



Susan Diane Kerr Petersen

June 9, 1948 - January 7, 2019

An earthly angel has left our midst. Oh, how we will miss her. A celebration of Susan Diane Kerr Petersen's life was held two days before she returned to Heaven. Friends and family visited her one last time. It was evident in the way all greeted her, she led a legacy of love. On January 7, 2019 she was by the side of her eternal companion, Elwin Brooks Petersen, as she slipped peacefully into eternity.

Susan was lovingly welcomed into the home of Keith Russell and Louise Foulger Kerr on June 9, 1948 in Ogden, Utah. She was the second of six children. At the age of four she became a translator for her two-year-old twin brothers, who had developed a language which they shared only with Susan. For a while, the rest of the family looked to Susan to interpret what they said.

A graduate of Bonneville High School and Weber State College, Susan moved to Fresno California to work as a trainer at the new IRS Center. A few years later she transferred back to the Ogden IRS Center. She retired after serving the IRS for 45 years.

She married Elwin Brooks Petersen on May 14, 1976. They were sealed in the Logan Temple on September 29, 1998. They were blessed with two sons, Jonathan Ross (Jonny) Petersen and Christopher Brooks (Mario) Petersen. The family spent many memorable years at their cabin in Alpine, enjoying both summer and winter sporting activities.

Susan saw the needs of others and was quick to help. She dealt with difficult trials, but never complained. She loved everyone! Her sweet smile brightened our days even when cancer and kidney failure created much pain for her.

Susan is survived by her husband, two sons, and seven grandchildren, DaeJhin, Avivyona, Myalyse, Lillyanah, Alakai, Kyryella, and Krysslynn; her siblings, Jolene (Art) Malan, Greg Kerr, Gary (Vonette) Kerr, Janet Cazier (Dave Lund), Steven (Cheng-hua) Kerr; in-laws, Sandra (Bob) Ingals, Gary (Linda) Petersen, Karen (Mike) Kearsley, Becky (John) Schwann, and many nieces and nephews who adore and love her. She is preceded in death by her parents; mother and father-in-laws, Elwin Andrew and Agnes Wynona Petersen; brother-in-law, Tommy Petersen; nephews, Cody Cazier and Richard Malan; and niece, Carmen McKinney.

A special thanks to the amazing hospice workers from Brighton/Bristol Hospice for their special care of Susan during her last days.

Services will be held Monday, January 14, 2019 at Uintah 2nd Ward Chapel 6660 South 1775 East Uintah, Utah. Viewing will begin at 10 am until 11:45 am with the funeral following at noon. Burial will take place at The Uintah City Cemetery.

Comments



“ I was fortunate enough to spend many years around Susan and loved it since she always made you laugh. First meeting her in Exam where I worked in her area. Through the years I worked with her off and on or worked by her so always able to visit. After her retirement we still got together though I wish it would have been more.

Even through her tough times she always had a smile including during the Celebration of Life held a few days before her death. So many great memories of this special lady!

Linda Plyer - January 11 at 08:07 PM



“ There aren't many people you meet in your life that you can say are genuinely guileless but that is how I will always remember Susan. She suffered many challenges, discouragements and pain through her years. She never blamed, complained or was critical. Kindness radiated in her smile and her eyes. I am thankful for her helping me learn how to sew. A fond memory of mine was taking a quilt class together and sharing the many projects we had worked on and started but never finished. I thank her for being my friend and being the big sister I never had. You will be missed.

Kathy Chandler - January 11 at 06:17 PM



“ Susan was such a nice lady and I am saddened to see the news of her passing. Without her hiring me in Exam I would have never gained the organizational experience I needed to further my IRS career. Her words of advise that she provided to me in a feedback meeting when I was a manager in her department continue to resonate with me still today. I enjoyed coming in to the office to see her smiling face and she always gave me a morning greeting. She was a very special person and one that I respected. I hope that the family finds peace knowing she lived her life with purpose and shared her talents with others freely. I lost both of my parents this last year so I know that grief can be overwhelming at times. My condolences and healing prayers are sent to her close friends and family.

Trisha Deubler - January 11 at 04:46 PM