



## Susan Odom Cashman

October 8, 1946 - March 13, 2017

Susan Odom Cashman, formerly of Shreveport, LA and Houston, TX, died at her home in Bloomington, IN, on March 13, 2017 at age 70. A memorial service will be celebrated at Trinity Episcopal Church in Bloomington on Wednesday, March 22, 2017 at 10:30 AM. Visitation to begin at 9:30 AM. Born in Shreveport on October 8, 1946, Susan is survived by her son, Ray D. Cashman, Jr., his wife Lorraine, their two daughters, Mary Margaret and Nora Marie, of Bloomington; her brother, John S. Odom, Jr, and his wife, Gale, of Shreveport; and a host of brothers- and sisters-in-law from her Cashman family: Julie McAshan of Maypearl, TX; Ceil and Duncan Watwood of Greer, SC; John and Kathy Cashman of Junction, TX; Carolyn and Moe Philipps of Greer, SC; and Christopher Cashman of San Antonio, TX. Preceding Susan in death were her parents, John S. and Juanita R. Odom, of Shreveport, and her husband, Ray D. Cashman, Sr. of Houston.

After graduating from Shreveport's Byrd High School in 1964, Susan moved to Houston, working at Texas Eastern Transmission Corporation. In Houston she met Ray D. Cashman, and a great partnership was born. Susan traveled the world with Ray before settling into a career as a college counselor at The Kinkaid School. After Ray, Sr's untimely death in Houston in 1994, Susan moved back to Shreveport to care for her mother, Juanita, then moved to live near her son, Ray, Jr., and his family, first in Ohio and then Indiana.

An avid collector of recipes and the maker of the best chicken fried steak in the world, Susan was a great hostess. Whether in a deer camp in

Brackettville, TX, or her home in Houston, Susan threw great parties and made them fun for everyone. An early adopter of social media, Susan was a voracious user of Facebook. She had a way with words, and her postings frequently rendered readers helpless with laughter. Susan savored the beautiful and original, whether in the antiques she collected or in the accomplishments of the young people she so enjoyed, especially her granddaughters.

Irrepressible to a fault, blunt as a spoon, witty and kind, stubborn and generous, quite unreasonable at times, Susan was one of the most memorable characters in the lives of everyone who knew her. She will be missed. You are invited to share a memory or leave an online condolence to Susan's family at [www.allencares.com](http://www.allencares.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR **22**. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

Trinity Episcopal Church  
111 S Grant St  
Bloomington, IN 47408-4031  
(812) 336-4466

## Service

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# Tribute Wall

MB

“ Ray, your mom was a delightful person that helped me a great deal at Meadowood. She was a speedy copy editor for my publications and she always had a great way with words. She was a beautiful, spirited and talented woman...I really loved her and she is already sadly missed. Many blessings to you and your family. Mary Boutain

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**Mary Boutain** - March 22, 2017 at 08:49 AM

PC

“ Provost Office and Faculty of Centenary College purchased the Healing Tears - All Pink for the family of Susan Odom Cashman.



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**Provost Office and Faculty of Centenary College** - March 21, 2017 at 12:36 PM

MO

“ Dear Ray Jr.,  
I have heard of the sad news through John Germann, and later read the obituary in the Houston Chronicle. I am very saddened. As your teacher and a member of the Kinkaid faculty, I can assure you that your Mother was devoted to you, proud of your accomplishments; she was also dedicated to helping us in our everyday tasks. She was smart, witty, and efficient. She was upbeat. She was unforgettable. I miss her. I am so glad she was able to move to Indiana where you are, and spend time getting to know your daughters.

*My sincere condolences to you and your family.*

*Marie O'Donnell*

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**Marie O'Donnell** - March 19, 2017 at 07:50 PM

HU

“ We remember Susan and Ray as a wonderful couple from our past with the Gulf Printing Company. We are sorry they are both gone too soon. Bill and Joanne Hudson

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**Hudson** - March 18, 2017 at 11:57 AM

MT

“ My mother Sara Day Olson and Juanita were great friends, and I spent a good bit of time with them at Juanita's ceramics studio when a young child. That is where I met Susan. Fast forward 20 years to Houston and my first visit to a grocery store here. A woman approached me and asked if I was from Shreveport, and when I agreed she asked if my surname was Olson. Well, yes. It was at that point that I realized what a remarkable person Susan was. What a memory for faces and names when she had not seen me for 20 years! Susan was an extraordinary person and I know she will be deeply missed. My condolences on your loss.

*Margaret Olson Tassin  
Houston*

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**Margaret Olson Tassin** - March 18, 2017 at 10:31 AM

DN

“ Dear Ray Jr.,

*I read in this morning's Chronicle the news of your mother's passing, and I am writing now, on my own behalf as well as that of my wife Mary, to let you know how saddened we were to read this news. As you know, your mother and I worked together for several years during my time as Upper School Principal at Kinkaid, and we had several good conversations after I returned as Headmaster in 1996.*

*She was a pistol--a smart, opinionated, hard-working, high-energy, high-expectation lady. She was excellent in her work in the Upper School. She had my complete respect and trust, and I enjoyed our association very much.*

*She was immensely proud of you, as a scholar and as a man, and while she was still living in Houston, she shared with me part of the dissertation you wrote based on your study in Ireland.*

*I am so glad to know that she was able to live close to you and your family for a good number of years, and I am certain that she took as much pride in your two daughters as she did in you.*

*Mary and I send you our deepest condolences.*

*Don North*

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**Don North** - March 18, 2017 at 10:30 AM

GM

“ We met Susan when she moved to Meadowood and were fortunate to share several dinners with her before her untimely death. And yes, she was a treasure; always upbeat and able to find humor in everything. We miss her already.

*Gerald and Audrey Marker*

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**Gerald Marker** - March 18, 2017 at 07:54 AM

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**Fred Odom** - March 17, 2017 at 03:25 PM