



## Susan K. MacKenzie

June 20, 1949 - July 23, 2024

Susan Kay MacKenzie , 75, passed away peacefully on July 23rd, 2024.

Susan was an amazing bright light in this world, and she shared that light as a loving wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, teacher, and friend. She was born to Robert L. and Emeline Morrissey on June 20th, 1949, in Syracuse, NE, sixth born right in the middle of her group of 11 treasured siblings. She graduated from Syracuse High School in the class of 1967 and went on to her gain her undergraduate degree in Education at Peru State, 1971. Her career as a teacher began in a single room farmhouse school leading to an extensive career with Fremont Public Schools where she loved her students dearly, retiring after 35 plus energetic years. As Sue often quoted, "To teach is to touch a life forever." She truly believed this and was most proud in her career of the many accolades she received from her former students. She spent much time outside the classroom mentoring current and former students and spoke often of the joy this brought to her life. Sue loved music, singing, and her ever clever puns. If there was a song to be sung, Sue's was the first voice you'd hear. She spent much time supporting her kids, grandkids, nieces, and nephews in their various activities and was in the stands cheering whenever she could make it. She loved the Nebraska Cornhuskers and supported them in the best and worst of seasons. Her boundless positive spirit and energy has been greatly missed in her final years, in many ways stolen by her struggle with Alzheimer's, but her family and friends will remember it fondly and loved

her to the moon and back.

Sue is predeceased by her parents Bob and Emeline Morrissey, husband William MacKenzie, sister Rosemary Stubbendeck, brother Mike Morrissey, sister Anne and brother-in law Bill O'Rourke, brother-in-law Roger Rohlfs, and niece Julie Rohlfs. Sue is survived and missed by her children and grandchildren who loved her very much: Thomas Patton of Des Moines, Iowa; Robert (Kristine) Patton of Omaha, Nebraska; Amy (Stephen) Misterek of Minneapolis, Minnesota; grandchildren: Douglas, James, Brooklyn, Charles, and Lawson; siblings: Robert Jr. (Maggie) Morrissey, Linda Rohlfs, Dick (June) Morrissey, Carole Morrissey, Cathy Morrissey, Bill (Kelly) Morrissey, Patty (Tony) Farley, brother-in-law Harry Stubbendeck, former husband Thomas O. Patton, and almost countless nieces, nephews, and friends, especially Lori Griggs.

Special thanks to the staff at Country House, Suncrest Hospice and Jessica Schaben for their caregiving assistance.

VISITATION will be held at Reichmuth Funeral Home, 21901 West Maple Road, Elkhorn, NE from 5:00 to 7:00 PM on August 2nd, 2024 with wake/rosary service beginning at 7:00 PM.

CELEBRATION OF LIFE AND CATHOLIC FUNERAL MASS will be held at St Paulinus Catholic Church, 476 Poplar St., Syracuse, NE at 10:00 AM on August 3rd, 2024.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 2. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Reichmuth Funeral Home - Omaha / Elkhorn  
21901 W. Maple Rd.  
P.O. Box 711  
Elkhorn, NE 68022  
402-289-2222  
services@reichmuthfuneralhomes.com  
<https://www.reichmuthfuneralhomes.com/>

## Wake Service

AUG 2. 7:00 PM (CT)

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## Mass of the Christian Burial

AUG 3. 10:00 AM (CT)

St Paulinus Catholic Church  
476 Poplar Street  
Syracuse , NE 68446

# Tribute Wall



“ *To Tom, Bob, Amy and families, So sorry for your loss. Sue was always smiling and had a great sense of humor.*

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**Connie Patton** - August 01, 2024 at 09:41 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Susan K. MacKenzie.*



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July 31, 2024 at 09:29 AM



“ *It was a privilege to have known Sue, from the Fremont days. Know of our thoughts and prayers to her dear family Mary Hendrickson*

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**mary Hendrickson** - July 31, 2024 at 01:11 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Susan K. MacKenzie.*



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July 30, 2024 at 08:27 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Susan K. MacKenzie.*



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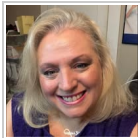
July 30, 2024 at 07:43 PM



“ *Sue was a college friend at Peru State. What a great legacy she left for her family. Rest in peace.*

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**Jane and Bob Patterson** - July 30, 2024 at 11:06 AM



“ *To the family of Sue, I am so sorry to read about your loss. Although it has been several years since we crossed paths, Sue and Tom and my parents, Mike and Cathy Nannen, were connected for so long when I was young, because of their connection through growing up together in Syracuse. Both of my parents have been gone for several years, so I know the sadness of watching a parent suffer from something outside of your control, until they pass. Please know my thoughts go to you, holding space for you as you grieve this loss. I pray for you all to find comfort in the Peace that passes all understanding through your faith.*

*Sincerely, Christine Nannen*

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**Christine Elaine** - July 30, 2024 at 10:48 AM

JF

“ My condolences to Susan’s family, especially Tom, Bob and Amy . Your Mom was an awesome lady. An inspirational, dedicated educator and person. Her influence was always evident in her kids. We have lost a wonderful person.

Jim Finley - July 30, 2024 at 10:32 AM



“ Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Susan K. MacKenzie.



July 30, 2024 at 04:38 AM

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“ Nicki (Nabb) Alexander and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Susan K. MacKenzie.

Nicki (Nabb) Alexander and family - July 30, 2024 at 04:38 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Susan K. MacKenzie.



July 26, 2024 at 12:06 PM



“ *Heavenly Heights Bouquet was purchased for the family of Susan K. MacKenzie.*



July 26, 2024 at 11:26 AM



“ *Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Susan K. MacKenzie.*



July 26, 2024 at 11:16 AM



“ *Sally V. purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Susan K. MacKenzie.*



**Sally V.** - July 26, 2024 at 10:30 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Susan K. MacKenzie.*



July 25, 2024 at 11:10 PM

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“ Annika George and family. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Susan K. MacKenzie.

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**Annika George and family.** - July 25, 2024 at 11:10 PM

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“ She and Bill were godparents to my first grandchild, Graham. She loved babies and she was delighted hold Graham when he was the size of a peanut. I remember one visit when she got down on the floor and had him giggling. He loved it. That was Sue

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**Mark Reagan** - July 25, 2024 at 06:39 PM