



Susan Keenan

April 24, 1961 - August 24, 2012

Susan Keenan, 51, of Bloomington, Indiana, passed away on Friday, August 24, 2012. Susan was born on April 24, 1961, in White Fish Bay, Wisconsin, the daughter of Andrew and Jane McClary. She was a lifelong educator who began teaching following her graduation from Dartmouth College. Beginning her career as a teacher in Grinnell, Iowa, she progressed to her current position as a Senior Lecturer of Accounting at Indiana University in 1997. In addition to her career in education she held a variety of positions on multiple school boards and advisory panels. Susan will be best remembered as a loving Mother, socially conscious citizen, and a trusted friend. Susan is survived by her son, John Keenan of Bloomington, IN; daughter, Elizabeth Tichenor and son-in-law, Jesse Tichenor of Berkley, CA; granddaughter Alice Tichenor of Berkley, CA; mother, Jane McClary of East Lansing, MI; and sister, Ann Hewitt of Shoreline, WA. In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions be made to the Episcopal Campus Ministry at Indiana University. Donations can be sent to: The Canterbury House, PO Box 127, Bloomington, IN, 47402.

Tribute Wall

AF

“ While I only recently learned of Professor Keenan's passing, I want to extend my condolences to her family and friends. I had the honor of taking her accounting class in 2009. I was TERRIBLE at accounting, but Professor Keenan could not have been more kind and helpful and ultimately instrumental in helping me achieve success in the class. I would go to her office hours and she was always so eager to help and dedicate her time to her students. I can only imagine that positive, uplifting, and kind personality carried over into her personal life and life outside of IU. I look back at my time at IU and will always cherish the memory of Professor Keenan.

Andrew Flessor - June 13, 2019 at 11:46 AM

JF

“ Dear McClary and Keenan family,

Sue was my best friend for several years before and after graduation from Dartmouth. I lived next door to Sue and David in Norwich, VT while I began medical school and David finished his PhD. We were in and out of each others homes almost every day, especially after John and then Liz were born. I loved Sue very much and mourned the loss of contact after she and her family moved to the mid-west. She and David introduced me to my first husband and thus I remember them also as being indirectly responsible for the greatest gift I have, my son Evan.

As others have already said, Sue was a wonderful woman. Cheerful and caring for others even in her own adversity and a true friend. I am so sorry for your loss.

Julie Patterson Fago - October 26, 2015 at 04:15 PM

RL

“ Dear McClary and Keenan Families,
I was Sue's classmate and friend at Dartmouth, although we lost touch afterwards. She was perhaps the most effervescent woman in our class of 1000. I am so sorry for your loss.
I just read about her passing in our class newsletter. I do hope that you submit some more information about her productive life to Dartmouth for publication.

With deep sympathy,

Rosi Dupre

Rosi Dupre Littlefield - October 26, 2015 at 04:15 PM

BR

“ Although I did not know you dear loved one, I saw the obituary online and wanted to send you my condolences. This is a very difficult time for your family. Something that has always given me comfort is a scripture at Revelation 21:4. It says: "and he will wipe out every tear from their eyes, and death will be no mor, neither will mourning, nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away. " I sincerely hope this brings you comfort

Brittani - October 26, 2015 at 04:15 PM

SW

“ I am just learning of Sue's passing now. I had not heard from Sue in at least 10 years, but think of her often. We were college roommates for 2 years and shared many happy memories. She spent spring break with me and my family in Miami. I was there when she was married, and I was there when John was born. Every time I go to East Lansing, I think of Sue and her family since that was where she lived when she left for Dartmouth. I am deeply saddened to hear of her passing, especially since I live not too far away and would have loved to visit with her again. I send my sincerest condolences to her children and her mother.

Sarah Reynolds Walton - October 26, 2015 at 04:15 PM

MB

“ I met Susan a few months ago when she moved into my daughter's neighborhood. It was evident immediately that she was a special person with a generous spirit. Her friendly smile was contagious and I felt like I got to know her very quickly. She especially liked playing with my dog, Layla, and even offered to pet sit if I ever needed it. I think of her often and send condolences to her family and friends.

