



Susan Cusick

September 24, 1952 - September 12, 2024

Susan Cusick, 71, passed away on September 12, 2024 at her Leominster home alongside loved ones and in the hearts of the members of her family who could not be with her. She faced her yearlong treatment for the blood cancer that took her life with her characteristic courage, stoicism, and unrelenting optimism.

Sue was born in Lowell on September 24, 1952 to the late Richard and Mary Ruth (Riley) Hayden and grew up in Chelmsford. After graduating from Chelmsford High School in 1970, she married her high school sweetheart and settled in Townsend where she raised her five children. After her children were grown, she enjoyed eleven years living in the beautiful woods of Mason, NH before moving to Leominster in 2015. She spent most of her career as a librarian, first in the Townsend Public Library and later in Shirley's Hazen Memorial Library, before retiring in 2019 to quilt and spend as much time as possible with her grandchildren, who were the absolute joys of her life. She lived a full life that included saying yes as often as she could - to adventures with her grandchildren, sky diving, roller coaster rides, hikes, Kimball's ice cream cones, and any time that she could spend with her family, especially outdoors. Her youthful spirit and sense of fun were an inspiration. She was known for her delicious whoopie pies, her passion for Pixar's Toy Story films, and for the gorgeous quilts she created for her loved ones.

She leaves behind her husband of 52 years, Brian Cusick; daughter Amy Cusick and her partner Dale Thomas of Minneapolis, MN; daughter Colleen Cusick of Wakefield; son Tim Cusick and his partner Liza Webster of Burlington, VT; daughter Molly Cusick of Rockville, MD; daughter Bridget Koryak and her husband Misha of Stoneham; her beloved granddaughters Xan and Avery Koryak, also of Stoneham; sister Linda Pappas of Shirley; sisters-in-law Elaine Hayden of Stratham, NH and Jane Spellenberg of Chelmsford, MA; as well as her cherished nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her brother Rick Hayden.

Calling hours will be held on Thursday, September 19th beginning at 10 AM followed by a memorial mass at 11 AM, both at St. Boniface Catholic Church, located at 817

Massachusetts Ave. in Lunenburg, MA.

In lieu of flowers, please consider spending some time enjoying nature in honor of Sue, donating blood, or making a memorial contribution to the Palliative Care Fund at Lahey Hospital & Medical Center, where she received exceptional care. https://secure3.convio.net/bidmc/site/Donation2;jsessionid=00000000.app30130b?df_id=6143&mfc_pref=T&6143.donation=form1

The family wishes to thank the nursing staff in Hematology & Oncology for their compassion and kindness throughout Sue's treatment.

The Anderson Funeral Home, 250 Main Street, Townsend, is directing arrangements.

Previous Events

Calling Hour

SEP 19. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Boniface Church
Mass Ave
Lunenburg, MA

Funeral Mass

SEP 19. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Boniface Church
Mass Ave
Lunenburg, MA

Tribute Wall

KE

“ Kim, Nicholas and Evan purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Susan Cusick.



Kim, Nicholas and Evan - September 18, 2024 at 06:53 PM

KE

“ Kim, Nicholas and Evan planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Susan Cusick.

Kim, Nicholas and Evan - September 18, 2024 at 06:53 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Susan Cusick.



September 18, 2024 at 06:41 AM

YF

“ Your Forever Friends. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Susan Cusick.

Your Forever Friends. - September 18, 2024 at 06:41 AM

KT

“ Kate and Chris Tran purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Susan Cusick.



Kate and Chris Tran - September 17, 2024 at 02:53 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Susan Cusick.



September 17, 2024 at 10:11 AM

PF

“ Priscilla Fortin & Family purchased the Divine Light for the family of Susan Cusick.



Priscilla Fortin & Family - September 16, 2024 at 04:47 PM

CL

“ Christine L. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Susan Cusick.

Christine L. - September 16, 2024 at 11:34 AM

KB

“ I have had the good fortune of being a friend and neighbor to Sue and Brian since they moved to Leominster. Sue and her beautiful smile and waves when seeing each other along with our wonderful conversations in person or from car window-to car window when passing each other on our street. She was so special and kind with a soft spoken voice and warm caring heart. Always asking about my family and how everyone is doing. Our Cancer Diagnosis came within a couple of weeks of each other, and Brian always so kindly kept me updated on her condition while also never forgetting to ask about mine. I prayed for her to become well again and now I pray that her journey to Heaven was peaceful. I know and believe that we will all see each other again someday with God by our side. My heart breaks for The entire Cusick family and my every thought and prayer is for their peace and comfort during this very sad time in their lives as they grieve the loss of someone so incredibly special. Rest Easy, dear friend, Sue. The love of my family is with you. Thank you for your friendship and for your prayers

As I fight my Cancer battle. I know that you will be sending your love and light down from beautiful Heaven that I get better. Thank you for being such an amazing and inspiring friend and neighbor who I will cherish every memory of, all the days of my life.

Kimberly Shea Benham - September 15, 2024 at 11:02 PM

KB

“ *Kimberly Shea Benham lit a candle in memory of Susan Cusick*



Kimberly Shea Benham - September 15, 2024 at 10:46 PM

KS

“ *Kimberly S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Susan Cusick.*

Kimberly S. - September 15, 2024 at 10:42 PM

LM

“ *Lee M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Susan Cusick.*

Lee M. - September 15, 2024 at 09:03 AM

TR

“ *Tom and Linda Rorrer purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Susan Cusick.*



Tom and Linda Rorrer - September 13, 2024 at 08:20 PM

TR

“ *Tom and Linda Rorrer planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Susan Cusick.*

Tom and Linda Rorrer - September 13, 2024 at 08:20 PM

LR

“ *I am a friend of Molly and i knew she loved her Mom very much. Please accept my condolences and prayers for your family. Linda Rorrer*

Linda Rorrer - September 13, 2024 at 08:13 PM

EP

“ Sue always had a kind word and gentle smile. I loved seeing her throughout the years at all of the life events that brought us together after college. She will be missed. Sending lots of love to her family during this difficult time.

Erin Page - September 13, 2024 at 03:55 PM

JC

“ Sue meant so much to me, and I am grateful for her presence in my life throughout childhood. Things I will most remember about Sue is that she was a lover of animals, made the best fried chicken, taught me how to sing J-E-S-U-S to the tune of Bingo, had the cutest laugh, and always had a calming way about her. She will be missed.

I would like to send my love and condolences to her family. May the many memories you share help you get through this difficult time.

Julie Carvelli - September 13, 2024 at 01:50 PM