



Susie H Heckman

July 18, 1942 - September 11, 2022

Susie H. Heckman, 80, passed away on September 11, 2022. She was born July 18, 1942, in Kingsport, TN to Dawson and Evelyn Henderson.

Susie attended Dobyns Bennett High School in Kingsport, Tennessee from there she attended the University of Tennessee, Knoxville where she graduated with a bachelor's degree in microbiology. After college she married Hugh Heckman and moved to Hawaii where she had two children, Holly Levy and Thomas Heckman. She later moved to Nashville, Tennessee where she worked for the State of Tennessee and later for Baptist Hospital as a microbiologist. She was an active member of Brentwood United Methodist Church where she served as a Stephen Minister. She was actively involved with Graceworks Ministries and Harvest Hands. She had a never-ending thirst for knowledge and enjoyed traveling, playing bridge with friends and spending time with her grandchildren.

She is survived by her children Holly Levy and Thomas Heckman, her grandchildren, Davey and Jake Reznicek and Elizabeth, Katherine, Tyler and Walker Heckman. She is survived by her siblings, Jim Henderson, Mary Smith, and Dee Henderson.

She was preceded in death by her parents Dawson and Evelyn Henderson and her sibling Richard Henderson.

Service is to be held at Brentwood United Methodist Church in Brentwood, TN on September 22, 2022. Visitation will start at 2 pm CT with a service immediately following at 3 pm CT. She will be interred in the columbarium at Brentwood United Methodist Church.

Tribute Wall



“ *Susie H Heckman*

October 05, 2023 at 07:49 PM



“ *She was like a sister to me. We traveled to Italy once, and she and I had a delightful time. I am going to miss her friendship, her wit, her travels, and most of all, her desire to meet the Lord one day.*

Karen Bruton - September 21, 2022 at 10:27 AM



“ *I enjoyed Susie's friendship for many years when I lived in Nashville. I met her in the Singles ministry at BUMC. Three of us enjoyed a great trip to Alaska and had lots of fun. She was a joy to be with.
I moved to Atlanta in 2016 and have missed seeing her.
So sorry I will miss the celebration of her life. She was a special friend!*

Nancy Burton

Nancy Burton - September 21, 2022 at 08:28 AM

LR

“ Susie and I met more than 30 years ago in the Singles Ministry at Brentwood United Methodist Church. Our first trip together was a Spiritual Retreat to Birmingham. We became fast friends and continued working together in the Singles ministry for at least 15 years. Outside of church we played bridge together for several years. She loved her friends in the various bridge groups. We also traveled together, sometimes just the 2 of us, sometimes with several other ladies. Susie always wanted to navigate, even if it was not a strength of hers, but it did make for adventurous trips!! Susie always loved to travel. We had several trips to the beach with friends, several just us, a cruise and an extended trip to Colorado. That trip was so much fun. I discovered her wicked sense of humor when we exchanged photos we had taken. She had posed me in front of a building in Silverton, an old Western town, then kept moving me down to "get me in a better light." The end result was that she moved me so that a huge sign that said BROTHEL was directly over my head!!! She was so proud of that! Susie had a passion for costumes! We had pictures taken in the old 1880's dresses and hats. What fun! Susie liked to involve her friends in all her projects. Sometimes I would rebel but most of the time I would help her. She would often thank me by saying in her most exaggerated southern voice, "You are my good friend and I looove you." She would also say that when she knew she had been naughty and been caught! Susie also loved to taste food from her friends plate. She played it safe when she ordered but liked to try something new. In Colorado, we both ordered huge burgers one night. Susie chose the beef and I tried the Buffalo burger. We each took home half a burger. The next day just before lunch Susie confessed she had eaten the remaining Buffalo burger because it was better than her beef burger! I just laughed and told her I was glad she enjoyed it!! We did a number of service projects together. We were with a group of 30 that went to the Kentucky mountains in January to winterize the home of an elderly widow's. Susie and I had willing hearts, but little construction knowledge. Our team leader taught us to cut wallboard, install insulation and screw in the ceiling of a room. After a few hours we both went to our leader to say we

had broken the drills. We did not realize the battery was dead!! Susie also volunteered us to cook in a tiny kitchen with female prisoners. Now everyone knows Susie never cooked if she could avoid it. She became our entertainment. She really wanted to know about the inmates and asked very direct questions. She always wanted to learn about people, whether they were friends or strangers. I was afraid the ladies might be offended but they loved the attention and gave Susie big hugs as we left. Susie had a special place in her heart for children and loved time with her grandchildren. She also became an advocate for children in the court system. I loved Susie and called her my Tennessee sister. She had a caring nature and a wicked sense of humor which I enjoyed. My final words to Susie will be familiar to her. "You are my goood friend and I loooove you."

LINDA F REEVES - September 20, 2022 at 12:21 PM

JL

“ *I will miss Susie’s quick wit, and I will forever be grateful to her for giving me her blessing to marry Holly. I’m attaching my favorite picture of the three of us together. Rest in Peace, Susie.*



Jay Levy - September 20, 2022 at 08:25 AM

DW

“ *Mark and I were fortunate to have Susie as our neighbor for 20 years. She was more than just a friend, she became a part of our family. I can still hear her calling out to me with her “Yoo Hoo “ and what’s Mark making us for dinner ?!! Farewell my good friend .*