Mary Beth Haas - October 26, 2015 at 04:15 PM

BE

“ Dear John,
Thinking of you and sending my warmest condolences. Not sure how many days you get but come see me when you can. I am so sorry for your loss.
Mrs. Cambridge, BHS-South Counselor

Becca Cambridge - October 26, 2015 at 04:15 PM

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“ To John and family: We are your neighbors from Montclair. I remember Susan so cheerful and joyful. It was 15 years ago that my son, Mika and John were friends, as high school freshman. I know you must have so many good memories of your mother, and I hope these bring you much comfort. Our sympathies, from the Thatchers.

[paula thatcher - October 26, 2015 at 04:15 PM

FO

“ Susan shared so much with the community and her smile is what I remember most. Our sincerest condolences to her family and friends.

Former Neighbor - October 26, 2015 at 04:15 PM

FO

“ Professor Keenan was an outstanding educator. She was always happy to see each and every student in class. I remember her class and thoroughly enjoyed it, and am just glad I had the opportunity to cross paths with Professor Keenan.

Former Student - October 26, 2015 at 04:15 PM

CP

“ To Susan's Family and Friends -- We are terribly saddened for your loss and about Susan's passing. We had been neighbors, and though not close friends we had gotten to know her energy, bright spirit, and sharp mind. She was a beautiful person, inside and out, and we are so glad we knew her. Our heartfelt sympathy to you all.

Cheryl & Patrick Munson - October 26, 2015 at 04:15 PM

DI

“ To Susan's family and friends,
Susan and I met soon after her family's move to Bloomington through music. A mutual friend in Grinnell, Iowa, Barbara Lien, told her to look me up for piano lessons. As a result I taught Susan for several months or a year until her appointment at the School of Business at which time she changed to a teacher who would meet with her for weekend lessons. I regretted her leaving my studio as she had a good ability for music and was playing at a moderately high level.
In learning of her death last week I felt immense sadness. Please know that any of you who are close to her are in my prayers.

Diane Rivera - October 26, 2015 at 04:15 PM

LK

“ Cadet Keenan and family, I am very sorry about your loss. Without question, Susan was loved and admired by many in our community and wherever she had the chance to make a difference. You can certainly be proud of her legacy taht touched so many. Please know that your Army National Guard family is thinking of you and praying for your strength during this difficult time and stand shoulder to shoulder to support you.

Lt. Colonel Kirk White - October 26, 2015 at 04:15 PM

DE

“ Susan was such a delight to know, with a passion for community that drew people to her - along with that contagious smile. We will miss her so much.

Dee Owens - October 26, 2015 at 04:15 PM

AP

“ Susan and I were colleagues at the Kelley School with offices just down the hall from each other. She was endlessly cheerful and friendly, admired and respected by her students and colleagues. I am simply stunned by her passing. Please accept my condolences on your loss.

April Legler - October 26, 2015 at 04:15 PM

MR

“ We didn't know Susan well, but we did get used to seeing her almost every day from the time she moved into the neighborhood. She was always going out for a walk or a bike ride. She would always give a friendly wave or hello and often stop to chit chat. In fact, my 4 year old enjoyed talking to her so much that he would flag her down for a chat. In the short time that she lived there, she quickly became our favorite neighbor. We will miss her. Our thoughts are with you.

Maria (Hanson) Regester - October 26, 2015 at 04:15 PM

CA

“ I am so sorry for your loss, Susan will be greatly missed! I did not know her well, but she was always so bubbly and friendly, I will miss her smiling face in the hallways of Kelley.

Cathy Gilbert - October 26, 2015 at 04:15 PM

JL

“ So sorry for your loss. May happy memories sustain you through this difficult time. and may God's presence surround you with his love.

Jim & Laila Cripe - October 26, 2015 at 04:15 PM

AM

“ I am so sorry. Sue was a great person and we traveled to China together with a student group several years ago. I always enjoyed her company when I worked at the Kelley School (am now retired).

Audrey Morgan - October 26, 2015 at 04:15 PM

LA

“ I was a colleague of Sue's in the business school. Running into her cheery greeting and big smile early in the morning before we taught class always cheered me up and improved my day. I am so very sorry for your loss, and for ours.

Laura Ginger - October 26, 2015 at 04:15 PM