



Susan L. Helfrich

September 6, 1954 - December 3, 2022

Susan L. Helfrich, 68, of Evansville, passed away Saturday, December 3, 2022 at Deaconess Hospital Midtown Campus with her loving family by her side.

Susan was born September 6, 1954 in Murray, KY to the late James and Leona (Williams) Rayburn. She worked as a registered nurse at Deaconess Hospital for many years before retiring. Susan loved her husband, children and grandchildren more than anything; she enjoyed sitting next to her husband Mark in the evening watching television, spending time traveling with him in their RV, going to the beach with family and entertaining family at their home for the holidays. She also enjoyed spending time with friends in her Bunco group.

Surviving Susan are her husband of 45 years, Mark Helfrich; one daughter, Stefanie (Andy) Lutz; two sons, Justin (Susan) Helfrich and Casey Helfrich; a sister, Jennifer (Tim) Janes and brother, Kevin (Julie) Rayburn and grandchildren, Tessa Thevenow, Ben Lutz, Isla Lutz, Anna Helfrich and Abby Helfrich.

Funeral services for Susan will be held at 10:00 AM on Saturday, December 10, 2022 at Pierre Funeral Home, Rev. Gene Backes officiating. Burial will take place at a later date in Tupman Cemetery.

Friends may visit with the family from 2:00 until 7:00 PM on Friday at Pierre Funeral Home, 2601 W. Franklin Street.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Tupman Cemetery Foundation, care of Pierre Funeral Home, 2601 W. Franklin Street, Evansville, IN 47712.

Condolences may be made online at www.pierrefuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Tupman

Red Bank Road
IN 47720

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **9**. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Service

DEC **10**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Pierre Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Susan L. Helfrich*



Pierre Funeral Home - December 07, 2022 at 04:39 PM



“ *Susan L. Helfrich*

January 16, 2023 at 06:53 PM



“ *My Aunt Susan was one of the most impressive people I have ever known. In all my memories of her, I can't find a single instance where she was not incredibly kind, sweet, and caring. She always had such a natural, joyous smile that could brighten up anyone's day. Last year my Mom was in the hospital, and times were dark and scary. When Susan came to visit my Mom and us in the hospital, I felt a distinct and powerful feeling of peace by her presence, her medical knowledge, and her compassion. It was enough to make a horrible situation at least bearable, and I am forever indebted to her for those and so many other kind acts. She was amazing, so amazing, and she will be greatly missed, but never forgotten.*

Nick Helfrich

Nicholas Helfrich - December 10, 2022 at 10:46 AM

KD

Susan was such a bright and kind person. Her warm personality always made you feel welcome. Being in her presence made you feel so much joy because she was always of a joyous spirit. I feel the loss of her presence in the world and send my deepest condolences to her family for the loss they must feel Karen Duncan

Karen Duncan - August 06, 2023 at 11:13 AM

BH

“*Susan was a kind and loving Aunt and friend. When I first married her nephew, Nick, and was meeting his large extended family, she made me feel welcome with her warm smile and kind hug. Throughout the years she continued to make me feel like a part of the family- always remembering us by reaching out on the holidays and celebrating our children’s milestones. It was a great joy for us to see her during our recent visit to Evansville. She was a loving light in this world and will be greatly missed. Love always, Bria*h

Bria h Helfrich - December 10, 2022 at 10:45 AM



“*Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Susan L. Helfrich.*



December 08, 2022 at 06:23 PM

JW

“ Susan Helfrich was a joy for anyone to encounter, and a blessing to the large Rayburn clan. She was Jack's niece (and the oldest daughter of his late beloved sister, Leona, and her late husband, Jim) and first cousin to our daughters, Jessica and Mary. We knew Susan from when she was just a toddler right until this tragic early end to a life well-lived. Susan was a compassionate, kind, cheerful person, so well-suited for a successful career in nursing. She was a wonderful mother herself and raised a fine family who reflected her wonderful qualities. We so enjoyed the times we spent with her and Mark and the kids during visits to Evansville (and encounters elsewhere) over the years. Thinking of Susan makes one automatically smile because of the good memories of such a fine person. She will be sorely missed by all.
Jack and Noreen Williams, Jessica and Mary

