



Susan Mary Gresham

October 26, 1948 - July 31, 2020

Racine-Susan Mary Gresham, 71, formerly of Kenosha, passed away at Aurora at Home Zilber Family Hospice in Wauwatosa on July 31, 2020.

Sue was born to the late Earl Zimdars and Verna Zimdars Kretschmer (nee Bestor) on October 26, 1948, in Kenosha. She attended St. Mark Grade School, St. Joseph High School and Kenosha Technical College

Sue was a long-time employee of Abbott Laboratories. She loved her job so much she worked until age 71 but was forced to retire earlier this year due to illness. Sue enjoyed traveling. She loved wildlife, especially cardinals and loved her dog, Sassy. In her younger days, Sue liked to run and play racquetball. She was a loving mother and grandmother who devoted her life to her children and grandchildren.

Sue will be desperately missed by her loving daughters: Amy Vallone and Julie Rano; grandchildren: Hannah, Ethan, and Nunzio; twin sister, Pat (Dean) Molinaro; nieces: Beth (Jeff) Urban and Lisa Molinaro Krohn; and her special dog, Sassy. Sue sends love to her many friends, especially childhood friends: Carole Allen Mick, Kathy Ruffalo Anderson, Patti Fortino, Jody Fuller Smith, and her cousin, Lynne Olle Jorgensen, along with many other relatives and friends.

Family and friends are invited to a time of visitation for Sue at the Wilson Funeral Home on Thursday, August 6, 2020, from 5:00 PM until 7:00 PM. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, only 50 people will be allowed to enter the funeral home at a time. Guests may be required to wait outside until others leave the funeral home. Anyone planning on attending Sue's visitation will also be required to wear a face covering/mask upon entering the funeral home along with following social distancing guidelines. Private entombment will take place at West Lawn Memorial Park. The family asks that memorials be directed in Sue's name to Aurora at Home Zilber Family Hospice (1155 N Honey Creek Pkwy, Wauwatosa, WI 53213).

The family would like to extend a special thank you to The Froedtert Cancer Center and Dr. Bradley and his staff at the Courage Clinic for their care and concern. The family extends another special thank you to Zilber Hospice in Wauwatosa for their fabulous care to help Sue peacefully join her family in heaven.

Cemetery Details

West Lawn Memorial Park

9000 Washington Avenue
Mount Pleasant, WI 53406

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 6. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Wilson Funeral Home - Racine
1212 Lathrop Ave
Racine, WI 53405
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<https://www.wilsonfuneralhomeinc.com/>

Tribute Wall

DK

“ I just heard of your mom's passing. I too worked for 17 years with her at Abbott and she was a ray of sunshine no matter what! She had some tough assignments over the years but always had an ear for other's problems and woes. I feel fortunate to have had her guidance and assistance over the years. Smile on Sue, it is now all good.

Dori Koza

Dori A Koza - November 24, 2020 at 09:40 AM

KS

“ My heart is saddened upon learning of Sue's passing. I met Sue on her first day at Abbott. She joined the group I worked in and we became friends instantly. I have many wonderful memories of our friendship and I reflect on them often. May she rest in peace. Amy and Julie, your Mom loved you both very much and I see her smiling face in each of you. One day you will be reunited.

-Karen Swazas

Karen Swazas - August 08, 2020 at 11:26 AM

DE

“ Mac and I are very saddened to hear this news. Sue was a very nice neighbor and a sweet lady who will be missed in the neighborhood. I had many delightful conversations with her throughout the years and she was a pleasure to know. She and I shared a great love for animals, especially dogs. We will miss her and seeing sweet Sassy in the neighborhood. Mac and I extend our deepest sympathy to Sue's family. We will keep you in our thoughts and prayers.

