



## Susan Gunkel Kruchten

September 28, 1946 - January 4, 2025

Susan Gunkel Kruchten of Broad Run, Virginia, born on September 28, 1946, in South Bend, Indiana, reached the age of 78. She passed away peacefully with a smile, surrounded by family at 6:15pm on Saturday, January 4, 2025.

Susan was the beloved wife of Gary Jacob Kruchten, with whom she shared 55 wonderful years of marriage. She was a devoted mother to her daughter, Kathryn Grace Marshall, and her son, Gary Jacob Kruchten Jr. She was also a proud grandmother to six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Susan was the cherished daughter of E. Jean Gunkel and the late Walter W. Gunkel. She is survived by her mother and brothers Ronald and Paul Gunkel.

Susan graduated from DePauw University in Indiana with a degree in nursing and dedicated her entire career to serving others as a registered nurse. Her strong Christian faith was the cornerstone of her life, and she made it her mission to advance the kingdom of heaven. She was actively involved in church ministries and the Gideons Auxiliary. Susan was a passionate pro-life advocate, dedicating her time to Life First, a Christian, pro-life organization, and participated in the Walk for Life.

Susan was a loving wife and mother. She was generous with her time and talents, embodying the fruits of the Spirit with love, joy, peace, patience,

kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control (Galatians 5:22-23).

Susan's legacy of faith, love, and service will continue to inspire all who knew her. She will be deeply missed by her family, friends, and community. In lieu of flowers for Susan G. Kruchten: please consider a donation at Life First (PO Box 2040 Manassas, VA 20108) or Prince William West Gideons (PO Box 1085 Manassas, VA 20108-1085).

A Memorial Gathering at the funeral home and Memorial Service at the church are planned.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Gathering

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

Pierce Funeral Home  
9609 Center St.  
Manassas, VA 20110  
(703) 257-6028  
pfh@piercefh.com  
<https://www.piercefh.com>

## Memorial Service

JAN 18. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Spriggs Road Presbyterian Church  
13201 Spriggs Road  
Manassas, VA 20112

# Tribute Wall

TN

“ Terry and Cheryl Noffsinger purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Susan Gunkel Kruchten.



Terry and Cheryl Noffsinger - January 17, 2025 at 09:26 AM



“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Susan Gunkel Kruchten.



January 16, 2025 at 10:54 PM

CM

“ Charlie Debbie Abby and Drew Marshalls purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Susan Gunkel Kruchten.



Charlie Debbie Abby and Drew Marshalls - January 16, 2025 at 12:06 PM

CL

“ Carole Langford purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Susan Gunkel Kruchten.



Carole Langford - January 16, 2025 at 11:02 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Susan Gunkel Kruchten.*



January 15, 2025 at 03:49 PM



“ *We extend our deepest expressions of sympathy to Gary and the Krutchen family at the loss of Susan. May the Holy Comforter be with you all today and each day.*



**Rev. Vinicent and Charlene Holland** - January 15, 2025 at 10:12 AM



“ *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Susan Gunkel Kruchten.*



January 15, 2025 at 09:22 AM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Susan Gunkel Kruchten.*



January 13, 2025 at 03:53 PM

TP

“ Toni Nolker and Melissa Nolker Pezzella purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Susan Gunkel Kruchten.



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**Toni Nolker and Melissa Nolker Pezzella** - January 13, 2025 at 09:20 AM

TP

“ Toni Nolker and Melissa Nolker Pezzella planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Susan Gunkel Kruchten.

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**Toni Nolker and Melissa Nolker Pezzella** - January 13, 2025 at 09:20 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Susan Gunkel Kruchten.



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January 12, 2025 at 10:10 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Susan Gunkel Kruchten.

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January 12, 2025 at 10:10 AM



“ Hector, Nora, Hannah, and Noah Garcia purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Susan Gunkel Kruchten.



Hector, Nora, Hannah, and Noah Garcia - January 10, 2025 at 07:26 PM



“ Garden Accent - "Perhaps the stars..." was purchased for the family of Susan Gunkel Kruchten.



January 10, 2025 at 12:25 PM



“ Gerald & Elaine Fairfax & Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Susan Gunkel Kruchten.



Gerald & Elaine Fairfax & Family - January 09, 2025 at 06:31 PM



“ Gerald & Elaine Fairfax & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Susan Gunkel Kruchten.

Gerald & Elaine Fairfax & Family - January 09, 2025 at 04:34 PM

PE

“ Pastor Eric purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Susan Gunkel Kruchten.



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**Pastor Eric** - January 08, 2025 at 06:36 PM

MB

“ Susan was a great sister in Christ. We spent years at the same church and worked together for years. Are thoughts and prayers are with Gary and the family. Martha and Mike Bagnell

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**Martha Bagnell** - January 08, 2025 at 01:56 PM

OF

“ Orlando & Nydia Figueredo purchased the Laven der Reflections Spray for the family of Susan Gunkel Kruchten.



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**Orlando & Nydia Figueredo** - January 08, 2025 at 11:24 AM

OF

“ Orlando & Nydia Figueredo planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Susan Gunkel Kruchten.

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**Orlando & Nydia Figueredo** - January 08, 2025 at 11:24 AM

ED

“ Elaine D. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Susan Gunkel Kruchten.

Elaine D. - January 08, 2025 at 09:22 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Susan Gunkel Kruchten.



January 07, 2025 at 09:18 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Susan Gunkel Kruchten.

January 07, 2025 at 09:18 PM

TU

“ Love you Nana. You are the best Nana. Love Izzy and Eli



Trish Utz - January 07, 2025 at 08:21 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Susan Gunkel Kruchten.



