



## Susan Krenkel

January 11, 1947 - July 25, 2024

Susan Beatrice McCowan Krenkel, age 77, January 11, 1947, Jackson, Michigan - July 25, 2024, Independence, Oregon.

Y'all know this Susan -the quiet, smart, science girl. The student who would be top of her Medical Technology class at UM, who would earn her Master's degree in Public Health (parasitology) via a fellowship at UNC. Over the years she resided in Jackson, Ann Arbor, Durham, N.C., Lawrence, Kansas, Jackson, Heber City, Utah, and on the farm in Dallas, Oregon.

And just beautiful. Beautiful outside, inside, throughout. Some of you knew the deeply caring, profound, Susie. As her son Nate, spoke at her graveside of the mother, wife, friend, lover of all God's creatures, whose very self was defined by the "nest." Who cared for all of us, nestled us all, the Earth-mother who led me to Auschwitz teaching me to care for all, too.

The Adventurer: Few of you knew this small, quiet, introspective home-girl was an Adventuress -a world traveler from Auschwitz, to chasing Grizzlies "Griz" in Alaska, to hiking in the Alps, to the moors of Scotland seeking the standing stones of her ancestors, on the Appalachian, the John Muir, and the Continental Divide trails, down into the Grand Canyon and many Utah canyons, climbing Mt. Whitney, Lincoln, Lafayette, and Little Haystack in New Hampshire, many Colorado 14'ers and 13'ers, trails from Baja to Greece, Alaska to Italy. And all 50 of the states & the 20 or so countries which lay in her path.

Susan was laid to rest greenly in a little willow basket covered with roadside

posies in the family plot in the Moscow Cemetery next to the old family farm, near her dear parents, Walt and Roberta; sister, Louise; and many ancestors, delivered home by the Episcopal Rector Reverend Jadon Hartsuff and by her sons, Nathaniel (Cornelia) and Dr. Aaron (Alynn). With husband of 60 years, John Mark; grandson, Linus; sister, Cindi (John) DeSpelder; nephew, Evan; and sister-in-law, Sally Walker attending. And dear family and friends. In addition, she is survived by granddaughters, Beatrice, Marguerite and Eleanor Violet; brother-in-law, Stephen (nieces Anna and Elizabeth); and sisters-in-law, Jennifer and Mary.

Memorial contributions to Doctors without Borders, Oxfam-America, Alzheimer's Association, or Great Old Broads for Wilderness are welcome. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte, MI.

# Tribute Wall

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“*Susan was the loviest person ever: because of her hearing loss, she missed the ugly things that lesser people said. She was a brilliant and sweet sister in law that none of us deserved. I have thought beautiful things of her for the many years that we were separated. She was just the sweetest and most loving woman ever.*

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**mary Lindemann** - October 29, 2024 at 11:02 PM