



## Mary Sue "Susie" Cross

April 13, 1943 - August 13, 2023

Susie Cross peacefully passed away on August 13, 2023 at 6:20 p.m. surrounded by her family.

Honoring Susie's wishes, she has been cremated. All friends and family are welcome to attend a reception celebrating Susie's life, 4pm - 8pm Sunday, October 1, 2023 at Now or Later Restaurant (3750 E University Ave. Des Moines, IA). A cavatelli dinner will be provided. Please RSVP to Gene at 515-966-2014 by noon on September 27th to help the family plan accordingly.

Susie graduated from Ottumwa High School in 1960. She married Bud Rush in November 1960. They had three children from their union. She enjoyed an 18-year-long career working for John Deere, where she started out at Ottumwa works and then transferred to Des Moines works. She then opened and ran a travel agency for 17 years before transitioning to her cherished role as a representative for Goodguys Rod & Custom for 11 years, ultimately retiring due to her health. While working at John Deere she met her beloved husband Gene in 1978.

Susie will be greatly missed for her kind heart, positive attitude, quick wit and thoughtfulness towards others.

She was preceded in death by her parents, daughter Rhonda Rush Little,

nephew Jimmie Baker, and great grandson Andrew Bartmess.

Mary Sue "Susie" Cross was born April 4, 1942 in Ottumwa, Iowa to Howard and Eva (Elliot) Davis. Susie was a loving and devoted wife, mother and grandmother. Her greatest joy was her children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, and her chihuahuas. Susie is survived by her husband Gene Cross, children Ron (Deb) Rush, Richard Rush, Phillip (Melinda) Cross, Jim (Rhonda) Cross, Grandchildren Tabatha (Matt) Adey, Adam (Lacey) Little, Leila Rush, Kaitlyn Rush, Amanda Rush, Payton Rush, Wyatt Rush, Jacob and Noah Cross and 6 great grandchildren, her special sister Linda Baker and a host of extended family and friends.

Memorial contributions may be directed to AHeinz57 Pet Rescue (PO Box 188, DeSoto, IA 50069) in memory of Susie.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

OCT 1. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

AS

“ *Gene and Family, so sorry for your loss!*

alan strickler - September 17, 2023 at 08:39 PM

JH

“ *Joanne And Denny Howe lit a candle in memory of Mary Sue "Susie" Cross*



Joanne and Denny Howe - September 17, 2023 at 02:59 PM

JH

*Our sympathy to Susie's family. Susie has been a lifetime friend. Junior high to present. We have so many wonderful memories. Our Iowa city group reunions every year for 32 years were great fun. Miss you, dear Susie. Sending our prayers.  
Love Joanne and Denny*

Joanne and Denny Howe - September 17, 2023 at 03:04 PM

JM

“ *So sorry for your loss and prayers to your family . Susie I have known since highschool .we had a friend group for over 50 years .met once a year in Iowa city . We all miss Susie so much . She had a kind heart , very good friend .*



*Rest in peace Susie . Love Jeanne and Gary menzies*

Jeanne Menzies - September 17, 2023 at 02:40 PM

RR

*SHE LOVED MEETING YOU GUYS EVERY YEAR*

**Ron Rush** - March 30, 2024 at 07:48 PM

HA

“ *Harley And Linda Alcox lit a candle in memory of Mary Sue "Susie" Cross*



**Harley and Linda Alcox** - September 15, 2023 at 05:15 PM

ML

“ *She always had a BIG smile for you and an even bigger Heart!!*



**Mark Little** - September 15, 2023 at 08:45 AM

DR

“ *Deb Rush lit a candle in memory of Mary Sue "Susie" Cross*



**Deb Rush** - September 13, 2023 at 01:17 PM

DR

*I miss you so much💔*

**Deb Rush** - September 13, 2023 at 01:18 PM

NS

“ Nancy Sorlie lit a candle in memory of Mary Sue "Susie" Cross



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**Nancy Sorlie** - September 13, 2023 at 03:35 AM

NS

*I love you, Sue, and I hold that love forever in my heart.*

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**Nancy Sorlie** - September 13, 2023 at 03:36 AM