



Susan Beth Maxwell

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Susan Beth Maxwell, age 74, of Spring Lake passed away Monday, August 7, 2023, at her daughter's home. She was born April 29, 1949, in Grand Rapids, MI to Leslie and Rosemary (Edgar) Mull.

Susan was the director of the American Cancer Society for fifteen years, retiring in 2009. She was a large contributor to American Cancer Society and Cancer Research and loved to volunteer, coordinate, and organize. Susan was a twenty-year breast cancer survivor. You could always find her with a feather boa. Her motto was "I'm going to wear out, instead of rust out" and proof of that is two weeks ago she went to southern Indiana with family to do elephant washing. Susan was an active member of St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Spring Lake, in choirs, Hark Up, Mother Singers, Four Pointes, and West Michigan Lutheran Chorale. She was also a member of the Furrin Group (foreign sportscar group).

She is lovingly remembered by her two daughters, Sherri (Scott Houtman) Rozema and Laura Maclam; grandchildren: Jennifer Thomas, Renee (Cody Baur), Bethany Rozema "In Heaven", Sarren (Angel Florez) Rozema, Jared Maclam, Garrett Maclam, Kaitie Maclam and Amanda Maclam; great-grandchildren: Sydney, McKenzie, Rylee, Layla, Camryn, Phoenix, Raelynn, Paxton, and Noah; her sister, Christine Mull; her brother, Allan (Patricia) Mull. She was preceded in death by her brother, Jim Mull.

The funeral for Susan will be held at 11:00 a.m. Thursday, August 10, 2023, at St. Matthew Lutheran Church. Friends may meet the family from 4 – 7 p.m. on Wednesday, August 9, at The Spring Lake Chapel of Sytsema Funeral & Cremation Services, 213 E. Savidge St., Spring Lake, MI 49456. Memorials to the American Cancer Society or Hospice of Michigan are appreciated. Share memories with the family at their online guest book at www.sytsemafh.com.



Events

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Visitation

Wednesday, August 9, 2023

4:00 PM - 7:00 PM ET

Sytsema Funeral & Cremation Services - The Spring Lake Chapel

213 East Savidge, Spring Lake MI 49456



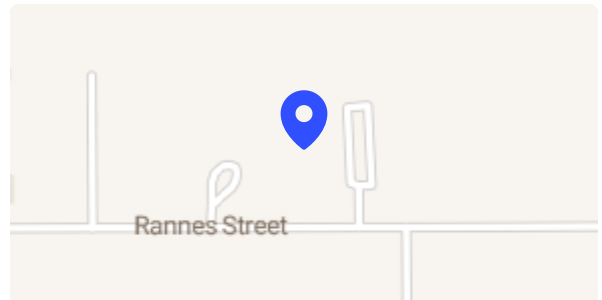
Funeral

Thursday, August 10, 2023

11:00 AM ET

St. Matthew Lutheran Church

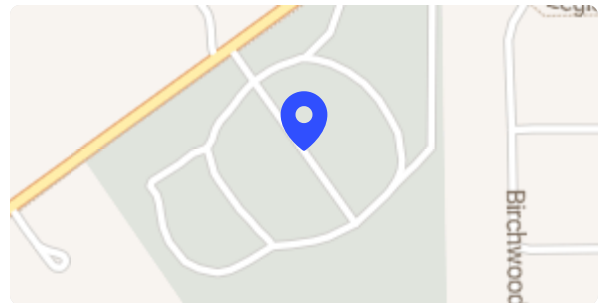
15395 Rannes, Spring Lake MI 49456



Cemetery Details

Restlawn Memorial Gardens

994 Paw Paw Drive, Holland MI 49423





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Jeanne Haenisch posted:

Susan smiled her lovely smile and took me under her wing when I joined Mother Singers. She was ever encouraging and guiding. She always made me feel welcome. I will miss her! She was a gift!

August 9 at 10:45 AM



Mark Baker posted:

I remember her smiling face and laughter from HarkUp this past season. She will be missed. My condolences on her passing. Mark Baker

August 8 at 12:22 PM



Patricia Shaw shared 2 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Susan & I were partners on the Nova Scotia cruise last September aboard the Norwegian Cruiseline. What a joy she was to cruise & dine with!

August 8 at 9:18 AM



Nekic, Medema, Fethke, Walters & Tracie sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Maxwell family.

August 8 at 8:17 AM



Nekic, Medema, Fethke, Walters & Tracie planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Susan.

August 8 at 8:17 AM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Maxwell family.

August 8 at 6:49 AM





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Anonymous planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Susan.

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Anonymous sent a Blue Caribbean Bouquet to the Maxwell family.

August 8 at 6:21 AM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Maxwell family.

August 8 at 4:33 AM



Anonymous planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Susan.

August 8 at 4:33 AM



Anonymous sent a Joyful Memory to the Maxwell family.

August 8 at 4:30 AM



Lynne M Campbell posted:

Dear Laura, friends and family - so sorry to hear of Susan's passing. She was a wonderful lady and I treasure the time she spent with us at Camp Thunderhawk. Sending prayers to all of you as your mourn her loss.

August 8 at 3:49 AM



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Darcie shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

I met Susan through the local community theatre, Central Park Players. She wanted to find a way to become involved a bit. Well, you know her! Her bit turned into nearly every production after that having something to do with it! What wonderful and great gal. Susan will be missed by many! (Included is a lovely photo of her having just received a BessZ Award for her volunteering). Prayers to all of those feeling this loss



August 7 at 8:39 PM



Anonymous planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Susan.



August 7 at 3:47 PM



Anonymous sent a Serene Retreat to the Maxwell family.



August 7 at 2:42 PM



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GC

Gail Cotton posted:

To the best friend I could have ever hope to have. Forever in my heart.

August 7 at 2:08 PM

DO

Debra Obrien August 10 at 5:09 AM

I met Susan at HarkUp choir. She was always smiling! Volunteered to work the merchandise table- always said technology was not her thing but she could always learn. Loved her attitude! She will be missed!

MH

Melissa Huisman August 9 at 11:11 AM

Laura and Sherri, Wow! These tributes to your Mom are amazing! She was a bright shining light everywhere she went and clearly touched so many! I know she is partying in heaven, but always with you both. I'll never forget her great stories about Magic Mike at Tybee!

DS

Donna Schultz August 9 at 10:36 AM

I met Susan when she joined the Arthritis Pool Group at Mary Free Bed and I could tell she was a dynamo in her approach to life, I soon asked her to to be one of my co-leaders, which she gladly accepted. She always had a big smile on her face and a kind word for everyone. She would try most anything from racing cars on ice to bathing elephants! She was always busy with life and in inspiration. I miss her and know that she can rest pain free with God.
Donna Schultz

EM

Eileen Mueller August 7 at 5:48 PM

Our community has lost a very special woman, and I've lost a friend that I loved and respected. Earth's Cry is Heaven's Smile.Eileen Mueller

MM

Mary Meyer August 7 at 5:33 PM

I cannot find words!! I learned so much from her and the thought of her not being here just saddens me to my core. I loved her and admired her. I will miss you dear friend.

LM

Laura Maclam August 7 at 2:39 PM

Gail, you are like a second mom to me. You and my mom are thick and thieves and her love for tan as deep as any ocean on the earth! She loved you with her whole heart! The two of you had the best adventures! She is waiting for you! -Laura



Media

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DA

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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Susan by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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