



Susan Anne Henry

August 6, 1944 - June 28, 2021

Our beloved mom, Susan Anne Henry, transitioned peacefully on June 28, 2021. Aware that she would be passing in the coming days, she invited family and close friends to say goodbye just prior to her passing. She was surrounded in love. This was a heartfelt, beautiful time, her courage and kindness never wavering amidst sadness. She loved life, her family, and friends, and in the time approaching her death, she expressed her fears as her brave heart opened to death with curiosity. She recognized the interdependent nature of life and death.

Susan was born in Woodstock, IL on August 6, 1944, to Sarah and Julius Kieffer. She was the oldest of five children.

In September of 1964, she married John Henry of Philo IL. She was mother to Jay, Heather, and Benjamin. She welcomed and loved being a mother, raising her children with love, care, creativity, and laughter. She instilled in them the values of her Catholic faith, kindness, and responsibility.

Susan valued and was tenacious about her career. She pursued several interests over time as she wove together her career path, and in the late 1980's became a paraoptometric in the field of optometry. In 2005, she was named Paraoptometric of the South by AOA (American Optometric Association). She was passionate about patient care and about training others

in her field.

Her greatest pride and joy were her 4 grandchildren, Johanna, Elyse, Corinne, and John. There was nothing more precious to her than caring for them and spending time with them.

She is survived by her daughter, Heather; her son, Ben and daughter-in-law, April; her son-in-law, Marc; her sister, Kathleen; her brothers, Mark and Steven, her grandchildren, and many dear friends.

A mass will be held for Susan on August 16, 2021, at All Saints Catholic Church at 9300 Stonewall Rd, Manassas, VA 20110. Following the mass, burial of her cremains will be at Quantico National Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Susan's name to Phoenixville Community Education Foundation (<https://www.pcefonline.com/donate/>), Utah Diné Bikeyah (<https://utahdinebikeyah.org/contribute-2-2/>), World Wildlife Fund (<https://www.worldwildlife.org>), or Human Rights Campaign (<https://www.hrc.org>).

Cemetery Details

Quantico National Cemetery

18424 Joplin Rd
Triangle, VA 22172-1636
(703) 221-2183

Previous Events

Memorial Mass

AUG 16. 11:00 AM (ET)

All Saints Catholic Church
9300 Stonewall Rd
Manassas, VA 20110
(703) 368-4500

Burial

AUG 16. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Susan Anne Henry.*



August 16, 2021 at 08:38 AM



“ *linda wells purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Susan Anne Henry.*



linda wells - August 06, 2021 at 05:35 PM



“ *Wow! It is with my deepest sympathy for the family, for there are a few people that I have met in my lifetime that possessed the patience and peace of Jesus in their daily walk like Susan. She was a friend and mentor to everyone she met. When you left her presence, you were a better person. I am praying blessings upon her family asking God to shower them with His heavenly favor as they miss their dear matriarch. I totally agree with a mutual friend that heaven has gained another soul.*

Lynn Lawrence - July 20, 2021 at 09:36 AM



Thank you so much, Lynn. I'm so grateful for what you share regarding my mom, and thank you for the blessings for my family, missing my/our mom. Warmest regards, Heather

Heather Engman - July 28, 2021 at 10:56 AM

JT

Dear Heather and family

After your mother's birthday card was returned today, I did a search of Arlington obituaries and found that your mother had passed late June of this year. She had called us April/May timeframe, expressing she had been quite ill. Sue shared the same birthday as our daughter, August 6, plus the same birth year as myself. Jack met your mother in 1961 when your father was courting her and we've stayed in contact since. We were deeply saddened to see her lovely picture and notice of passing. Jack and I extend our deepest condolences to you and your family. Fondly, Jack and Judi Tockston.

Jack and Judi Tockston - October 07, 2021 at 11:12 PM

HE

Thank you so much, Judy and Jack. I'm grateful for what you share. How beautiful that my mom and your daughter share the same birthday of August 6. I'm also grateful to learn when Jack met my mom and grateful to hear that you and my mom share the birth year of 1944, Judy. Love to you and your family, Heather

Heather Engman - October 10, 2021 at 03:47 PM

SS

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Sheran Senn - July 17, 2021 at 12:57 PM

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*Missing our long conversations my friend. Prayers for the family 🙏
Sheran*

Sheran Senn - July 17, 2021 at 12:59 PM

HE

Beautiful, beautiful photos, Sheran. Thank you so much for sharing them and for your prayers. I deeply miss the conversation with my mom too.

Heather Engman - July 19, 2021 at 10:45 AM