



Susan Mead

October 30, 1950 - January 29, 2021

Susan Emalie Mead, a sweet and caring person, known as the chocolatier of the family, of Mulliken, died January 29, 2021. Susan, 70, was born October 30, 1950, in Lansing, Michigan to Harold Norris and Mary (McCrum) Norris. Susan was raised in Nashville, and graduated from Maple Valley High School. Susan married Larry Mead on October 25, 1969, and together they raised three children, Autumn, Amber and Aaron. Susan and Larry were married for 51 years, and Susan said of their marriage, "It's been awesome." It was after marrying Larry that Susan learned farming. Susan worked at Charlotte Plaza Florist where her creativity was expressed and appreciated. She also worked as an office worker for Dowding Industries.

Susan was extremely gifted in sewing, quilting, crocheting, baking, and candy making. Her grandchildren will cherish T-shirt quilts she made, and taking trips with their Grandma. The family's memories will include trips to the Grand Canyon, Germany, and many Midwest zoos. Susan's children question: "Who will make the cinnamon rolls and cream puffs at Christmas?" They have fond memories of her abilities from "cake to clothes." She will be remembered for always meeting the needs of others; those needs may be in the form of a wedding cake, bridesmaid dresses, or outfitting a nursery. A perfectionist when it came to standards for herself, but thought she never quite achieved perfection. Her children say, "Our Mom made beautiful things." She will be remembered and cherished for her sweet and caring ways.

Susan is survived by her devoted husband, Larry; her daughters, Autumn (Justin) Sivyver, and Amber (Mike) Straatman; and her son Aaron (Shelli) Mead. She is also survived by eight grandchildren, Hunter Sivyver, Colin Sivyver, and Emalie Sivyver, Austin Mead, Khloe Mead, Kierstyn Mead, Samantha Straatman; Kal Straatman, and "adopted" grandchild Justin Wells; siblings Karen (Skip) Dowding, and Mark Norris; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by sister, Cheryl Savage Tewksbury; brother-in-law, Theo Savage; and her parents.

Friends are encouraged to support Susan's family at a visitation on Thursday, February 4, 2021 from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. at Pray Funeral Home. The Pray staff will guide guests through visitation. Guests will be required to wear masks and observe social distance guidelines. A Memorial service will be held Friday, February 5, 2021, at 2:00 p.m. at Pray Funeral Home with Pastor Matt Rohde officiating. Attendance will be limited due to current Covid restrictions. The service will be webcast; you may watch it from any computer, Smartphone, or mobile device. Visit Susan's Tribute page at www.prayfuneral.com, then click on Photos and Videos tab (or Media from your Smartphone). Immediately prior to the service, a link will appear on that page. If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions to Eaton County 4-H. Friends and family are encouraged to share memories of Susan on her Tribute Page at www.PrayFuneral.com. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 4. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Pray Funeral Home, Inc.
401 W. Seminary St.
Charlotte, MI 48813

Memorial Service

FEB 5. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



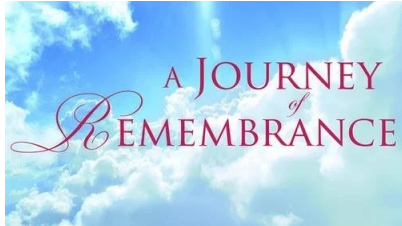
“ Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Webcast in memory of Susan Mead



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - February 05, 2021 at 01:53 PM



“ Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Susan Mead



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - February 04, 2021 at 06:47 PM



“ So sorry for your loss. Sue was such a sweet lady.



kari schipkowski - February 05, 2021 at 07:27 PM

GB

“ *Gayle Buscaino lit a candle in memory of Susan Mead*



Gayle Buscaino - February 05, 2021 at 09:10 AM



“ *54 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - February 04, 2021 at 06:42 PM

RS

“ *Randy and Twyla Newsome and Keshia Severns purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Susan Mead.*



Randy and Twyla Newsome and Keshia Severns - February 04, 2021 at 01:48 PM

FU

“ Larry, Autumn, Amber and Aaron, So sorry you are having to face the sudden loss of your smiling gifted mom. A very sad time. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Know her thoughts are with you always and she is pain free and happy in heaven. Hugs and love, David and Jacque Fuller

fullers - February 03, 2021 at 09:29 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Susan Mead.



February 03, 2021 at 07:41 AM

Laurie
Savage

“ Laurie Savage lit a candle in memory of Susan Mead



Laurie Savage - February 02, 2021 at 04:56 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Susan Mead.



February 02, 2021 at 01:43 PM

CW

“ Chad & Carol Walker lit a candle in memory of Susan Mead



Chad & Carol Walker - February 02, 2021 at 10:15 AM

SW

“ Sandy Compton & Gwen Wells purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Susan Mead.



Sandy Compton & Gwen Wells - February 01, 2021 at 02:48 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Susan Mead.



February 01, 2021 at 01:09 PM

DK

“ Among her many many talents i remember her telling me of all the times she spent and enjoyed feeding everyone at fair every year. Camping there at the fair grounds and joy it gave her spending that time with everyone, Christmases at her sister Karens, the love she had for her family her Children were her pride and joy then when her grandchildren starting arriving a new found joy had come she always always talked to me about all that everyone meant to her. Her trips to Chicago, Her trip to Germany,her quilting, sewing,The Christmas baking and making of homemade candy,She made me several things over the years. We talked about so many special memories she made me feel like family as I'm sure so many can say, I feel incredibly blessed that i got to know her and so many of you over the 20+ years i knew her. Her presence will definitely be missed by all she loved, knew and came in contact with. My heart,thoughts and Prayers are with each and every one of you. Heaven gained a huge gift when she arrived. 💜💜💜💜

Dawn Kepler - January 31, 2021 at 05:32 PM

LD

“ Sue was always a bit of steady for me when life was stormy. On the tough “goodbye” days as a girl, she reminded me that even though I lived far away, I was a part of her family. When my own family lost someone special, she hugged me and said, “well this just sucks, doesn't it?” Not one to let me wallow, she encouraged me to roll with it and move forward. As an adult, she told me she was proud of me and, honestly, what better words are there?

Flower arranging, the blue van, Cedar Point, fabric covered albums, my first (and last) perms in the dining room, blueberry cobbler, the water wheel, hanging clothes on the line to dry in the summer, M&Ms, “Be Special!” and “Welcome Home” are wonderful memories of Sue that I will always hold in my heart.

Lisa Dolby - January 31, 2021 at 04:14 PM

KR

“ Sue was my best friend while in high school. I spent countless hours at her house and spent many nights there. Before going to sleep every night, Sue would put a stack of Elvis records on the record player to fall asleep. Haven't seen her in years but my love for her is eternal. God Bless her family.

Karen J Rose - January 31, 2021 at 08:54 AM

AS

Karen, she told us about you. So many times she talked about you and Geri. Thank you.

Amber Straatman - January 31, 2021 at 02:29 PM

SG

I'm was a class mate of Susan. Still remember making floats in her garage for homecomings. Sending Prayers for the whole family.

Stanley Graham - January 31, 2021 at 02:36 PM

JC

Sue was a woman of many talents! I do enjoyed the short time we worked together in Lake Odessa. She will be very missed by her "village". Condolences to all.

Jackie Carr - January 31, 2021 at 04:34 PM

CB

Larry and children, so sorry for your loss, may God bring you peace knowing she is with him and you will see her again one day.

Carroll & Marilyn Briggs - February 02, 2021 at 11:04 AM