



Susan Francis Sundlin

January 15, 1943 - March 22, 2023

Susan Francis Sundlin

Adored wife, mother, sister, aunt, and friend

Susan Sundlin passed away at home on Wednesday, March 22, 2023 at the age of 80. She was preceded in death by her parents, Henry and Mildred (Percival) Bibow, her sister, Mary Ellen McDonald, and four brothers-in-law and one sister-in-law.

Born in Spirit Lake, Iowa, Susan went to grade school in Montgomery, Iowa as the only one in her class. She graduated from Spirit Lake High School, St Joseph's School of Nursing in Sioux City, and the Minneapolis School of Anesthesia. She was often recognized for being a caring and devoted nurse anesthetist at North Memorial Hospital for over 38 years.

After getting married on May 18th, 1968, Susan and Jim moved to Chicago. Later the couple moved to Coon Rapids and then Edina, Minnesota for over 40 years. Susan was a devout Catholic who was an active parishioner of Epiphany Church and Our Lady of Grace Church. She moved back to Spirit Lake Iowa in 2012. Susan was a Eucharistic minister, provided support and leadership as a member of the Catholic Daughters, and for many years was a constant organizer with church fundraising activities. Throughout her life she served others through Meals on Wheels and donating to food pantries.

Susan and Jim loved to travel the world. She enjoyed staying active with skiing, hiking, rollerblading, and biking. She was also well known for her gardening, beautiful quilting and sewing talents. She will be remembered for her faith, gratitude, kindness, laughter, generosity, support, and the love she shared with everyone she touched.

She is survived and loved by her husband Jim of 55 years; sisters, Charlotte (Bob) Thoma, Sally Brennan, and Teresa Garvey; two sons Michael (Colleen) and Mark (Megan), and numerous nieces, nephews, and friends.

A funeral service will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 25, 2023, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Spirit Lake, IA. A rosary will be recited at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday at the church by the Catholic Daughters. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service on Saturday at the church. Burial will be held in the St. Margret's Cemetery in Spirit Lake. The Robinson Funeral Home in Spirit Lake is in charge of arrangements. Online condolences may be left at www.spiritlakefuneralhome.com

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in Susan's name and given to the St Mary's Catholic Daughters in Spirit Lake.

Cemetery Details

St. Margaret's Cemetery

Spirit Lake, IA 51360

Previous Events

Rosary

MAR 25. 9:00 AM - 9:30 AM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church
1005 Hill Ave.
Spirit Lake, IA 51360
<http://www.stmarysspiritlake.org>

Visitation

MAR 25. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church
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Service

MAR 25. 10:30 AM - 11:15 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Robinson Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Susan Francis Sundlin*



Robinson Funeral Home - March 24, 2023 at 05:59 PM



“ *Deepest sympathy to Jim, Mark, Michael and families. I heard about each of you often over the years. She was a wonderful co-worker—hard working and full of compassion for every person. I was fortunate to work with and learn from her for about 30 years. During that time we also had some great trips for educational seminars—lots of fun, laughter and adventure I am grateful she was part of my life.*

Carolyn Olson - May 04, 2023 at 10:36 AM



“ *Jim: I learned just yesterday of Sue's passing. My deepest condolences. Let's visit next time you are here.*
Howard Bard

Howard Bard - April 28, 2023 at 08:12 PM

RB

“ Rodney B. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Susan Francis Sundlin.



Rodney B. - April 16, 2023 at 07:34 PM

CC

“ Cathy Cohrs lit a candle in memory of Susan Francis Sundlin



Cathy Cohrs - March 26, 2023 at 08:37 PM

GF

“ Mark, Michael and Jim, I was so devastated to learn about your beloved mother/wife's passing. She was a true gem of a person, so loving and supportive. I'm grateful I knew her at one time and all that she helped me with in training. I am so sorry for your loss of this beautiful human who helped so many people in this life. I'm sending you all lots of love and peace while you are in mourning. The video was very special too, thanks for sharing it.

Gail Freedman

Gail Freedman - March 26, 2023 at 10:17 AM

CB

“ Jim, please accept Cathy and my deepest sympathy for the loss of Sue. We will always remember her as the kind, thoughtful and caring soul she was. Though our hearts now hold sorrow they can also hold the blessing of Sue's life and love that we shared. Our prayers for you and the families.
With our love, Cathy and Lonnie Blair



Cathy and Lonnie Blair - March 25, 2023 at 06:37 PM

CJ

“ Cathy Johnson lit a candle in memory of Susan Francis Sundlin



Cathy Johnson - March 24, 2023 at 05:55 PM

MB

“ Our deepest condolences to all of Sue's loving family. She was one of the first to welcome us to the neighborhood 4 yrs ago and our whole family enjoyed seeing her walk by on her walks and stop for a fun and enjoyable visit often. She was the most heart-warming and considerate person ever.....we will miss her dearly. God Bless her family and friends with peace, strength and healing.



Mary and Jim Bruhn - March 24, 2023 at 04:42 PM

GE

“ *A delightful cousin, and an amazing lady, with grace throughout life.*



Gene Eral - March 24, 2023 at 01:06 PM

GE

“ *Gene Eral lit a candle in memory of Susan Francis Sundlin*



Gene Eral - March 24, 2023 at 01:04 PM

BS

“ *What an awesome inspirational lady of faith and family. May God bless her and keep her and welcome her home. Susan, you will be missed .*



Bob and Kate Shaw - March 24, 2023 at 12:45 PM

BS

“ *Beverly Sill lit a candle in memory of Susan Francis Sundlin*



Beverly Sill - March 24, 2023 at 12:28 PM

BD

“ Bonnie Duhn lit a candle in memory of Susan Francis Sundlin



Bonnie Duhn - March 24, 2023 at 11:12 AM

DL

“ Sending Prayers to Susan's family.



Dan & Mary Lempiainen - March 24, 2023 at 10:24 AM

DH

“ Dale And Laura Hanna lit a candle in memory of Susan Francis Sundlin



Dale and Laura Hanna - March 24, 2023 at 08:04 AM

BR

“ Barbara Ricke lit a candle in memory of Susan Francis Sundlin



Barbara Ricke - March 24, 2023 at 07:34 AM

MB

“ *My sympathy to Susan's family. We were neighbors just down the road from the Bibow's when I was about 2-5 yrs. old. I remember Mary Ellen & Susan & rode the school bus with them for a few months when I started Kindergarten. I remember them as good neighbors to my parents, Dick & Trudy Kumba, until we moved to Superior. A long time ago but good memories.*

Mardella (Kumba) Brobst - March 23, 2023 at 10:02 PM