



Susan Anne Gerhard

November 7, 1952 - August 26, 2018

Susan Anne Gerhard passed away peacefully August 26, 2018.

She was born in Perryville, Missouri to the late Donald and Muriel [nee Huber] Beeson.

She graduated from Rockhurst University and received her graduate degree from Lindenwood University. She touched many lives throughout her career as a counselor and psychologist. Susan was strong, independent, and a great thinker with an always curious and open mind. She was fascinated by the human condition and spent a great deal of time researching many topics; notably Vedanta, religion, mysticism, physics, yoga psychology, the role of spirituality in psychology and addiction, various healing modalities and integrative medicine.

She found great joy in arranging flowers and spending time at the Vedanta Society of St. Louis. She loved the majesty and wonder in the natural world, and enjoyed hiking and bird watching. In her last years, she found great comfort playing the piano at Pratt Center between treatments, and enjoyed all of her friends at Mercy Integrative Health. She was a dearly beloved Nana and dedicated to being a positive, loving, and encouraging light for her grandchildren. She was a strong advocate for her granddaughter with Dup15q syndrome. Susan's sensitivity to her granddaughter, and her ability to have full communication in the absence of words, was a blessing that will be sorely

missed. Her family is grateful they were able to surround her during her last days in the beautiful DeGreeff Hospice House.

She was preceded in death by her parents and beloved eldest brother: David Beeson.

Surviving are two children: Rebecca [Derek] Flieg of Eureka, MO and Brian [Elise] Gerhard of Denver, CO; two grandchildren: Selah and Noah; one sister in law: Diana Beeson; two brothers: Dan Beeson and Scott Beeson; and two sisters: Sally [Jeff] Suchman and Donna Tyree; nephews and nieces: Jessica(Morgan) Mundell, Alexandria Beeson, Tracy Beeson, Peter(Richie)Thelan, Rachel Beeson-Giles, Anna Gourdin and Jesse Williamson, Casey Gourdin, John David Cargle, Amanda(Nathan) Thwing, Garrett(Raquel) Beeson, Danielle Brickey, and Brianna Brickey.

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Memorial Service

AUG **30**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Valhalla Funeral Chapel, Crematory and Cemetery
7600 St. Charles Rock Road
St. Louis, MO 63133
(314) 721-4900

Tribute Wall

DM

“ Susan was such a loving person. It follows that she has a loving family. Please accept my sincere condolences. I was so sad to hear of her passing. She made me feel very welcome at the Vedanta Society. She epitomized the verse from the Vedas: "Let our selfless service carry joy to all beings."

Diane Marshall - September 04, 2018 at 12:48 PM

SS

“ Sara Wylie, Sarah Wade, Stephanie V, Lisa, Stacy purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Susan Anne Gerhard.



Sara Wylie, Sarah Wade, Stephanie V, Lisa, Stacy - August 31, 2018 at 09:08 PM

BG

“ My sincere sympathy to Susan's family. This is such a beautiful picture of her. Hard to believe that another classmate has departed too soon! God Bless you all!

Beth Guth - August 31, 2018 at 10:06 AM



“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Susan Anne Gerhard.



August 29, 2018 at 09:59 PM

LH

“ Love always, Matt, Ang, Jane & Frank Hahn purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Susan Anne Gerhard.



Love always, Matt, Ang, Jane & Frank Hahn - August 28, 2018 at 11:30 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Susan Anne Gerhard.



August 28, 2018 at 03:11 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Susan Anne Gerhard.



August 28, 2018 at 12:55 PM

EH

“ I am so saddened to hear the news about Susan's passing. I have been friends with her daughter Becky since junior high, and spent lots of time with Becky growing up. While I haven't seen Susan in probably 20 years, I remember her as being so warm and welcoming to me. There are times I went to her for advice on things I didn't think I could talk to my own parents about. She was a kind spirit. My heart goes out to Becky and BJ and the rest of her family.

Erica H. - August 28, 2018 at 12:34 PM

PF

“ Pat Fenwick purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Susan Anne Gerhard.



Pat Fenwick - August 28, 2018 at 10:00 AM