



Susan Keller

July 7, 1940 - November 25, 2023

CEDAR FALLS – Susan Henrietta Keller, 83, passed away on Saturday, November 25, 2023, at Martin Suites at Western Home Communities.

She was born on July 7, 1940, in St. Paul, MN, the daughter of James and Ellen (Jarvinen) Paist. She married Russell Knoll on October 11, 1960. They later divorced. She then married Edwin Keller on August 8, 1988. Susan owned and operated Susie's Art.

Susie, as she was affectionately called, was a fun-loving personality and a creative spirit. She loved to create art, music, and laughter. She loved to sing and was a part of a trio in high school. Her career took her through many experiences such as working at a country club in St Paul, running a coffee business and her passion of creating art for everyone to enjoy. Her daughters were especially thrilled when a mural of their favorite Disney characters appeared on their bedroom walls.

Susie had wonderful friends in life – early on, Sister Mary Lamski and LaVonne Misner were her best pals and still are to this day. Her 'blood' sisters – Donna, Lois, and Bonnie – were a tight knit group and they enjoyed life to the fullest together. Other dear friends were Kristie, Jan, and Loretta. The family also wants to mention the wonderful staff at the Western Home Martin Center who dearly loved "Suz" or "Susie-Q" we want to thank them for all the

love they poured into our Mother and the exceptional care they gave her.
THANK YOU!

Susan is survived by her daughters, Joyce Knoll (Jeff Buss) of Charles City, IA, and Linda (Mark) Kellner of De Soto, KS; Four Grandchildren - Nicole (Matthew) Christensen, Jacob (Lydia) Buss, Nathan (Alexis) Buss, Justina Kellner (Vincent Sung) And 6 Great Grandchildren. Several nieces and nephews and Edwin Keller's children Doug (Anne) Keller and Bobbie (Justen) Metcalf.

She was preceded in death by her parents in the late 1990s, her devoted and loving husband, Edwin, in 2000; and brother, Herbert Paist, in 2020.

Memorial services will be 10:30 a.m. Saturday, December 2, 2023, at Richardson Funeral Service in Cedar Falls with burial by the family at Mt. Hope Cemetery in Independence, IA.

Susie loved animals and the creative arts, so it is requested that in lieu of flowers or gifts, memorials may be directed to your local no kill animal shelter or programs that promote the arts.

Cemetery Details

Mount Hope Cemetery

Highway 150 South
Independence, IA 50644

Previous Events

Memorial Service

DEC 2. 10:30 AM (CT)

Richardson Funeral Service
615 Main Street
Cedar Falls, IA 50613
(319) 266-3525
richardsonfuneralservice@gmail.com
<http://richardson.funeralplan2.com>

Tribute Wall

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“ 5 files added to the album High School Friends



Joyce - December 04, 2023 at 06:44 PM

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“ Some of my favorite memories are of the times Susie and I worked together as "soda jerks" at Fairview Drug Store on St. Clair Ave. and Fairview Ave. in St Paul, MN. We made Bridgeman ice cream cone, sundaes and malts, as well as lime-cokes and cherry-cokes, etc. We also worked in other areas of the store selling candy, nuts, cards, cigarettes and over-the counter drugs, for which we were carefully instructed in beforehand by the pharmacist who owned the drug store.

It was a hang-out for teen-age boys as well as girls, so you can imagine 5-cent cokes and 25-cent sundaes went along with lots of laughter and gossiping about friends and schoolmates on weekdays after school, and on Saturdays, 9-4 pm, or 4-9 pm. It was fun, but the beginning pay was 75 cents per hour! After 2 years there, though, we were getting \$1.00 an hour! We worked there from 1956 until I entered the convent in 1958.

Sister Mary Lamski, CSJ, St. Paul, MN.

Mary Lamski, CSJ - November 30, 2023 at 12:22 PM

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Susie and I go back a long way; back to our childhoods when her mother was our Girl Scout leader and we all earned our sewing badge by making gathered cotton skirts. Our meetings were held in Susie's livingroom, near her father's ham radio station off to the side of the dining room. Many years later I studied for my Ham licence and became a radio operator. My call sign is N0HWB, sometimes teasingly referred to as 'no hot water bottle'.

But Susie would tell you that wasn't an accurate title for me, because there were times when she accused me of being exactly that: an old hot water bottle, especially when she began smoking and I not only hated smoking, but I'd scold her for doing it.

Still, we remained friends and many years later, when we were both married to our first husbands, Susie and I found ourselves living only a few blocks apart in Lauderdale, MN near the St. Paul campus of the University of Minnesota. I had decided I wanted to go back to college, but I knew I needed a nighttime job to pay for my tuition. It was Susie who helped me get a job at the nearby Midland Hills Country Club where she worked. I answered the telephones during the dinner hour for the doctors who were on call while dining at the club.

How does one say goodbye to a friend of 70 plus years? A friend who would tell you what you needed to hear even when you didn't want to hear it. Rest in peace my dear one. You've lived a good life, brought two beautiful children into this world and created some lovely art pieces. You'll live in my heart and in my memories for as long as I am alive.

- LaVonne Misner

LaVonne Misner - December 02, 2023 at 02:51 AM