



Susan Kay Southard Busfield

July 7, 1954 - January 27, 2024

Susan Kay Southard Busfield, age 69, of Allegan, went to be with the Lord on Saturday, January 27, 2024. Susan was born on July 7th, 1954 in Allegan, daughter of the late Martin and Kathryn Southard and lived in Allegan her entire life. She graduated Allegan High School in 1972 and worked at Ben Franklin's in Downtown Allegan until becoming a stay-at-home mom to her children in the late 70's and early 80's. In 1984 Susan started her career with Allegan Public Schools that lasted until her retirement in 2021. During that time, she was a co-founder of Summer Buddies, a thematic summer learning program where she taught with her business partner, Sara Brennan Fundora, from 2001 to 2019. Susan found so much joy and fulfillment from working with students, it truly was her calling. Besides her love for teaching, Susan was an avid reader and loved going to the library to pick up a new book. She was known for raising and releasing Monarch butterflies, a passion she shared with her children and all of her grandchildren. Susan loved her home and lead a comfortable and simplistic lifestyle. In her retirement she enjoyed going shopping or out for coffee with friends and more than anything she loved spending time with her family, which she cherished dearly, especially her grandchildren.

Surviving are her children, Benjamin Busfield, Sara (Floyd) Decker; her significant other of 36 years, Dale Halstead, along with his children, Jeff (Gloria) Halstead, Jenny (John) Haas and Josh Halstead; grandchildren,

Gabriel and Anson Decker, Gavin, Nathan and Sam Halstead, Kaylee Haas, Alex and Nicholas Halstead. She was preceded in death by her parents and her beloved yellow Labrador, Remington.

Following her wishes, cremation has taken place. The family will meet friends and family on Friday, February 2nd from 11:00 AM until time of the memorial service at 1:00 PM at the Bloomingdale Chapel, D. L. Miller Funeral Home, www.dlmillerfuneralhome.com, Pastor Josh Odell officiating. The family suggests memorial contributions be made to Pine Trails Elementary School.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 2. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Bloomington Chapel
203 East Spring Street
Bloomington, MI

Funeral Service

FEB 2. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

JG

“ Jennie Grimes planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Susan Kay Southard Busfield.

Jennie Grimes - February 02, 2024 at 09:11 AM

JG

“ Jennie Grimes purchased the Forever in our Hearts - 11.5" Wind Chime for the family of Susan Kay Southard Busfield.



Jennie Grimes - February 02, 2024 at 09:11 AM

LG

“ Luciano G. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Susan Kay Southard Busfield.

Luciano G. - February 01, 2024 at 11:56 PM

EB

“ Eileen Burke planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Susan Kay Southard Busfield.

Eileen Burke - February 01, 2024 at 06:52 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Susan Kay Southard Busfield.*



February 01, 2024 at 06:52 AM



“ *Sarah jennings conley. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Susan Kay Southard Busfield.*

Sarah jennings conley. - January 31, 2024 at 10:20 PM



“ *Sarah jennings conley. purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Susan Kay Southard Busfield.*



Sarah jennings conley. - January 31, 2024 at 10:20 PM



“ *The Hosier Family. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Susan Kay Southard Busfield.*

The Hosier Family. - January 31, 2024 at 03:21 PM

TF

“ *The Hosier Family. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Susan Kay Southard Busfield.*



The Hosier Family - January 31, 2024 at 03:21 PM

SS

“ *Susan Page Smith lit a candle in memory of Susan Kay Southard Busfield*



Susan Page Smith - January 31, 2024 at 02:21 PM

TL

“ *I was sorry to hear of Sue's passing. My daughter works with Ben and she shared her obituary. Sue and I worked together at Pine Trails Elementary at the same time and she was the nicest person you would ever want to work with. She was kind, down to earth, cheerful, and made a positive impact on so many student's lives. My sympathies to Sue's family and friends.*

Tim Locker - January 31, 2024 at 11:41 AM

LF

“ *Love, her Pine Trails Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Susan Kay Southard Busfield.*



Love, her Pine Trails Family - January 30, 2024 at 12:08 PM

WA

“ W&C Klotz, W&L Klotz B&A Lillie & AJ purchased the Heavenly Heights Bouquet for the family of Susan Kay Southard Busfield.



W&C Klotz, W&L Klotz B&A Lillie & AJ - January 30, 2024 at 08:30 AM

WA

“ W&C Klotz, W&L Klotz B&A Lillie & AJ planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Susan Kay Southard Busfield.

W&C Klotz, W&L Klotz B&A Lillie & AJ - January 30, 2024 at 08:30 AM

PS

“ Pete and Scott purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Susan Kay Southard Busfield.



Pete and Scott - January 29, 2024 at 08:25 PM

DE

“ I had the pleasure of knowing Mrs. Busfield when I was in elementary, I'm now sixteen years old and I plan on putting a college application to Michigan State in her honor, my thoughts are with her family in this hard time, may she rest easy <33

Devyn - January 29, 2024 at 08:10 PM



“ *Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Susan Kay Southard Busfield.*



January 29, 2024 at 07:19 PM



“ *Susan was the kindest woman. She had a heart of gold. She will be missed. May memories carry you through these times.*

Laura & Morgan Sullivan - January 29, 2024 at 06:16 PM



“ *Sara, your mom always had a beautiful smile and kind words when we ran into each other. Keep the memories close to your heart. RIP Susan.*

Cindi Kurtz - January 29, 2024 at 04:32 PM



“ *Susan was one of the sweetest people I've ever known. The love and kindness she showed to all the children whose lives she touched, went above and beyond. She was truly a beautiful person who will be missed.*

Carla Lemon - January 29, 2024 at 03:56 PM



“ *Sue came to my house several times to pick up her grandsons Nathan and Sam from my Daycare, we would talk for quite awhile on different subjects, she was so sweet, she will be missed. :(*

Deb Henrickson - January 29, 2024 at 03:45 PM

RN

“ I went to high school with Sue and she was always a sweet person. Later when I taught at North Ward I always heard good things about her working with the kids in her program at Pine Trails. I would see her once in awhile around town and chat through the years and she was always a sweet gal. My sympathies go out to her kids and grandkids and all her family. I'm sure she will be missed by all who knew her.

Roxie (Farmer) Nevenzal - January 29, 2024 at 03:16 PM

DH

“ I could go on forever telling what a wonderful lady she was, but if you know her, I'm sure you feel the same way. She was family by marriage, but I never thought of her as anything but my cousin and my friend..always there to lend a hand, shoulder or ear. She gave more to everyone than she did herself. I'm really gonna miss her words of encouragement and her unconditional love for everyone and everything. My heart goes out to Sara and Ben..you two were surely loved ❤️ Rest in Heaven sweet lady..your truly loved and you've touched the hearts of many 💔🌹

Dorothy Hall - January 29, 2024 at 12:58 PM

JM

“ Judy Shank, Tim , Kelly & Bob Miklusicak purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Susan Kay Southard Busfield.



Judy Shank, Tim , Kelly & Bob Miklusicak - January 29, 2024 at 12:56 PM