



F. Suzanne Van Kampen

October 26, 1943 - March 16, 2021

F. Suzanne Van Kampen, longtime Grand Ledge resident, went to be with the Lord on March 16, 2021 in Lansing. Sue was born October 26, 1943 in Detroit, Michigan. She received an Associate's Degree in Music from Lansing Community College and a Bachelor's of Art and Master's Degree in Library Science from Western Michigan University. Sue joined Springport, Portland and Neff Schools, retiring each time just to be called back into service. She was instrumental in developing the "Mystery Book Club", Wednesday morning bible study and loved to spend time gardening. Sue loved music and enjoyed the time she spent in choir and Singers on the Grand where she performed in many solos, duets, quartets and cantatas. Sue will be remembered for her musical gifts, her willingness to help and serve others and her faithful prayer life.

She is survived by her husband of 52 years, C. Robert Van Kampen; sister, Patricia E. Meloy of Madison, WI; niece, Karen Taylor of Washington, DC; and nephew, Matt Taylor of Grand Ledge. Sue is preceded in death by her mother, H. Eleanor (Orwick) Meloy; her niece, Elizabeth Eleanor Wyngaard; and sister-in-law, Priscilla Van Kampen.

A memorial service will be held at Grand Ledge First United Methodist Church on Monday, August 16, 2021, 11:00 am with The Reverend Ron Brooks, officiating. Visitation will be at the church on Monday from 9:30 am until the time of the service at 11:00 am. Memorial contributions in Sue's name may be given to the Grand Ledge First United Methodist Church Music Fund, 411

Harrison Street, Grand Ledge, Michigan 48837 (<https://glfumc.breezechms.com/give/online>) or WKAR, Michigan State University, Communication Arts & Sciences Building, 404 Wilson Road, Room 212, East Lansing, Michigan 48824. Arrangements by the Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home, Grand Ledge. Share your memories and condolences online at www.holihanatkin.com

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 16. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Grand Ledge First United Methodist Church
411 Harrison Street
Grand Ledge, MI 48837

Celebration of Life

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Tribute Wall

DO

“ Sue was an amazing woman who always gave of herself to help others.
Thank you for the many fond memories and musical entertainment!
I know God has a special place for you.

David Oliveto - August 12, 2021 at 07:42 AM

WW

“ Bob, We are so sorry for your loss. Keeping you in our thoughts and prayers.

Will and Patty Waterman

William M Waterman - March 26, 2021 at 09:43 AM

SF

“ I was so sorry to hear of Sue's passing. She and I were friends for at least 70 years. We met in third grade when we were both living in Libertyville, Illinois. We attended grade school, middle school, and high school together, enjoying many hours of fun both inside school and out. We were frequent visitors to each other's homes and enjoyed school, church, and Girl Scout activities together. As years passed and we lived in different states, our times together weren't as frequent as we would have liked, but each time we were together it seemed as if no time had passed since the last visit. Sue was a kind and gentle friend with a beautiful voice and a wonderful personality. I'll definitely miss her and send my thoughts and prayers to Bob and her sister Pat.

Sheila Furjanic

Sheila Furjanic - March 24, 2021 at 05:49 PM

JM

“ We were so sorry to hear of Sue's passing. She was a super nice lady with a smile always on her face. We will miss her solo's at church. Music was so important to her, and she knew how to entertain everyone. Our deepest sympathy go out to Bob.

Joyce and Ralph Morr - March 22, 2021 at 02:35 PM

TM

“ We will miss seeing Sue at Neff working out in our flower bed areas. She kept the building in such good shape, both in the spring and the fall. We will miss seeing her smile. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you!

Teresa Miller - March 22, 2021 at 12:37 PM

LK

“ I have known Sue for almost 40 years, and my admiration of her started the day I met her and Bob. They have always been the very best neighbors a person could imagine. Sue had such a huge impact on my two children growing up, and as they became adults it became even stronger. She always showed an interest in them & what they were doing. Whether it was having a special treat for them at Halloween, gifting them with books-books that were absolutely perfect for their personality, the amazing personalized Christmas baskets she gave us full of all of our favorite things, or most importantly, the visits we all had with her and Bob, she was always so gracious and giving. She, along with Bob, have been such important role models for us, and their impact on all of our lives is immeasurable.

Bob, it was so obvious how much Sue admired and loved you. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. We were so blessed to have Sue be such an important part of our lives.

All our love,

Mike & Linda Kline, Ben, Vanessa, & Ruby, and Laura & Eric

Linda Kline - March 19, 2021 at 06:32 PM

JC

“ *A great lady and librarian to for the students and staff at the Portland Middle School during the 1970's. My sympathy to the family.*

Jock Clarey - March 18, 2021 at 03:27 PM

JP

“ *I always enjoyed the time I spent with Sue, even though it was only once a year. She was a wonderful woman. Keeping you in my thoughts Bob. Jill*

Jill Powell - March 18, 2021 at 02:17 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss Robert*

Mary Clark Bessette

Mary Bessette - March 18, 2021 at 11:58 AM

GF

“ *What a wonderful lady! I enjoyed singing duets and being in the Singers on the Grand for years with her. She was a neat gal to be around and was a beautiful person inside and out. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Bob at this time of loss.*

Gary and Joanne Ford - March 18, 2021 at 08:50 AM

SS

What a very special lady. I knew her as the Librarian at Neff Elementary. She always had a smile and was kind to everyone. She will be missed and I send my sincere condolences to her husband, Bob.

Silver Spitzley - March 18, 2021 at 03:25 PM

DH

“ She helped many students learn to love reading, including my daughter. You are in our thoughts and prayers Bob . Debbie Hansbarger and The Harley Barnes Family.❤️

Debra Hansbarger - March 18, 2021 at 07:51 AM

EM

What a dear and kind friend Sue was! An excellent librarian and wise educator, she was an inspiring resource for students, staff, and her fellow-library staff in the Grand Ledge District. She was always thinking of others, and so generous with her time and her help. She will be sorely missed. My sympathy and my prayers go out to you, Bob.

Elizabeth McBride - March 18, 2021 at 10:50 PM

DW

I am so sorry for your loss, Bob. Sue was a wonderful and generous contributor to the community in her work at Grand Ledge Schools. She was a thoughtful neighbor and compassionate friend. Thank you, Sue, for being you!

Dianne Westfall

Dianne Westfall - March 22, 2021 at 05:27 PM