



Susan Fitzpatrick

July 22, 1956 - January 6, 2025

Susan Howard Fitzpatrick, age 68, of Storm Lake, Iowa, formerly of Atlantic, Iowa, died January 6, 2025 at Buena Vista Regional Medical Center in Storm Lake.

Funeral mass will take place Saturday, January 11, 2025 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Storm Lake. Burial will be in the St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery. Visitation will be held Friday, January 10, 2025 from 4-7:00 p.m. with Rosary at 7:00 p.m. followed by Parish Vigil Service, all at the CHURCH. Memorials may be directed to St. Mary's School or St. Mary's Catholic Church in Storm Lake. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge of the arrangements.

Susan was born July 22, 1956 in Council Bluffs, Iowa, the daughter of George and Sharon (Dollen) Howard. Growing up in Atlantic, Iowa, Susan attended Lincoln Elementary School and Atlantic Middle and High School, graduating in 1974. In her younger years, Susan was a member of 4-H, where she showed cattle, sewed, baked and made crafts and was awarded many blue and purple ribbons. While in high school, she was a member of the Debate team and wrote for the high school newspaper, "The Needle". Susan went on to attend Buena Vista University, graduating in 1978 with an Economics major.

On August 21, 1976, Susan was united in marriage to Thomas Wells

Fitzpatrick at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Storm Lake. They were blessed with two children: Rachel and Amy.

Susan was Vice President of Cherry Corner Agency in insurance sales and financial investments. During her early career, she was an active Iowa Representative for the Life Underwriters Association. When she wasn't working, her family was the cornerstone of Susan's life. She loved spending time with her children and grandchildren as their "Monka". Susan was a strong supporter of Tom in his business endeavors and adventures. She was the best hostess of many parties. Her family treasures so many memories with her including baking Christmas cookies, playing board games, cards, crafting, sewing, baking and making porcelain dolls. Over the years, she enjoyed staying active outdoors by hot air ballooning, including being an active Storm Lake Great Iowa Ballon Race committee member, snowmobiling, boating, motorcycling, and most recently, four wheeling. She also took great pride in her outdoor flowers and garden. Their home in Phoenix, Arizona (AKA: her happy place) provided a relaxing getaway for Susan and family during the cold months. Susan will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her.

Left to cherish Susan's memory include her beloved husband of 48 years, Thomas Fitzpatrick of Storm lake, Iowa; parents: George and Sharon Howard of Atlantic, Iowa; children: Rachel Fitzpatrick of West Des Moines, Iowa; Amy (Shawn) Thacker of Urbandale, Iowa; grandchildren: Megan, Callie, and Sam Thacker; Xayne Howard; brother: Michael Howard (fiancé Juli Kwikkel) of Atlantic, Iowa; sister: Michelle Howard of Storm Lake, Iowa; siblings-in-law: Mary Beth (Charlie Mahon); Donna Cahill; Colleen (Doug) Joens; Bill (Patricia) Fitzpatrick, Donald (Sherri) Fitzpatrick; and all the many nieces and nephews, extended family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents-in-law, Tom and Naomi Fitzpatrick, brother-in-law, Tim Cahill, and brother, Doug Howard.

Cemetery Details

St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery

1238 600th St.
Storm Lake, IA 50588

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 10. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church -- Storm Lake
320 Seneca Street
Storm Lake, IA

Rosary

JAN 10. 7:00 PM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church -- Storm Lake
320 Seneca Street
Storm Lake, IA

Funeral Mass

JAN 11. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church -- Storm Lake
320 Seneca Street
Storm Lake, IA

Tribute Wall



“ *Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Susan Fitzpatrick*



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - January 10, 2025 at 03:50 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Service Recording*



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - January 15, 2025 at 03:58 PM

MP

“ *Such a surprising loss. We loved spending time with Fitzpatrick family. Sue was an amazing hostess and friend! Such a great loss for anyone who knew her. Please let us know if we can help in anyway! Love you all!*

The Pyles

Mindy Jo Pyle - January 15, 2025 at 01:54 PM

KC

“ I am deeply sorry for your loss. My heartfelt sympathies are with you and your family. Sue’s kindness and sense of humor at the IADA conferences will not be forgotten.



