



## Elizabeth Susan Bartlett

September 11, 1927 - September 22, 2018

Elizabeth Susan Bartlett of Bloomington passed away September 22, 2018 at the age of 91. Ms. Bartlett was born on September 11, 1927 in Bloomington, IN, the daughter of Cecil V. and Nell J. (Helfrich) Bartlett. She graduated from Bloomington High School and worked at radio stations WTOM and WTTS while attending Indiana University. From 1949 to 1959, she worked at television station WTTV in Bloomington/Indianapolis where she headed the traffic, continuity, photo and art departments. She later served as Program Director of that station until her departure. During this time, Susan founded the Hoosier Chapter of American Women in Radio & Television, serving as its president for four years. She spent eight years working for Indianapolis advertising agencies as both Radio/Television Director and Creative Director. She was named Indianapolis "Ad Woman of the Year" in 1968. She worked in Detroit as Production Manager for National Television News where, in addition to producing news film for national clients, she wrote, produced, and directed a documentary for the U.S. Department of the Interior, winning 1st prize at the New York International Film Festival. During this time, she also served as president of the Michigan Chapter of AWRT. Susan free-lanced in the New York area, producing films for several government agencies in Washington, D.C. before moving to that area where she served as Audiovisual Officer for the U.S. National Science Foundation. While there, she produced radio and television programs that were aired on commercial and public broadcasting stations as well as producing videos for school use. NSF received awards

during her tenure from both foreign film festivals and every major film and video festival in the U.S. Working as NSF producer/director, Ms. Bartlett traveled with film crews to many locations, including Antarctica. Ms. Bartlett was named Outstanding Woman for Contribution to the Arts by the Federally Employed Women; she was president of the Washington, DC Film and Video Council; and she served on the board of the Council for International Non-Theatrical Events (CINE) in Washington, DC for ten years. In 2007, she was inducted into the Indiana Broadcasters Hall of Fame. Her major interests included jazz, films, and animal rights. For many years, Who's Who in America has recognized her by listing her accomplishments in their publication. Susan freely admitted, however, she still had no idea what's what. Ms. Bartlett's sister, Louise Wynn and her two brothers, John Bartlett and Robert Bartlett preceded her in death. Her marriage to Gene Sherman ended in divorce. Survivors include nieces Sally Gerber and Susan Kensill (Mike) of Greenwood, IN, and Judy Taylor of Buena Park, CA; nephews Mike Bartlett of Lakewood, CA, and David Wynn of Elliston, VA; and cousin Barbara Randall of Bloomington, IN. A Celebration of Life Gathering will be held Saturday, November 3, 2018 from 1:00PM to 3:00PM at Allen Funeral Home and Crematory 4155 South Old State Road 37. Online condolences, photos and memories may be shared with family and friends at [www.allencares.com](http://www.allencares.com) Contributions in Susan's memory may be made to the Bloomington Animal Shelter at 3410 South Walnut Street, Bloomington, IN 47401.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life Gathering

NOV 3. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Allen Funeral Home and Crematory  
4155 S. Old State Road 37  
Bloomington, IN 47401  
(812) 824-5905  
<http://www.allencares.com>

# Tribute Wall

KD

“ *What a sad day this is for me, personally, as I've just learned of Susan's death through an Internet search. She was my Maid-of-Honor in my October 1985 wedding and a wonderful friend through our NSF days and afterwards. When she moved to IN, our contact became sporadic. I am so glad our paths crossed and will miss her very much.*

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**Kathryn Johnson Drury** - April 27, 2019 at 08:34 AM

LE

“ *Susan was the embodiment of friendship and caring. I will miss her laughter, her knowledge of jazz, her love for animals--especially cats--and her glowing spirit. Rest peacefully, my friend.*

*Lois Ember*

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**Lois Ember** - October 15, 2018 at 07:34 PM

SS

“ Susan, Thank you for embracing me and welcoming me into your extended family of friends in DC. You created occasions that brought folks together, and you organized excursions, jaunts, and trips to explore, your enthusiasm and mischievous humor always along. Keeping a sustained interest in others while being private and discreet, especially about your own distinguished professional achievements. Down-to-earth and sophisticated, qualities that marked the enchanting rooms you fashioned that were a joy to linger in. Your imaginative eye made your surroundings ‘sing’; you gave my DC apartment verve by finding an extraordinary mirror and a kilim that brought charisma to my utilitarian kitchen — a legacy, as are your caring and generosity, a most giving woman. I treasure your memory with fondness and admiration, and I join so many who give thanks for knowing you. Love, Sally Sherman

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**Sally Sherman** - October 08, 2018 at 09:05 AM

RO

“ My condolences to Susan's family. She spoke of you all often and with love.

