for rowdy Cub Scouts, and she spent years of her life at ball games, wrestling meets, band practice, and military recognitions. She took on the parents of schoolyard bullies, hospital administrators, and state legislators to fight for what she believed was right, but she was so softhearted that she once gave away her car to a family in need she barely knew.

She was preceded in death by her father, Jack, and her mother, Inez, and by a grandson, Jack. She is survived by her brothers, Mike and Dan; by her children Les, Tim, Pat, Susannah, and Thomas; and by nine other grandchildren.

Private family services are being held.

Comments



“ Susan will always be Susie to me, a dear friend since grade 5 at Harrodsburg Elementary. I moved from IN to TN after grade 8, yet we visited each other whenever possible. I just found out about her passing - R. I. P. dear friend.

Sherry Bowling Cox - August 20, 2020 at 08:50 PM



“ Susan was a wonderful person and I'm very sad and shocked to hear of her passing, its just been a few days since I've talker to her. I met her because she used to ride my bus almost daily and she always had a cheerful greeting, a warm smile and sometimes a good snack for us bus drivers. I always loved hearing the stories of her children and grandchildren, she loved you all very much. She would get on the bus and ride from her home to her daughters which was only a mile or two but wed have the best conversation in that short distance, she knew each of us well and worried if we were off for a day or two, and she knew the schedule and who the driver would be at the time it came to get her, My sincerest condolences to Susan's family. She will be missed!!

Jeff Bailey - May 19, 2020 at 04:56 PM



“ Michelle Izzo White lit a candle in memory of Susan Marie Ketcham Herbin



Michelle Izzo White - May 16, 2020 at 07:34 PM



“ I worked with She at Bloomington Hospital many years ago. I remember us laughing talking about our families and our patients. I was 10 years younger than her but she treated like an equal, always respectful to everyone She a pleasure to work with. RIP Sue. Karen

Karen Jessee - May 14, 2020 at 01:14 PM



“ I enjoyed working with Sue at the IU Student Health Center many years ago. Then we would occasionally run into each other at the grocery store; she was always so cheerful and brightened my day.

susan - May 12, 2020 at 09:31 AM



“ NNS Cyber Team purchased the Lavender & White Standing Spray for the family of Susan Marie Ketcham Herbin.



NNS Cyber Team - May 11, 2020 at 08:12 PM



“ Cherished Memories - Multicolor Pastel was purchased for the family of Susan Marie Ketcham Herbin.



May 11, 2020 at 06:13 PM



“ I worked with Sue at the Bloomington Hospital I always enjoyed getting to work with her. I'm sorry to hear of her passing. She was a wonderful lady! Prayers for her family.



Nancy League Cowden - May 11, 2020 at 01:24 PM



“ I send Sue's family my sincere sympathy. I met her in the early 1970's when I started at the IU Student Health Center. She taught me many nursing things. She was a careful, competent and caring nurse. I lost touch with her but will not forget her. Peace be with you all,
Nancy Macklin

Nancy Macklin - May 11, 2020 at 11:35 AM