Jack and Noreen Williams - December 08, 2022 at 04:52 PM

MI

“ Going to the same schools and having many great memories of being a Reitz cheerleader with Susie was such an honor and privilege. I don't think I ever saw Susie without that beautiful smile. It was always a pleasure to be around Susie as she was such a kind and gentle soul. Mark, the Helfrich family, and the Rayburn family my thoughts and prayers are for the Lord to comfort your broken hearts. In the arms of an angel go to God my sweet friend.



Marsha F (Byrum) Ipock - December 08, 2022 at 12:16 PM

JE

“ I will never forget Susan’s kind and beautiful words when we lost Elias last year. She spoke from the heart as a fellow mother and it meant so much after such an unexpected tragedy. When Doug and I saw Susan and Mark in DC last fall, we had a wonderful time which now feels all the more special and important for having been able to share those moments together.

I have always treasured the times since early childhood when visiting Evansville and seeing Susan’s family along with Jenny and Mark’s families and their parents -- my Uncle Jim and Aunt Leona.

Doug and I are heartbroken and send our deepest condolences to everyone in the Rayburn and Helfrich family. Susan’s warmth, generous heart, kindness and sparkling spirit will never be forgotten and have left an indelible mark on our lives. We will keep her in our hearts forever.

Jessica - December 08, 2022 at 11:45 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Susan L. Helfrich.



December 07, 2022 at 09:06 PM



“ 119 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Pierre Funeral Home - December 07, 2022 at 03:39 PM

TC

“ Tom Culley purchased the *Beautiful Heart Bouquet* for the family of Susan L. Helfrich.



Tom Culley - December 06, 2022 at 07:56 PM

RM

“ Mark,
*I am so sorry to learn of Susan's passing. Susan was a kind and loving person. She had a gentle heart.
May the Lord provide you and your family comfort during this most difficult time.*

Renita Moss - December 06, 2022 at 10:32 AM

JG

“ Mark, we send our condolences to you and family. We loved Susan very much and going to miss her at our family gatherings. She was a sweet and wonderful lady who always had a smile on her face. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you need anything. Love always, the Gomez family.

Jose and Jody Gomez - December 06, 2022 at 10:02 AM

H(

“ My heart truly aches for your sweet family Stefanie. You and I have been close friends for some time now. When I think of all of the wonderful things you have shared with me about your mom, I know that she was truly one of a kind. Susan and I spent several of the kids birthday parties and sporting events chatting. She was always so warm and inviting. She was such an amazing Grandmother and loved spending time with her grandchildren. I will never forget how she sent me a hand written letter after my father passed a few short years ago. It was one of the toughest times of my life and she took the time reach out and lift me up. Sending so much love to you and your family at this time.

Hinton Family (Lauren) - December 06, 2022 at 08:39 AM

BC

“ Although time has passed by, the memory of the kindness of Susan is fresh. I feel for Mark and all family and friends as we grieve her passing. Such a loving person that left us far to early... Let time provide peace and understanding. Thank you Susan for making this life a bit brighter. RIP

Bill Clark - December 05, 2022 at 08:16 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Susan L. Helfrich.



December 05, 2022 at 07:12 PM



“ Susan was the kindest and most unselfish person Sending prayers for her husband Mark and all her family RIP Susan

Bruan Branson - December 05, 2022 at 05:55 PM



“ Susan was a very kind, patient soul. Her and Mark tolerated Justin and I using their basement for band practice and other adolescent antics which included blocking the driveway to play basketball and taking over the living room to watch St. Louis Cardinals. I pray for peace, comfort and healing for the entire family. Although my words are inadequate, the words of God speaking through the Apostle Paul in the Bible can provide true, everlasting peace. "That if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation." Romans 10:9-10

Kyle Ritter - December 05, 2022 at 04:14 PM



“ Thoughts and prayers to Kevin and the Helfrich family.