*Susan cared for her friends' cats while they traveled. I always told her that I wish that I were a cat to be cared for in high style in her exclusive cat B&B! She was a gentle friend to the animals.*

*Susan hosted wonderful gatherings with friends at her beautiful Alexandria home. She was smart, funny, and classy. Susan's style was original and elegant and her home reflected her many interests from jazz, to books, art, and oriental carpets. My most memorable dinner party was a very late night gathering Susan organized so we could observe a meteor shower together. I imagine Susan now twinkling in the heavens among the moon and the stars. You enriched our lives. Rest in peace kind and lovely lady!*

*Rose Esber*

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**Rose** - October 04, 2018 at 09:05 AM

MA

“ Meg Arnold lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth Susan Bartlett



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**Meg Arnold** - October 02, 2018 at 08:10 AM

MA

“ There are no words to describe what Susan meant to everyone around her, except LOVE. While I lived only minutes from her, we had dinner or brunch every week for 3 years. We laughed sometimes till we cried...I am sure Nancy remembers the one evening we went to 6 restaurants to eat! She always had a kind word for everyone. I remember one Saturday helping her take stuff to the Recycle place, the worker approached her and said can I help you and she said "Do I look like I need help"? She was still doing this as of the week she passed at 91! And she loved having her friends visit from all over the US, but mainly from the Eastern states where we was acquainted with so so many friends and past employees from the positions she held. Very accomplished person yet so simple. We loved going to Crumbles every Saturday for our London Fogs....and of course if you knew Susan...something sweet to bring home!! I went to Crumbles last Saturday (week after her passing) and ordered our London Fog...they said you always get two....I had to tell them the sad news! I will miss our late nights talking and watching Jeopardy! May you find all those Kitty Cats in Heaven to keep you company!! Love you always,

*Meg Graham Arnold*

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**Meg Arnold** - October 02, 2018 at 08:09 AM

DC

“ Susan was a most special person. She was a highly recognized and successful professional in audio visual and communications, but she didn't acknowledge or tout her incredible skills. She was genuinely caring for friends, but especially for her pets. As her background would suggest, she named all her cats after movie stars, which we thought was great. In 2012 we visited Susan in Bloomington, on our way home from a Purina Farms dog show. She took us to brunch at a restaurant that turns out to have been her family home when she was young. She described and explained the entire living area and we were fascinated. We then visited her newly built home, which was lovely. However, what she really wanted us to see was her newest adopted cat and she wanted to go for a walk with our dog Charlie. Susan adored Charlie and Charlie felt the same. A gentle soul that will be missed by all of us. Pat Strupp and Darla Clark



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**Darla Clark** - October 01, 2018 at 08:27 AM

LG

“ Laura Gerber lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth Susan Bartlett



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**Laura Gerber** - September 30, 2018 at 11:49 AM

DW

“ We will miss you but celebrate your life forever as you celebrated yours while among us. If there are cats in heaven they will be so happy to be reunited with your spirit and will love you as you loved them here! Your life will be admired by all who enjoy the tribute to your life in Marquis Who's Who Publications! You are one in a million. We love you.”



David

Wynn <https://s3.amazonaws.com/storage.lifetributes.com/Candles/new/1.png>

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David Wynn - September 27, 2018 at 07:31 PM

RW

“ I will miss “Aunt Susie” so much. I didn’t get to see her as often as I’d like. We spoke and wrote as we shared our memories and commiserated about our conditions. She was dearly loved by many friends. George & I truly loved her and will miss her.”

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Rita Weikel - September 27, 2018 at 06:58 PM