-Dee and Mac

Dee - August 07, 2020 at 03:10 PM

CA

“ *My deepest sympathy and condolences to Sue's family on her passing. Sue was wonderful to work with, always cheerful, ready to help you with anything. She prepared many presentation slides for international talks I gave and she was a trouper as we figured out language and humor to liven them up. She made difficult days easier and took wonderful care of my cat Max when I had to travel. I especially remember one trip into Chicago for an office party. We rode the river taxi and she thought it was quite an adventure. Good, good memories.*

Carolyn Albertson - August 07, 2020 at 01:38 PM

JP

“ *To Sue's Family We are so sadden to here about Sue we go back in the early years ,You will be sadly missed ,Our deepest sympathy to Amy and Julie. Jeanne and George Polanin.*



jeanne polanin - August 06, 2020 at 06:22 PM

MM

“ *I worked with Sue at Abbott Labs. We were not in the same department had contact with one another off and on. She was a delightful person and fun to be around. Always had a good work for everyone. She will be missed. Rest in Peace my friend.*
MaryAnn Messier



MARYANN MESSIER - August 06, 2020 at 06:21 PM

CF

“ Carol Mui and Family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Susan Mary Gresham.



Carol Mui and Family - August 06, 2020 at 12:58 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Susan Mary Gresham.



August 06, 2020 at 11:45 AM

DF

“ Dennika Acker and Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Susan Mary Gresham.



Dennika Acker and Family - August 06, 2020 at 10:38 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Susan Mary Gresham.



August 06, 2020 at 07:20 AM

HF

“Hugo Xi & Family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Susan Mary Gresham.



Hugo Xi & Family - August 05, 2020 at 10:49 PM

KA

“Sue, I'm so glad that fate put is together in grade school. I'll never forget the fun years we had growing up together as special friends.



Kathy Ruffalo Anderson - August 05, 2020 at 09:53 PM


Winston
Brown

“To Sue's family and friends,
Sue was a good friend, neighbor of ours and a sweet soul. We never heard a bad word come out of her mouth. She and Sassy will be greatly missed in our neighborhood. We would swap critter stories like the time she saw a coyote or a deer on her back porch and Sassy was not happy.
Rest in peace sweet neighbor and friend...
Much love,
Sheryl and Winston Brown

Winston Brown - August 05, 2020 at 08:20 PM



“ 16 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Wilson Funeral Home - August 05, 2020 at 04:01 PM



“ 22 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Wilson Funeral Home - August 05, 2020 at 02:58 PM

SD

“ *Scott D. purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Susan Mary Gresham.*



Scott D. - August 05, 2020 at 01:29 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Susan Mary Gresham.*



August 05, 2020 at 12:40 PM



“ *Stephanie Geraty (Larson) purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Susan Mary Gresham.*



Stephanie Geraty (Larson) - August 05, 2020 at 10:51 AM



“ *Kevin Billingslea purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Susan Mary Gresham.*



Kevin Billingslea - August 05, 2020 at 09:30 AM



“ *Shonte Pettiford purchased the Simply Elegant S pathiphyllum for the family of Susan Mary Gresham.*



Shonte Pettiford - August 05, 2020 at 08:52 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Susan Mary Gresham.*



August 05, 2020 at 02:21 AM



“ *Andrea Chean (Abbott colleague & friend) purchased the Care and Compassion Spray for the family of Susan Mary Gresham.*



Andrea Chean (Abbott colleague & friend) - August 04, 2020 at 08:57 PM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Susan Mary Gresham.*



August 04, 2020 at 04:29 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Susan Mary Gresham.*



August 04, 2020 at 03:44 PM

AC

“ *Abbott Quality & Regulatory Global Compliance purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Susan Mary Gresham.*



Abbott Quality & Regulatory Global Compliance - August 04, 2020 at 12:47 PM

NL

“ *Sue was just a wonderful woman. She was always friendly, energetic and willing to help anyone at Abbott. We had many fun Friday lunches back in the day at AP6. She will be greatly missed. My deepest sympathy, Nancy LIABOE*

Nancy Liaboe - August 04, 2020 at 12:39 PM

MB

“ *Much love, Sheryl and Winston Brown purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Susan Mary Gresham.*



Much love, Sheryl and Winston Brown - August 04, 2020 at 12:37 PM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Susan Mary Gresham.*