January 07, 2025 at 04:54 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Susan Gunkel Kruchten.

January 07, 2025 at 04:54 PM



“ Susan was a special woman. She was incredibly supportive when my son was little and diagnosed with type 1 diabetes. She prayed with me, educated me, and showed genuine compassion. She is home with the Lord. Well done!

Sally Murray - January 07, 2025 at 03:46 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Susan Gunkel Kruchten.



January 07, 2025 at 12:05 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Susan Gunkel Kruchten.

January 07, 2025 at 12:05 PM

MP

“ Susan was a dear neighbor of ours. Growing up I often remember her warm smile, her hospitality, her welcome and her passion for the unborn. She loved Jesus and others in a way it was clear He was shining through her. She was also a faithful prayer warrior and was part of a breakthrough we experienced in Africa through her prayers.

Our heart and prayers go out to Gary and the dear family. We are praying for you. The last time we saw Susan, in December 2024 she said, "I told the oncologist it's a win-win situation. Either I am healed, or I go home to be with Jesus." You've finished your race, dear sister. Well done and see you soon in glory. ❤️ Ben and Michelle Price and family

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**Michelle Price** - January 07, 2025 at 11:59 AM

RH

*Rest in peace dear cousin.*

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**Rosemary Hoffman** - January 07, 2025 at 12:37 PM

RH

*You are with our Lord Jesus.*

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**Rosemary Hoffman** - January 07, 2025 at 12:40 PM

RH

*Amen*

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**Rosemary Hoffman** - January 07, 2025 at 12:40 PM

RS

*Gary and family,  
We weren't with you often since we moved to Colorado but our times with you and Susan at the Straight's beach house were always enjoyable and memorable!  
Susan had such a sweet spirit about her, definitely because of her love for the Lord.  
We continue to pray for you all...love, Ray and Kathy*

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**Ray and Kathy Steckman** - January 08, 2025 at 08:02 PM

RC

“ *Susan was a wonderful person of strong Christian faith. She was very kind, thoughtful and caring to all. Susan and Gary have been very close friends for many years, and we have great memories from our times together. We will miss her very much. Our prayers go out to Gary and all of the Kruchten family.*

*Ron & Pixie Cleaver*

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**RON CLEAVER** - January 07, 2025 at 08:52 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Susan Gunkel Kruchten.*



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January 06, 2025 at 11:04 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Susan Gunkel Kruchten.*

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January 06, 2025 at 11:04 PM

PU

“ Susan was God's Angel on Earth. She shared Jesus with everyone she met. The world needs more people like this amazing woman. She was a wonderful mother figure to me for the past 24 years. We enjoyed many trips to Kings Dominion and had fun riding roller coasters, canoeing on the Shenandoah River, camping and visiting many places. We shared many of conversations and prayers. She lived her life like the fruit of the spirits. I will miss you Susan more than any words could say. Thank you for stepping up to guide me, support me, and being there for me, then my husband and for our children who loved you so much. You are the best, the best nana to my kids. It brings me comfort to know you are face to face with the Savior. You lived a life of love , well done my beautiful friend. Trish Utz



**PATRICIA ELAINE UTZ** - January 06, 2025 at 09:00 PM

LS

*Perfectly said, Trish. She was, indeed, one of a kind servant of Jesus.*

**Lynda Smith** - January 07, 2025 at 12:15 PM

FM

*I agree with Patricia Utz that Susan was God's angel on earth. There were two people on this earth that I always wanted to emulate. Susan was one of them. That smile!!! And it came from her spirit. She had the peace of Jesus and it spilled out of her. Any person that Susan touched was blessed. And I am one of them. Faith McMichael*

**Faith McMichael** - January 07, 2025 at 12:16 PM



*The strength of Susan's faith always came through her humble spirit and one of the most soothing voices ever heard! So many babies will grow, perhaps never knowing her name---but the Book of Life remembers her work! Jesus cries with us even as heaven's angels celebrate with rejoicing at her homecoming! We love you, Susan and we'll see you soon enough! GREAT Sympathy for Gary and the whole family. Be comforted in His mercy and grace. We are praying and mourning with you. Love ya, Steve and Tracy and the Comer family*

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January 07, 2025 at 12:27 PM



*My beautiful best friend, Susan! Her friendship has been a treasure held close to my heart, and I am endlessly grateful to have had the privilege of knowing her and sharing life's events together. Susan had a love for Jesus which she shared continually with others. She was the epitome of hospitality, sharing meals, as well as their home with those in need and those who were dear to her. When chatting about what heaven would be like her quick response was, " I hope I will be in charge of crafting, AFTER I see Jesus". She always had a sweet but funny response to so many situations. There is so much to say about this remarkable woman, Susan. There just isn't room enough here to share everything. I will miss our long, facetime chats with Susan. I look so forward to seeing her again one day. My heartfelt condolences to Gary, Kate and Jake and their families. I love you all so very much. Thanks for sharing your wife, your mom and grandmother with me. She was a priceless gem unlike any other.*  
*Lynda Smith*

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**Lynda Smith** - January 07, 2025 at 01:25 PM



*Our thoughts and prayers are with you Gary, Katie, Jake and your entire Family. All who knew Susan were so blessed to have had her in their lives. May God continue to bless you all. Love, Moira and Bill*

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**Bill Guyton** - January 08, 2025 at 09:38 AM

JG

*Betsy and I have lost one half of a long and cherished friendship spanning forty nine years. Susan was a beautiful person inside and out who touched and influenced so many lives. Susan has returned home to be with her Heavenly Father. We extend our deepest condolences to Gary, Katie, Jake and family. May God bless you all. Love Jack & Betsy*

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**Jack GERRITY** - January 08, 2025 at 10:38 AM