



Susan E. Esson

June 20, 1942 - April 28, 2017

Susan E. Esson, age 74 of Barbeau, Michigan, passed away peacefully at her home surrounded by family on Friday, April 28, 2017.

Susan was born in Sault Ste. Marie, on June 20, 1942, to the late Bill and Marjorie Sibbald. She attended one-room schools, K-8th in the Gardenville, Pine Rest and Barbeau Schools, graduating from Sault High School with the Class of 1960.

She worked in the sewing industry at Weathershield and Eclipse, both in Kinross. She retired from the Department of Corrections, working for Michigan State Industries at the Kinross Correctional Facility.

Susan and her husband, Wes spent a lot of their vacations on their boat in the North Channel of Canada. They were members of the Great Lakes Cruising Club which covered all of the Great Lakes. In 2002, they helped to take a boat out from Sault Ste. Marie to New York, and then through the Intercoastal Waterways to Ft. Myers Beach, FL. Later they would help bring another boat from Ft. Lauderdale, FL to Charlevoix, MI. For several years she and Wes would spend three months of the spring in Florida to warm up, swim and play golf. Susan was a member of Keeping the Piece Quilt Guild, and Stitches from the Heart Quilt Guild. She also drove for Road to Recovery for several years, and volunteered at Hospice House, as well as donating quilts to Hospice.

Susan is survived by her husband, Wesley Esson; a sister: Sally (Bob) Holley; sons: George (Geri) Miller, Andrew (Marian) Miller, and daughter Rebecca

Miller; stepsons: Charles (Pam) Esson, and Wesley (Christine) Esson; a stepdaughter: Valery Esson; grandchildren: Keri (Tim) Raaf, Kris (Judy) Miller, Rick Miller, Karl Merchberger, Brian Merchberger, Samantha (Tim) Pratt, and Ashley Miller; step-grandchildren: Jamie (Chris) St. Arnold, Travis Cryderman, CJ Esson, Jessica (Ethan) Gilson, Joe (Samantha) Esson, Edward (Debbie) Bowers, Cyle Esson and Caleb Esson. She is also survived by 28 great-grandchildren.

Susan was preceded in death by her parents; Bill and Marjorie Sibbald, and a daughter; Jennifer Sue Miller.

According to Susan's wishes, no public services will be held.

Tribute Wall

RM

“ Thank you for your kind messages about my mother, Susan. I have kept many cards that folks have written. I read them from time to time. Rereading the messages here today also reminds me of the kindness she spread everywhere she went. I miss her so much. Thank you for sharing your thoughts of her.

Rebecca Miller - December 16, 2021 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ Wes, so sorry to hear of Sue's passing. We were sad to to hear of her illness and missed you both in Florida this winter.

Marg & Bill Chipman - May 04, 2017 at 12:00 AM

PT

“ I have always enjoyed talking to Sue. She always was gentle and gracious to us and as fellow boaters we enjoyed exchanging travel stories. My husband Phil and I wish to send our condolences to her family and wish her to have fair winds and calm seas.

Philip and Boni Thibert - May 04, 2017 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ Becky, George, & Andy, My condolences to you, your families, and the Esson family for your loss. I didn't have the privilege of knowing Sue, but hope that good memories of her will comfort you in the days to come.

Carolyn States - May 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

CV

“ Wes and family, A beautiful soul like Sue will never be forgotten. My deepest sympathies are with you at this time. Love to all, Cindy

Cindy VanLuven - May 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ Sorry to hear of Susan's passing. I remember Susan as very caring, and always had a smile. For any ancestry buffs, Susan and I are cousins, as her grandfather (Oscar Brander) was my uncle (my mother's brother).

Dennis Ray Cook - May 02, 2017 at 12:00 AM

TP

“ So sorry to hear about Aunt Susan. Our hearts go out to everyone right now. The world lost another amazing person, who over the years has given so much. May you find great joy and comfort in her memories.

Todd and Shelly Pearson - May 02, 2017 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ My sincere sympathies to all of Susan's family. She was a wonderful person and friend and will be missed by all who knew her. What a sense of humor. We had many laughs through the years and shared many memories.

Sharon parr - May 01, 2017 at 12:00 AM

PJ

“ I offer to Sue's family my deepest sympathy. Sue was a lovely and delightful lady who will surely be missed by all who knew her. I met Sue through the Keeping The Piece Quilt Guild.

Peggy Johnson - May 01, 2017 at 12:00 AM

BP

“ *With a heavy heart at Sues passing I send my condolences to her family and all that loved her, as I do.*

BARB PEARSON - April 30, 2017 at 12:00 AM