Kim Clemons - January 14, 2025 at 08:06 AM

KM

“ Our thoughts and prayers with you all.



Kay Marvin - January 10, 2025 at 07:01 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Susan Fitzpatrick.



January 10, 2025 at 05:58 PM

BP

“ Briana & Ross Parcel purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Susan Fitzpatrick.



Briana & Ross Parcel - January 10, 2025 at 01:09 PM

BP

“ Briana & Ross Parcel planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Susan Fitzpatrick.

Briana & Ross Parcel - January 10, 2025 at 01:09 PM

FH

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - January 10, 2025 at 11:22 AM

BB

“ Bob and Mary Beal lit a candle in memory of Susan Fitzpatrick



Bob and Mary Beal - January 10, 2025 at 08:29 AM



“ Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Susan Fitzpatrick.



January 09, 2025 at 09:46 PM



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



January 09, 2025 at 09:06 PM



“ *Curt and Susan Tideman and the Briscoes purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Susan Fitzpatrick.*



Curt and Susan Tideman and the Briscoes - January 09, 2025 at 08:24 PM



“ *Curt and Susan Tideman and the Briscoes planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Susan Fitzpatrick.*

Curt and Susan Tideman and the Briscoes - January 09, 2025 at 08:24 PM



“ *Chris and Amy Blaine - Massena Iowa purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Susan Fitzpatrick.*



Chris and Amy Blaine - Massena Iowa - January 09, 2025 at 04:32 PM



“ Garden Accent Stone - *"Wherever a Beautiful Soul..."* was purchased for the family of Susan Fitzpatrick.



January 09, 2025 at 04:32 PM



“ Ken and Vickie Kemna purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Susan Fitzpatrick.



Ken and Vickie Kemna - January 09, 2025 at 02:42 PM



“ sally lit a candle in memory of Susan Fitzpatrick



sally - January 09, 2025 at 02:01 PM



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



January 09, 2025 at 01:34 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Susan Fitzpatrick.

January 09, 2025 at 01:34 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Susan Fitzpatrick.

January 09, 2025 at 12:50 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Susan Fitzpatrick.



January 09, 2025 at 12:50 PM



“ Lori Mahon planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Susan Fitzpatrick.

Lori Mahon - January 09, 2025 at 11:44 AM



“ Lori Mahon purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Susan Fitzpatrick.



Lori Mahon - January 09, 2025 at 11:44 AM

JS

“ Jack & Kim Scieszinski purchased the Forever Our Angel Bouquet for the family of Susan Fitzpatrick.



Jack & Kim Scieszinski - January 08, 2025 at 11:48 PM

FF

“ Sending prayers and condolences from Cody, Britni and Chase. ❤️



Fitzpatrick Family - January 08, 2025 at 09:19 PM

MS

“ Malarky's Staff purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Susan Fitzpatrick.



Malarky's Staff - January 08, 2025 at 09:16 PM

DC

“ Don Crouch lit a candle in memory of Susan Fitzpatrick



Don Crouch - January 08, 2025 at 07:47 PM

KS

“ Oh how many times our paths crossed since we have known Sue in so many different ways. Our prayers and thoughts of comfort to Tom, Amy and her family, and Rachel. She will be missed by all but memories of Sue making porcelain dolls, selling insurance, having a “drink” to catch up will be treasured by us.

Ken and Janet Strouse - January 08, 2025 at 07:31 PM

PF

“ Peg Flynn lit a candle in memory of Susan Fitzpatrick



Peg Flynn - January 08, 2025 at 05:55 PM

LC

“ Tom and family we send our deepest condolences, I always enjoyed talking to Sue, May she rest in Peace with the Lord. Wishing you all peace and comfort at this difficult time.



Linda & Al Carlsen - January 08, 2025 at 05:39 PM



“ Pat Bjorkgren lit a candle in memory of Susan Fitzpatrick



Pat Bjorkgren - January 08, 2025 at 04:51 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Susan Fitzpatrick.*



January 08, 2025 at 04:50 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Susan Fitzpatrick.