August 04, 2020 at 12:24 PM

BI

“ *BioTeknica purchased the Sweet Solace Spray for the family of Susan Mary Gresham.*



BioTeknica - August 04, 2020 at 11:57 AM

MH

“ *Dearest Sue's Family:*

I am very saddened and sorry to hear about Sue's passing. When I would visit Abbott, Sue was the bright spot in my day. She always had a smile on her face and did what she could to connect me with other buyers. She appreciated when I stopped at her desk to say hello and always made me laugh. Sue made me feel welcome and appreciated...our connection was as if we had known each other since we were children.



What a blessing to know such a beautiful woman. I loved the spark she had in her personality...it was contagious and uplifting. Sue was always grateful for life, and am so honored to have been a small part it.

I will pray for your strength to face each day as you process your grief. Sue will always hold a special place in my heart!

*Marci Hughes
St. Petersburg, FL*

Marci Hughes - August 04, 2020 at 10:35 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Susan Mary Gresham.*



August 04, 2020 at 10:01 AM



“ *Sue was a wonderful co-worker, friend and catsitter. Enjoyed the time spent with her outside of work as well as at work. Condolences to her family. I remember her children and grandchildren were her pride and joy.*

Julie Janke

Julie Janke - August 04, 2020 at 09:06 AM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Susan Mary Gresham.*



August 04, 2020 at 08:15 AM

PV

“ *My sincere sympathy to Sue's family, especially my dear friends Pat and Dean. I know she will be missed by one and all.*

Our paths haven't crossed in quite some time but i still remember Sue as the fun young lady with a zest for life and a certain amount of passion for everything she did. I'm certain those traits served her well throughout her life.

THE 1964 St. Joe's yearbook used a quote which said " WE HAVE PROMISES TO KEEP AND MILES TO GO BEFORE WE SLEEP ".

Sue lived up to all those promises and proudly walked down all those long miles. As such, she now deserves to sleep the final peaceful sleep.

Rest in peace my friend.

*Paul Vanderfin
Biloxi, Ms.*

PAUL VANDERFIN - August 04, 2020 at 07:53 AM

MW

“ *Monica Wilkins purchased the Bountiful Rose Basket for the family of Susan Mary Gresham.*



Monica Wilkins - August 04, 2020 at 03:20 AM

LW

“ *Lupe Wilkins purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Susan Mary Gresham.*



Lupe Wilkins - August 04, 2020 at 03:06 AM

AW

“ *Abbott Corporate Quality (group she worked with) purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Susan Mary Gresham.*



Abbott Corporate Quality (group she worked with) - August 04, 2020 at 02:49 AM

JH

“ *I'll miss Sue greatly. She always made me laugh. Meeting to commiserate at the mailbox or when she was out walking Sassy...the best neighbor I could have asked for... my thoughts and prayers go out to everyone in the family. RIP Sue.*

Jim Hull - August 03, 2020 at 09:20 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Susan Mary Gresham.*



August 03, 2020 at 09:12 PM



“ *Memories - Peaceful Reflections Marker was purchased for the family of Susan Mary Gresham.*



August 03, 2020 at 08:13 PM



“ *What a vibrant and spunky woman in high school! I am so saddened by her death and hope her final days were pain free. My mom battled cancer for ten years. The brave struggle she fought only shows how strong she and her family endured. 'Mouse' will live on in my memories.*

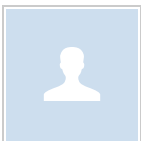
Camille Ziminski - August 03, 2020 at 07:53 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Susan Mary Gresham.*



August 03, 2020 at 07:28 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Susan Mary Gresham.*



August 03, 2020 at 06:53 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Susan Mary Gresham.*



August 02, 2020 at 07:09 PM



“ *Love, Beth and Jeff Urban and Lisa Krohn purchased the Rainbow Reflections Basket for the family of Susan Mary Gresham.*



Love, Beth and Jeff Urban and Lisa Krohn - August 02, 2020
at 06:20 PM