Thomas Pressley - December 05, 2022 at 03:40 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Susan L. Helfrich.*



December 05, 2022 at 02:51 PM



“ *Mark; I'm so sorry to hear that your loss of dearest wife. Wish you comfort and peace. Ander Yen*

ander yen - December 04, 2022 at 10:32 PM



“ *We are sad to hear of Susan passing. Retiring and spending time with family are what is planned. So happy you bought our RV to travel know we chatted about your travels. Prayers to Mark and family. Linda and Milton Yuan*

linda Yuan - December 04, 2022 at 10:20 PM

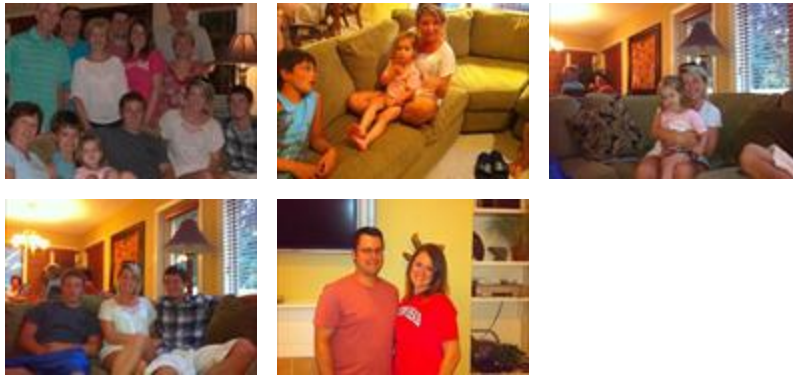


“ *Of all the grandkids of John and Gania Rayburn, Susan was the gentlest and kindest. She always made us smile, and we certainly often laughed with her --and sometimes at her, usually over her not-so-keen sense of direction. She never minded. I am devastated by her loss, for all of you and for myself. I am holding you all deep in my heart, as I will always hold her.*

Steve Rayburn - December 04, 2022 at 09:04 PM

JL

“ Dear Mark and family, Brad and I are so sorry in the loss of your dearest, Susan. Words cannot express our sorrow. All of you are in our prayers, now and in the days to come. I looked and found a few pictures to share. Susan, didn't (ever) want her picture taken but, I do have one....the time was Hilton Head for a family vacation. It was so fun. Stefanie and Andy got engaged during that trip. Susan told us after they left for dinner. We were so excited. Tessa was so little. We were all a lot younger then, too....I will always remember Susan's laugh. Her sweet and thoughtful nature and how much she loved her family. We had a joint love of animals. I'm sorry I never got to visit her home. We talked about it but, it never came to be....she helped Jenny and I give a shower for Michael when Owen was on the way. She brought everything....I think she was a little late (lol) but, she brought lots of goodies..her smile would light up a room and her laughter was contagious. I know you will miss her terribly. She loved you all more than life itself....I know you'll meet again in heaven one day because that kind of love is eternal...love always, Jennifer and Brad



Jennifer Ludwick - December 04, 2022 at 07:49 PM

JJ

Thank you so much, Jennifer. What a comfort you will be for all of us. We are going to miss her dearly. Jenny

Jennifer R Janes - December 05, 2022 at 09:34 AM

BC

Susan was the greatest! Whenever my husband or I were in the hospital she always made an effort to stop by. In fact one time when he was discharged she drove him home to save me the trouble. I lost the love of my life 3 years ago. We had been married for almost 68 years.
Bernice Canterbury

Bernice Canterbury - December 05, 2022 at 11:15 AM

BG

My sympathies to Mark and his family. Susie was a beloved classmate and cheerleader at Reitz who cheered our Panthers onto victory. God bless and comfort you, Mark.

*Bruce Griffin,
St. George, Utah*

Bruce Griffin - December 06, 2022 at 11:20 AM

TM

*Mark,
Debbie and I are so sad to hear about Susie. We are praying for you and your family during this tough time.*

Timothy Miller - December 09, 2022 at 02:27 PM