Dee Wagner - September 19, 2022 at 05:20 PM

LR

Susie and I met more than 30 years ago at the Singles Ministry at BUMC. We car pooled to Birmingham for a Spiritual Retreat and became fast friends. After that we traveled and vacationed together, just hung out together, took one another to doctor appointments, escaped together on Halloween, did service projects together, and were in the Singles Ministry together for more than 15 years. Susie became my Tennessee sister. Susie loved a good party, dancing, people. She had an inquiring mind and she was always in conversation with someone, whether they were friends or strangers. Once we were doing a service project in North Nashville and were cooking in a tiny kitchen with a group of female prisoners. Everybody knows Susie did not cook if she could avoid it but Susie entertained us and asked so many questions of our cooking companions I was afraid they would be offended. But no, the ladies loved Susie's interest and gave her big hugs as we left. Susie was always trying to involve me in things that she wanted help with. Sometimes I rebelled but most of the time I would help. She would often reward my efforts by saying in an exaggerated southern voice, "You are my goood friend and I looove you." She would also say that when she did something without asking. When we were in Colorado we ordered huge burgers for dinner one night. She played it safe and got the beef burger. I got the Buffalo burger. We each took home a half burger.. Just before lunch the next day, Susie confessed that she ate my Buffalo burger because it was better than her beef burger!!! I just laughed and told her I was glad she enjoyed it. She also loved to dress up for different occasions. She always came up with the best costumes! We had pictures taken in Colorado with old Western dresses and hats. Susie was tempted to dress like a saloon girl and pose on top of a piano but at the last minute changed into something a bit more sedate! Most of all I loved Susie's sense of humor and her equally wonderful sense of caring for others, particularly children. That was a passion of hers and she served as a children's advocate. I hated losing my friend in bits and pieces due to her memory loss. My final words to Susie will be familiar to her. "You are my goood friend and I looove you so much."

LINDA F REEVES - September 19, 2022 at 08:23 PM

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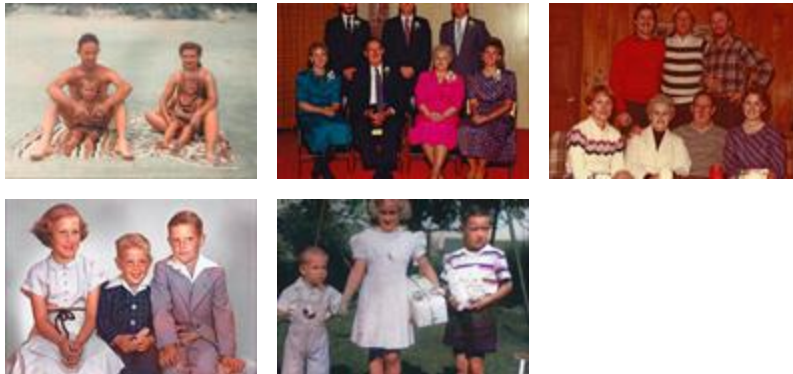
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Thomas Heckman - September 19, 2022 at 04:24 PM



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Rick Henderson - September 19, 2022 at 04:04 PM

RJ

“ *Susie was a very thoughtful, caring, and loving aunt. She loved to ask questions about others, and was genuinely invested in those she cared about. I have often thought back to some of the special times we would travel to Kingsport for Christmas to visit grandma and Papa Joes and she sojourn there as well with Holly and Tommy. It was always a special treat. We had the opportunity to spend a few hours together at her home just prior to Thanksgiving a few years back and it was a Blessing to share and talk about Family, Faith, and Life. I will miss her and look forward to seeing her again in Heaven.*

Rick T Henderson Jr - September 19, 2022 at 02:05 PM

LR

Susie and I met over 30 years ago in the Singles Ministry at Brentwood United Methodist Church. Our first travel together was to a Spiritual Retreat in Birmingham. Even though we had just met, we became fast friends. We enjoyed so many activities together through the Singles Ministry. One special trip was to the mountains of Kentucky in January to help winterize an elderly widow's home. Needless to say, Susie and I had willing hands but not much experience in construction. We were taught to cut wallboard and use a drill to screw it into a ceiling after putting in insulation. Our team leader almost died laughing at us both a few hours later when we came to tell him we had broken both of the drills. He asked how we did that. We were teased the rest of the day for not knowing the battery had run down!!! Susie loved a good party, dancing, and most of all people. She had an inquiring mind. Once we volunteered to cook in a tiny kitchen with female inmates. Now everyone knows Susie would not cook if she could avoid it, so she became our entertainment. She was very direct with her questions to the ladies helping us. In fact, she was so direct, I was afraid they would be offended. But no, they loved her attention and gave her big hugs when we departed! Susie really cared about people, particularly children. She later became a children's advocate. She loved her grandchildren. Susie and I did many things together over the years. She loved bridge and played often. We vacationed together several times to the beach, on a cruise, an extended time in Colorado and New Mexico. There was always so much laughter with Susie around. She always found interesting conversation and interesting things to do. She sometimes insisted on involving her friends in projects that were of minimal interest to them. Sometimes I rebelled but often I would end up helping her. On those occasions she would use her exaggerated southern voice and say, "You are my goooood friend and I looove you." It was always worth it to hear that. She would also say that when she had been a bit naughty. All her friends know Susie likes to share food off their plates. She likes to try new things but not enough to order them. When we were in Colorado we ordered huge burgers one night. Susie ordered the beef burger but I wanted to try the Buffalo burger. We each took a half burger home. Just before lunch the next day Susie confessed that she had eaten my Buffalo burger because it was better than her beef burger. I just laughed and told her I was glad she had enjoyed it!!! She also had a wicked sense of humor. On that same trip, she was taking a picture of me in Silverton, an old Western town. When we got home and exchanged pictures, I saw that she had posed me in front of a building that had BROTHEL emblazoned on the building just above my head!!! In addition to her sense of humor, Susie had a very kind and caring heart. She paid attention to the details in conversations. I have so hated to lose bits and pieces of my friend as her disease process stole our memories. My final words to Susie will be familiar to her. "You are my goooood friend and I looove you so much."

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