



## Susan Sykes

April 17, 1948 - April 16, 2018

Susan Claudia Siwula Sykes, age 69 died peacefully on April 16th, 2018 at home surrounded by her family. She was born on April 17th, 1948 at the Great Lakes Naval Base Hospital to Harry and Alice (Spellman) Allen.

Susan attended schools locally, graduating from North Chicago High School in 1966. Susan went on to College of Lake County where she took real estate and business classes.

Susan was a longtime resident of Lindenhurst where she raised three daughters; Laura, Andrea, and A.J.

Susan's career spanned from owning a card store in Antioch, managing the Popcorn Factory in Lake Forest, working security at the Navy Base in Great Lakes, and tending bar at Arlington Racetrack Trackside (OTB) in Waukegan.

Susan was a loving and devoted mother. She was very proud of her family and was excited to become "Grandma Sue" to her 6 grandchildren.

Susan loved holidays and family get-togethers; any chance to spend time with her family was important to her. Her door was always open to anyone who wanted to join her. Especially when it came to going Up North. "The more, the merrier" was her mantra.

Susan also enjoyed playing cards, watching movies, cross word puzzles, gambling in Las Vegas and horseback riding.

Susan was known for her feisty, yet good sense of humor. She will be missed by all that knew and loved her.

Susan is preceded in death by her parents, Harry and Alice, and her dear brother Bill.

Susan leaves her loving memories to be cherished by her; devoted husband Lee, father of her children, Larry Siwula, loving Sister LoAl (Don Cielenski), Brother Ron, her 3 lovely daughters, Laura (Brendan) Hannigan, Andrea (Tim) Shales, A.J. (Pat) Cote, her beloved grandchildren, Tyler, Aidan, Riley, Frances, Travis, Trevor, her many nieces and nephews, and treasured friends.

The family wishes to extend their gratitude to Journey Care Foundation hospice and palliative care center for their loving support during this difficult time.

Visitation with viewing will be held on Thursday, April 19, 2018 from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Ringa Funeral Home, 122 S Milwaukee Ave, Lake Villa, IL 60046. Prayers at the funeral home will begin at 9:30 am on Friday, April 20, 2018 with procession to Prince of Peace Catholic Church, 135 S Milwaukee Ave, Lake Villa, IL 60046 to follow. Mass will begin at 10 a.m. at Prince of Peace Catholic Church. Cremation will take place privately after the mass.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR **19**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Ringa Funeral Home  
122 S. Milwaukee Ave.  
Lake Villa, IL 60046  
info@ringafuneralhome.com  
<http://www.ringafuneralhome.com>

## Prayers

APR **20**. 9:30 AM (CT)

Ringa Funeral Home  
122 S. Milwaukee Ave.  
Lake Villa, IL 60046  
info@ringafuneralhome.com  
<http://www.ringafuneralhome.com>

## Mass

APR **20**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Prince of Peace Catholic Church  
135 S. Milwaukee Ave  
Lake Villa, IL 60046  
(847) 356-7915

# Tribute Wall



“ *Susan Sykes*

October 04, 2023 at 02:13 PM



“ *Susan Sykes*

December 31, 2022 at 11:36 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Susan Sykes.*



April 19, 2018 at 08:33 PM



“ *The Vail Resorts HR Team purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Susan Sykes.*



**The Vail Resorts HR Team** - April 19, 2018 at 02:28 PM



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



April 19, 2018 at 09:53 AM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Susan Sykes.*



April 19, 2018 at 02:35 AM



“ *It's hard for me to narrow it down to just one memory. But, I a favorite is the time She talked me into renting a scooter because I had my license first. Well, we didn't have a clue where to go and I had never drive a scooter. So, we took off down Sheridan Road past the Navy base when the scooter broke down. Now, it was like 90 degrees and we had to push that damn scooter all the way back with me cussing her out the whole time. We laughed about many times later. She was a great friend.*

**Susan (Mezynski) Johnson** - April 18, 2018 at 10:25 PM



“ *Sunny Memories was purchased for the family of Susan Sykes.*



April 18, 2018 at 09:11 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Susan Sykes.*



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April 18, 2018 at 08:19 PM



“ *The Alongi Family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Susan Sykes.*



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**The Alongi Family** - April 18, 2018 at 04:42 PM



“ *What a great loss of a wonderful woman. One of my fondest and funniest memory is our weekend in St Louis. Mike and Larry left us in a shady area to get more liquor. Oh those loving husbands. 😊 Then back at the hotel Mike sang from the Gidden bible that was always in hotel rooms. We laughed so hard all night long.*



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**Joyce** - April 18, 2018 at 03:39 PM



