



Susan Kay Walter

October 4, 1953 - April 17, 2014

Susan Kay Walter, 60, of Kalkaska died suddenly at her home on Thursday, April 17, 2014. She was born on October 4, 1953 in Monroe, to Clinton F. and Kathleen L. (Heck) Walter. The family moved to Kalkaska in 1959, where she attended and graduated from Kalkaska High School in 1971. She furthered her education and graduated from Western Michigan University in 1975 with a Bachelors Degree in Music Education. She taught elementary music and third grade during her teaching career at Kalkaska Public Schools until her retirement in 2003. Sue was very active in the VFW Ladies Auxiliary Post 8684, where she was president for many years. She loved music and was very patriotic. Sue sang the National Anthem at many local events. She was a wonderful daughter, sister, aunt, and friend. She enjoyed playing games and cards, especially euchre. Susan was preceded in death by her mother Kathleen in Dec. 2012. She will be deeply missed by her father Clinton Walter of Kalkaska; brother Doug Walter of South Boardman; sister Laura (John) Latham of South Boardman; nephew Jason (Rebecca) Walter of Livonia; and many close friends. Visitation will be held from 11am-1pm on Tuesday, April 22nd at Kalkaska Funeral Home. The funeral service will begin at 1pm in the Chapel of Kalkaska Funeral Home, with Reverend Chad Hoover officiating. Memorial contributions may be directed to the Wounded Warrior Project or to a charity of your choice. Arrangements were entrusted to Kalkaska Funeral Home and Cremation Services.

Cemetery Details

Evergreen Cemetery

272 West St.
Kalkaska, MI 49646

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 22. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Kalkaska Funeral Home
152 S. Cedar
Kalkaska, MI 49646
(231) 258-3346

Service

APR 22. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

SC

“ There are people who pass through our lives like a soft breeze, and then there are those who stay with us forever. You were the latter. Even now, at forty years old, I still feel the warmth of your kindness as clearly as I did when I was a scared little third grader walking into your classroom.

My home life back then was painful, and I didn't have many adults who protected me. But you saw me. You saw what I was going through, and you had the courage to step in when no one else did. You became the safe place I didn't have anywhere else. I will never forget that.

I remember the small things — the things that didn't feel small at all to a child who needed love. You fixing my hair in the mornings when I came in looking a little messy. You making sure I had enough to eat. You checking on me with that gentle voice and that warm smile. You always smelled like fresh-baked cookies, and somehow that scent made me feel like everything might be okay.

You were sweet to me in a way that felt like sunlight. You cared for me without hesitation, without judgment, without expecting anything in return. You gave me the kind of kindness that stays in a person's bones for a lifetime.


You may be gone now, but you are not forgotten. You live in the parts of me that learned what compassion looks like. You live in the memories that still bring me comfort. You live in the gratitude I carry every single day for the angel you were in my life.

Thank you for loving a child who desperately needed it. Thank you for being brave. Thank you for being gentle. Thank you for being you.

You will always be in my heart. My name back then was Stephanie Bannon

Proudly now adopted I am Steffani Colter. You will be forever missed.

Steffani Colter - January 04 at 09:25 PM

 Amber
Darrah

“ I met Sue about ten years ago. She was never my teacher, I wasn't a part of her church, I was just a kid trying to become an adult working at the vfw. Sue always had this way of talking to me and teaching me, in a way that no one else could or can. After meeting Sue she opened up my eyes and showed me what it was to become a part of your community and do for others, not because she asked me to, but through watching her do for others made me realize I could take some time out of my day to help too. I am the pickiest eater in the world but, sue's cooking would get me to try anything and I always liked what ever she made! Sue was always there for me and my family as well as many others, I have often looked to her for guidance over the years and I just hope this community realizes what an angel we have lost. I never heard her say a bad word about a single person, all I ever seen was her extend her hand to help. I was very fond of Sue, anyone who took her for granted I feel bad for you. Sue knew it would upset me if she slipped out of the club without saying goodbye, Well Susie-Q (my dad & I called her that) you didn't get to tell me goodbye, i'm not mad or upset, but there is a little hole in my heart that is going to take some time to heal trying to understand why you are gone. My other regret is that I never got to hear you sing, so my friend until we meet again please look over me and I will do my best to be a better person and enjoy each minute of being here. You will forever be missed, but not forgotten. Thank you Susan Kay Walters for making me a better person.

