



Suzanne Russell

May 18, 1928 - May 7, 2019

Suzanne Russell, 90, of Kalkaska passed away Tuesday morning, May 7, 2019. She was born on May 18, 1928, in Toledo, Ohio to the late Russell and Susan (Osgood) Armentrout of Monroe, Michigan.

Suzanne graduated from Michigan State University with a Bachelor of Science in Home Economics and Eastern Michigan University with a Master of Arts in Education. Her passion for educating young minds was evident from the very beginning of her career. She was a pioneer of childhood education, helping to launch the Head Start program that is now implemented across the nation. She taught early elementary education in various schools in Southern Michigan before settling with her family in Kalkaska in 1968 where she continued her career in education until retirement around 1985.

Suzanne was an active member of the Kalkaska community volunteering in many clubs including the Kalkaska Historical Society, Academia Club, and the St. Paul Lutheran Church. She greatly enjoyed gardening, reading, and spending time with her friends and family. Suzanne was an incredibly warm and caring person that used her many gifts to encourage children, support her community and love her family. She was well-loved and will be missed by many.

Suzanne will be lovingly remembered by her children; Leslie E (Penny) Russell Jr, Thomas D (Kelly) Russell, Mary K (Paul) Tucker, James R (Dawn) Russell, Susan E (Roger) Gann, grandchildren; Dr. Lyndsay Tamborelle, Jonathan M. Russell, Lauren Wiley, Jenny Hall, Sarah Mengers, Diana Weber, Aaron R. Tucker, Andrew P. Tucker, Rachael E. Strasser, Sara Collins, Ryann Collins, Kelsey Collins, Connor Russell, 19 great-grandchildren. Suzanne was preceded in death by her parents and husband of 45 years, Leslie Russell.

A visitation will be held on Friday, May 17, 2019, from 6pm-8pm at Kalkaska Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held on Saturday, May 18, 2019, at the St. Paul Lutheran Church in Kalkaska at 2:00 pm. The family will receive friends for a final visitation at 1:00 pm until the time of service. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Kalkaska Funeral Home and Cremation Service.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 17. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Kalkaska Funeral Home
152 S Cedar St
P.O. Box 1457
Kalkaska, MI 49646

Service

MAY 18. 2:00 PM (ET)

St. Paul Lutheran Church
2470 Beebe Road NE
Kalkaska, MI 49646

Tribute Wall

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“ I was out of town and missed this service. I loved Sue and Les. They were so kind to me great people to help you start your career! Sue was a classy lady and a wonderful friend.
My daughter in law told me tonight that she went to school with Les Jr.'s daughter. Very small world!!!! My daughter in law is Megan Brunke.
So VERY SORRY Russell family. Our world is redefined without our parents.
Sincerely, Ellen Besaw

Ellen Besaw - May 19, 2019 at 07:29 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Suzanne Russell.



May 16, 2019 at 02:33 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Suzanne Russell.



May 15, 2019 at 09:00 AM



“ Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Suzanne Russell.



May 14, 2019 at 04:08 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Suzanne Russell.*



May 10, 2019 at 10:00 AM