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



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April 18, 2018 at 02:10 PM



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

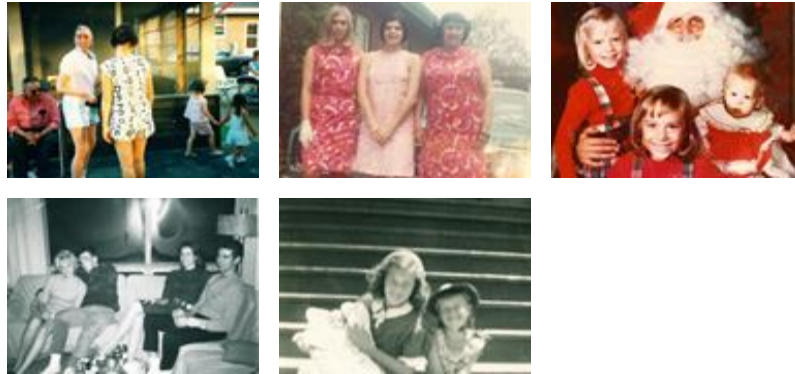


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April 18, 2018 at 12:35 PM



“ 30 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Ringa Funeral Home and Cremation Service** - April 18, 2018 at 11:46 AM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Susan Sykes.



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April 18, 2018 at 11:40 AM

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“ I have so many Wonderful , Beautiful , Hilarious Memories with this Amazing Woman. I'm so honored to be her Niece. As a small child I spent many weekends at Aunt Sues and always looked forward to being with her and my cousins. I still remember the corner bench in the kitchen where we'd eat rye toast & Honey. I thought they had the coolest house. I looked forward to our bike rides and walks to the Ben Franklin. And last but not least our Saturday night trips to Wilmont Speedway to cheer on Uncle Larry. As everyone grew up and went their separate ways sadly we all kinda lost touch besides a Holiday function here or there. Until years later when she came to work at the OTB. No words can explain the love and connection we shared. She was like a second Mom (according to her "Big Sister , She said she was to young to be my Mom) My Dad (her Brother Bill) would always tell me how much I reminded him of Sue. I soon knew who I inherited my excessive use and Love for the "F" word... She played a huge part in my reconnection with my Dad and Im forever grateful to her and Uncle Lee. We made beautiful memories. Lee says Aunt Sue made him a better Man , well Uncle Lee you made her a happier Woman. I could go on and on and it still wouldnt explain how much she means to me and how much she touched my heart. Love Always , Kelly "Bean"

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**Kelly Thompson** - April 18, 2018 at 11:04 AM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Susan Sykes.



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April 18, 2018 at 10:02 AM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Susan Sykes.*



April 18, 2018 at 09:03 AM



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



April 17, 2018 at 09:06 PM



“ *Aunt Sue worked with me at the OTB in Waukegan. She was always nice to me, such a friendly and caring person. My best memory is that when she found a young Bassett Hound lost by her home. She tried to find the owner by many means but was unsuccessful. I was getting married, but knew that I wanted this dog. She kept it at her house till I got back. We named the dog Sundae Susan as she had been found on a Sunday by Susan Sykes. She was loved by many and will be missed by all that knew her. Now both her and our Sundae girl can take walks through heaven together.*

Ron Adair - April 17, 2018 at 06:08 PM



*Oh we sure shared some great memories at that OTB*

Kelly Thompson - April 18, 2018 at 12:13 PM

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“ Alice Knutel and Kelly,Rob,Chloe, Abbi McLaughlin purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Susan Sykes.



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Alice Knutel and Kelly,Rob,Chloe, Abbi McLaughlin - April 17, 2018 at 05:36 PM

AK

“ After knowing and hanging around with Sue for 58 years.....there is so many many great and fun memories .....gotta say good times were had by us....but the most important memories memory that I with hold in my heart forever is the faithful friend she was and always stuck by my side....she was the most thoughtful, caring and loving friend to me and I will always hold her in my heart....love you Sue and will truly miss you ❤️❤️❤️

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Alice Knutel - April 17, 2018 at 05:10 PM

CA

It's funny calling her Aunt Sue. We probably knew each other when we were young cause I grew up with the Siwula's. But I met her when she worked at the OTB. We grew to be friends and enjoyed working with her. She was a character with the stories she brought to work. I'm telling you they were funny. She was a person who give you the shirt off of her back. I had some bad times and she would be there for me. Her marrying Lee just made her a very happy person. She loved to bet on the horses and she would come into work two hours before she worked to place her bets. Her and Her Dunkin Donouts she would bring to work and always would bring me a cup. She retired and was well missed. I moved down South and one day she called and asked if she can visit and I said yes and that was the biggest surprise. The funny thing was she thought they were close and she and Lee were 5 hours away. Well we had a great time together. Well I could keep on but my last words ways she cherished her family her daughters, spouses, grandkids, sister, brothers neices, nephews and lastly Lee. Aunt Sue will always be in my heart. RIP Aunt Sue

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Cathy - April 18, 2018 at 04:17 PM



“ Polly, TC and the girls purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Susan Sykes.



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**Polly, TC and the girls** - April 17, 2018 at 03:22 PM



“ Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Susan Sykes.



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April 17, 2018 at 01:29 PM