



Susan Alice Moke

January 11, 1949 - July 30, 2013

Susan Alice Moke of Bloomington died at home on July 30, 2013.

Born on January 11, 1949 in Pekin, Illinois, Susan spent her childhood in San Angelo, Texas and Wabash, Indiana, before settling in Bloomington in the 1970s. She earned several degrees at IU Bloomington, culminating in a PhD in English and American Literature. From 1998 to the present, she served as director of communications under four IU presidents and one vice president, as well as communications advisor to IU's 18th first lady.

When she took ill, Susan had been working on a novel based on her family's migration from Kentucky to northern Indiana and had completed a number of short stories and essays. Susan is survived by her beloved husband Tyagan Miller; daughter Shanti; son-in-law John; grandchildren Emily and Ryan; mother Hazel; sisters Teresa, Karen, Marie, and Amy; brothers Tim and Tony; soul sister Lynne; 'bare-shouldered' sisters Lauren and Joni; and many other dear relatives and friends. These people meant the world to Susan and made her very happy while she was here. She thanks each of you for your enduring love. Please do not send flowers. Do make a contribution in Susan's memory to IU Health Hospice at 812-353-9819 or Itierney@iuhealth.org. A memorial service will be announced later.

Blessing

Morning will come with its fanfare

Of bees,

But far from that mountain,

Far from the dinning names,

This valley

That we love is only so long.

You whom I love,

Sleep,

Sleep.

Allen Funeral Home is handling arrangements. Friends can
send condolences to www.allenfuneralhome.org

Tribute Wall

WH

“ Dear Tyagan and family,

Our deepest condolences. We are sorry to learn of your loss.

Carey Beam and Wylie House Museum staff

Wylie House Museum - October 26, 2015 at 04:09 PM

RE

“ Tyagan,

My thoughts and prayers are with you. Peace.futryou

Robert E. Faulkens - October 26, 2015 at 04:09 PM

BO

“ Farewell, my beautiful friend Susan. For the rest of my days I will miss your wit and grace, your savvy and intelligence, your editorial advice and honesty, and perhaps most of all, your lovely wide-open sense of humor--which means your abiding humanity.

Bob Shacochis

ps. Dear Family of Susan--you will be hearing again from me soon. Susan's editorial advice was vital in the shaping of a novel I have coming out in a few weeks, and she is listed on the acknowledgment page. It breaks my heart that she died the same day my book arrived at my publishing house from the printers. I so so much wanted to give her a copy of the published book. Now I will give it to you, in remembrance of her and her extraordinary spirit.

Bob Shacochis - October 26, 2015 at 04:09 PM

JE

“ Dear Tyagan, I am so sorry for your loss. My deepest condolences to you and your family. Jessica McClellan

Jessica McClellan - October 26, 2015 at 04:09 PM

GR

“ Dear Tyagan,
Yesterday Paul and I saw the wonderful tribute to your wife Susan in the paper. Clearly, she was much loved by many people and loved them in return. I'm sure that you and your family will miss her terribly and I'm sorry that you have had such a terrible ordeal. Please know that we will be thinking of you.
Gretchen

Gretchen Kromer - October 26, 2015 at 04:09 PM

BA

“ Tyagan -- I cried when I read the notice in the paper. Such a fine person -- such a loss.

Barbara Coffman - October 26, 2015 at 04:09 PM

JO

“ Dear Tyagan,
Peggy and I mourned Susan's tragic illness, and now we mourn her passing. We were the newest of friends, but we felt immediately close to both of you, and took great pleasure in the warmth of your reception. Susan was such a lovely lady! We grieve that we will never see her again, and we grieve for you for the loss of your partner in life and love that goes beyond words.
Please think of us as wishing to help with practical or other needs as they arise. You are in our hearts.
John and Peggy

John Woodcock - October 26, 2015 at 04:09 PM

EV

“ *This is such sad news!*

I knew Susan best from 1987 to 1994 when she and my very best friend in life, Suzanne Henry, went through the IU English Department together, along with Jon and Betsy and Stephanie and Ann and Joe and Kathy and JoAnn and another Susan and Steve and the late Susan Clements, probably the brightest, most fun, most thoughtful and caring group to go through that Department in forever. And, the faculty? Good grief. You had Pat Brantlinger, Steve Watt, Mary Burgan, Don Gray, Susan Gubar, Paul Zietlow, Andrew Miller, Mary Favrette, Jean Anderson, Katherine Flannery, Tony Ardizzone, Dr. Jensen and Dr. Beatty...an unreal group of English Professors who Susan really connected with and, without doubt, they all fondly remember.

The former owners of Ekimae Japanese Restaurant in Bloomington, George and Mika, now living in Japan, I believe, will be distraught when they hear this news.

And, to her family and her many, many friends, Susan was a thoughtful, caring, bright, loving woman who will be sorely missed by all who knew her. I just hate hearing this.

Susan, dear, rest in peace. Your struggle is over now.

In Sympathy,

Evelyn Powers

Evelyn Powers - October 26, 2015 at 04:09 PM