



Mrs. Susan J. MacWilliams

April 21, 1947 - August 12, 2021

Ms. Susan J. MacWilliams, 74, of Gilbertville, MA, passed away on Thursday, August 12, 2021. Born in Pittsfield, MA, on April 21, 1947, she was the daughter of the late Willard and Gladys Brundage MacWilliams.

Growing up in Lanesboro Susan was a longtime communicant of St. Luke's Episcopal Church where she was a member of the choir.

She attended Lanesboro Elementary School where she was the only student ever to skip a grade. She graduated from Mt. Greylock Regional High School where she was in the chorus, yearbook committee, student council, and queen's court of her senior prom. She was a talented vocalist, photographer, artist, and even did some modeling.

Susan worked as a waitress at the West View Snack Bar and the Howard Johnson's owned by her uncles Ernest and Frank Brundage in Williamstown. She studied at Berkshire Community College, then earned a BA in Communication at Worcester State College.

Susan was a member of Grace Episcopal Church in Oxford Mass for 20 years. Her English gardens provided beautiful altar flowers. Her church family was central to her life and faith in God and belief in the power of prayer sustained her.

Sue was an avid reader and an amazing cook. Long chats with her on the phone were filled with love and laughter. Her sense of humor was infectious. She loved music and would eagerly dance to 70s or Bruno Mars. Her knowledge of flora and geology was shared on nature hikes.

Susan cheered for her grandkids at soccer and softball games. She loved her furry grandchildren and spoiled them with presents.

She never went anywhere without her camera. Her photos were works of art often gifted to loved ones.

Of all things Susan loved being a mom, Gram, aunt, sister and friend.

Susan is survived by brother David and wife Deborah MacWilliams, brother Scott and wife Leanne Curran MacWilliams, sister Margaret MacWilliams and husband Jeffrey Bell, brother-in-law Billy Mars, her son Deven Ewing and wife Patricia Groberio Ewing, daughter Rebecca and husband Kirk Smith, son Stephen Goranson, former spouse and good friend Paul Goranson, five grandchildren, many cherished nieces and nephews, 3 granddogs and 7 grandcats who will miss her dearly. Besides her parents, she was predeceased by her sisters Katherine MacWilliams and Kristy Mars.

Funeral Notice:

A funeral service for Ms. Susan J. MacWilliams will be held on Saturday September 25, 11 a.m. at St Luke's Church (the Village Church), South Main St., Lanesboro, Massachusetts. Burial of her ashes will follow at the Riverside Cemetery in Lanesboro. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Pleasant Valley Wildlife Sanctuary in Lenox, Massachusetts in care of the Dwyer-Wellington Funeral Home, 220 East St, Pittsfield MA 01201, in her memory. Donations CANNOT be made online, but may be made through the Dwyer-Wellington Funeral Home.

Previous Events

Service

SEP **25**. 11:00 AM.

St. Luke's Cburch

Tribute Wall

MI

“ Sincere condolences to Susan's family. Susan was an AMAZING woman. I knew her kindness when I ran a charity thrift shop called "Gracie's Attic" in the Flatiron Building in Southbridge. Susan had an adorable apartment upstairs and was one of the most creative and zesty people I've had the opportunity to meet. Susan was a wise and spiritual woman. She donated many lovely items to the shop which helped homeless folks in the area. I feel blessed to have known her. I KNOW she is dancing up in heaven!
Maureen (Mo) Ireland

Maureen Ireland - October 17, 2021 at 02:47 PM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Mrs. Susan J. MacWilliams.



September 18, 2021 at 06:13 PM

JS

“ Susan and I would spend hours laughing on the phone over things we took way too seriously. She was one of the first women who welcomed me to Worcester County and her friendly smile always warmed my heart. I considered myself a very blessed woman to have had the honor to call her a friend.

Jill Southgate - September 09, 2021 at 11:20 PM

KB

“ So sad to lose another Lanesborough Classmate. My heart, prayers and love go out to the family. May she rest in peace.

Kathy Truden Brassard - August 31, 2021 at 09:43 PM

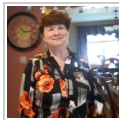
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“ I was devastated to learn of Susan's passing. We shared a long phone call just a few months ago. Susan was searching for sources to learn about the history of the Jewish people. I obtained some book titles from my daughter and emailed Susan her suggestions along with some op-ed columns I had written. She was authentically interested in my columns about public education.

. As a child, I was occasionally verbally attacked with anti-semitic slurs. Susan stood up to defend me and comfort me when these attacks happened on our school bus. Not only was she a woman of faith, but a kind, compassionate and empathetic classmate. I send my deep condolences and gratitude for having had such a fine person in my life.

Ed Udel

Ed Udel - August 29, 2021 at 11:02 AM



RIP Susan.
Jane Stanly Hatch
BCC friend

Jane Hatch - August 29, 2021 at 07:58 PM

JA

The world and I will miss you old friend, we sure could laugh when when there wasn't a lot to laugh about, we did always make each other see the sunshine.

See you on the other side.
Jack A.

John Archambault - August 30, 2021 at 04:06 PM