



Susan Ann Hoover

December 12, 1944 - March 24, 2023

Susan Ann Hoover passed away on March 24, 2023, at her home in Bloomington, Indiana, at the age of 78. Lowell, her cherished husband of 55 years, steadfastly cared for her as they both “endeavored to persevere” through the more than 33 years of her extraordinarily difficult journey with multiple sclerosis.

Born December 12, 1944, in Grand Forks, North Dakota, Susan was the only child of Alfred and Palma “Polly” (Hjelmstad) Johnson. Growing up in the close-knit congregation of Evanger Lutheran Church, a rural parish outside of town, Susan felt the love of her extended family and church community, and she shared her beautiful singing voice in church at a very young age. Not too long ago, she told the story of a choir practice she remembered when they sang her Happy Birthday—she was nine years old. Susan would go on to study nursing at the University of North Dakota and she embarked on a long career as a Registered Nurse.

Susan and Lowell were married on June 2, 1967, and their adventure began right away when they moved to Izmir, Turkey, where Lowell served with the United States Air Force on a NATO base there. After a memorable two years, the landscape changed dramatically, and Lowell was assigned to Tuy Hòa Air Base, Vietnam. Once reunited, Lowell and Susan forged ahead together, and they undertook their next big adventure—starting a family. Their oldest child

Roy was born in Laredo, Texas, in 1973; Robin was born in Minot, North Dakota, in 1974; and Mary and Polly were born in Logansport, Indiana, in 1979 and 1984 respectively.

Susan was a wife, mother, and grandmother whose selflessness and grace were only surpassed by her grit and resolve, and the love she received was only surpassed by the love she gave. Susan is survived by her devoted husband Lowell; son Lowell "Roy" (Brenda) Hoover; daughters Robin (Jeremy) Allen, Mary (Jacob) Blalock, and Polly (Joe) Cunningham; grandchildren Alex Hoover, Mathias and Marcus Allen, Lily, Anabella and Vivi Blalock, and a dear cousin Donna Mae (Warren) Tang. Susan has been and will continue to be the sunshine that lights the way for her family near and far.

No service is scheduled at this time. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made online to the Evanger Lutheran Church or the Evanger Lutheran Church Cemetery Fund at <https://www.giftofgracegf.org/donate>

Allen Funeral Home and Crematory 4155 South Old State Road 37 is handling the arrangements and online condolences, photos and memories may be shared with family and friends at www.allencares.com

Heroes

[L] Instant chaos, lives threatened; no recourse. [SEP]

[L] A figure emerges striding confidently [SEP]

Straight to the tribulation's source.

[L] Happiness rescued by titanic force. [SEP]

Daily the small frail figure rises, [SEP]

Already battered, tired, and worn,
Facing each day many a daunting simple task,
The mounting trials, for which, one did not ask.

Banner headlines boldly proclaim,
Larger than life, instant fame.
Multitudes cheer the moment historic.
Voices resounding, shouting the hero's name.

Silence broken; small sounds of effort extreme
As needful tasks simply are done.
Halting progress made, as in a troubled dream,
By one, who holds in abeyance, a tearful stream.

Scrapbooks, mementos now abound
To commemorate one whom courage found
Blazing forth, a titanic moment sublime,
A figure, heroic, to be admired, for all time.

Again and again, the small fragile figure does arise,
Already battered, tired and worn,
To face each day's increasing titanic demands.
A figure, Heroic, to be admired, for all time.

By Lowell R. Hoover
January 7, 2001

Tribute Wall



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Robin - April 06, 2023 at 01:32 PM

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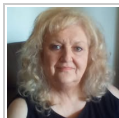
“ Susan was my first cousin. Her father, Alfred Johnson was a brother to my mother, Florence Johnson Jensen. Also born in Grand Forks, but miles separated us as cousins. However, I was blessed to have many summers on the farm in Grand Forks so growing up with Susan and cousin Donna Mae Birkland Tang have afforded me wonderful lifetime memories. Life with them on the farm was the best! Susan lived in the largest home I had ever seen and we cousins spent the rainy days indoors, turning each room into our make believe venues and trying the patience of my Aunt Polly. Many a summer day was spent at Susans outside roaming the largest farm this city girl had ever seen. There are many firsts because Susan would bargain with her Dad for us, ie, first drive in movie plus fast food plus ice cream! WOW! Exploring Susan’s life of big barns, haymows to play in, livestock, machinery, yard full of lawn, flowers, and a forest of trees, choir practice and Ladies Aide at Evanger Lutheran (I was also baptized there). So many memories of Susan sharing her home, parents, every part of her life, with a city deprived cousin! Susan even then, was blessed but not selfish, beautiful but not vain, musically talented sharing joy to all the family. She continued her career of Nursing, wife, mother, and friend for a lifetime and even in our youth placed good values in my mind for life. Our childhood visits cemented our lifetimes in many wonderful ways! My memories of Susan always evoke happiness in many thoughts!!

Danna Jenson Pettigrew Cousin Nampa ID - April 02, 2023 at 09:06 AM

PC

This is something wonderful to read. Part of her life I didn't experience first hand, but I can envision it through your description

Polly Cunningham - April 07, 2023 at 07:56 AM



I agree ,Savannah is a great storyteller and you can almost a barnyard etc.

Karen Jessee - April 08, 2023 at 03:36 PM

MB

Thank you for this beautiful tribute. I miss my mother very much and oh how I would love to have known her as a child growing up. I will cherish what you wrote. Thank you.

Mary Blalock - April 15, 2023 at 07:37 PM

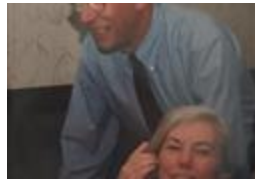
MA

I just read this lovely tribute. There is nothing better than growing up on a farm! Wonderful to hear the memories & how Susan shared her life/childhood!

Marlys - June 21, 2023 at 07:31 PM

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Robin Allen - March 31, 2023 at 04:34 PM

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Beautiful family!

Danna Jenson Pettigrew Cousin Nampa ID - April 02, 2023 at 10:06 AM