Amber Darrah - April 29, 2014 at 09:59 AM



“ Sue and I always had a good time when we were together. It didn't matter if it was a quick 30 minute lunch break from work or dinner on our way to play euchre. She was a wonderful friend who was always willing to help me with whatever I may have needed, whether it was a phone call or opening her doors to me. I very much appreciated her. I always loved to go shopping with her even though we didn't get to go that often, Boy! did she know how to find the deals!. She always had a way of brightening my day, as she did for so many others. You will be greatly missed by many!

Carla Darrah - April 24, 2014 at 05:31 PM

LR

“ Linda Radtke lit a candle in memory of Susan Kay Walter



Linda Radtke - April 22, 2014 at 07:11 PM

CC

“ My condolences to the family of Sue. She was a great lady. She was a very organized individual and so very kind. Sue and I met in the early eighties and she was always so friendly. I liked Sue a lot and she will be missed.

*Cathy Ann Curtis
Kalkaska*

Cathy Ann Curtis - April 21, 2014 at 10:16 AM

JB

“ *Jeff Bransford purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Susan Kay Walter.*



Jeff Bransford - April 21, 2014 at 06:16 AM

CB

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Cary Belcher - April 19, 2014 at 06:31 PM

JA

“ *Joe & Sandra Andrade purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Susan Kay Walter.*



Joe & Sandra Andrade - April 19, 2014 at 12:31 PM

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Joe & Sandra Andrade - April 19, 2014 at 12:30 PM

CB

“ Sue has been a good friend to me -- to us -- for many, many years. We have played in bands together, sung in choirs together, performed recitals together, traveled together, changed flat tires together, laughed and cried together. We've exchanged gifts every Christmas for more than forty years, and have been part of each other's lives for fifty-plus years. Sue lived with Kerry and me in Kalamazoo while taking summer classes, and took care of our dogs and birds when we were out of town. She welcomed us into her home whenever we were in Kalkaska. She is part of our family. She loved music; she loved animals; she loved family. Sue has been my only close friend from our pre-teens all the way into our sixties, and will always be close to me.

Rest peacefully, Sue.

Cary and Kerry

Cary Belcher - April 19, 2014 at 09:41 AM

DK

“ *Clint, Doug, Laura, John and Jason, Sue always had such a Beautiful smile and we know she will be deeply missed. All our thoughts, prayers and Love to all, Dave, Karen and Joshua*

Dave and Karen - April 18, 2014 at 05:59 PM

RH

“ John & Laura,

Sister Susan is with God. Please accept our condolences for your loss. It is never easy.

God Bless Susan,

Ray & Judy Hicks

Ray Hicks - April 18, 2014 at 11:14 AM

JC

“ *I pray for God's comfort to you all. I know she will be missed but remember we will see Sue again. Grief is the price of having loved. Without LOVE this world would be a vain effort of life. Love and God's Grace be with you. Jane*

Jane Cyrus - April 18, 2014 at 10:39 AM

MF

“ *I am so sorry. My prayers are with you. Mary Flukinger*

Mary Flukinger - April 18, 2014 at 08:58 AM

JE

“ *John And Laura*

I am so sorry to hear of your loss, if there is anything me or my family can do to help you through these troubled times please let us know

Jim Eisenhauer

Jim Eisenhauer - April 18, 2014 at 07:59 AM

PB

“ *The deepest sympathies from our family to yours, we will keep you all in our prayers.*

Paul Booth - April 18, 2014 at 06:25 AM

DC

“ *I can't believe that my dear friend is gone. I've known Sue since 1977. She was the first friend I made when I moved to Kalkaska. We had so many great times and adventures. She will be missed. I just had breakfast with Sue on Sunday. I'm so grateful that I had that time with her. My sincerest condolences to Clint, Doug, Laura and the rest of the Walter family. Darlene Cookingham*

Darlene Cookingham - April 17, 2014 at 08:44 PM

PK

My deepest sympathy goes out to Sue's family. I will never the first time I heard Sue sing, what a great loss to our community.

Patricia Kimbrough - April 19, 2014 at 07:30 AM

SA

John & Laura

My preyers are with you. The deepest sympathies from our family to your.

Joe Sandra Andrade

Sandra Q. Andrade - April 19, 2014 at 12:38 PM