January 08, 2025 at 04:50 PM



“ *I am so very sorry for your loss of Susan. She was one of the most amazing women I know. She has always been such a kind, caring, thoughtful, always willing to help or take charge and she had a great sense of humor and always doing fun things for the grandkids. She was a wonderful mother and grandmother. Many prayers for her whole family. She was a true blessing to her family and all who knew her.*

Jennifer Allen - January 08, 2025 at 03:57 PM



“ *Our condolences go out to the Howard and Fitzpatrick families. Sue was such a wonderful lady and will definitely be missed. May all the memories you made and shared as a family help you thru this difficult time. Keeping you in our prayers. Kevin & Julie McKinney*



Kevin & Julie McKinney - January 08, 2025 at 01:42 PM

CD

“ Cheryl DeMan lit a candle in memory of Susan Fitzpatrick



Cheryl DeMan - January 08, 2025 at 01:40 PM

KQ

“ We are so heartbroken for the loss is Sue!!! She was such a wonderful wonderful person. She will be sorely missed by everyone who knew her!! Our thoughts and prayers go out to all of your family.



Kim and Mitch Quirin

Kim and Mitch Quirin - January 08, 2025 at 12:13 PM

RR

Tom, We are so sorry for your great loss! May Gods angels surround your family with comfort and love during this sad sad time! You are in our prayers, Tom!

Ron and Phyllis Roelfs 🙏

Ron and Phyllis Roelfs - January 08, 2025 at 06:23 PM

AK

“ Adam and Angie Kutz lit a candle in memory of Susan Fitzpatrick



Adam and Angie Kutz - January 08, 2025 at 12:07 PM

PH

“ *Paul & Eileen Howie lit a candle in memory of Susan Fitzpatrick*



Paul & Eileen Howie - January 08, 2025 at 11:54 AM

DJ

“ *Deb Jesse lit a candle in memory of Susan Fitzpatrick*



Deb Jesse - January 08, 2025 at 11:29 AM

TF

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time. So sorry for your loss*❤️



Tim & Deb Frederiksen - January 08, 2025 at 11:13 AM

MS

“ *Maureen and Brad Strader lit a candle in memory of Susan Fitzpatrick*



Maureen and Brad Strader - January 08, 2025 at 11:02 AM

MS

“ *Maureen, Brad & Christopher Strader lit a candle in memory of Susan Fitzpatrick*



Maureen, Brad & Christopher Strader - January 08, 2025 at 11:01 AM



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



January 08, 2025 at 10:50 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Susan Fitzpatrick.*

January 08, 2025 at 10:50 AM



“ *A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Susan Fitzpatrick.*



January 08, 2025 at 10:50 AM

MM

“ *Michelle Munoz lit a candle in memory of Susan Fitzpatrick*



Michelle Munoz - January 08, 2025 at 10:13 AM

DD

“ *Dick and Becki Drahota planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Susan Fitzpatrick.*

Dick and Becki Drahota - January 08, 2025 at 09:56 AM

DD

“ *Dick and Becki Drahota purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Susan Fitzpatrick.*



Dick and Becki Drahota - January 08, 2025 at 09:56 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Susan Fitzpatrick.*



January 08, 2025 at 09:47 AM

DZ

“ *Deborah Zerfoss lit a candle in memory of Susan Fitzpatrick*



Deborah Zerfoss - January 08, 2025 at 08:27 AM

MM

“ *Tom, Randy and I were sad to hear about Sue. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time. Sincerely Randy and Mona Mason*



Mona Mason - January 08, 2025 at 01:16 AM



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



January 07, 2025 at 11:39 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Susan Fitzpatrick.*

January 07, 2025 at 11:39 PM

LT

“ Love, Craig & Caryn Thacker purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Susan Fitzpatrick.



Love, Craig & Caryn Thacker - January 07, 2025 at 10:36 PM

LT

“ Love, Craig & Caryn Thacker planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Susan Fitzpatrick.

Love, Craig & Caryn Thacker - January 07, 2025 at 10:36 PM

SM

“ R.I.P Susan God has a place in heaven for you.



Stephan & Sharon Mickelson - January 07, 2025 at 10:13 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Susan Fitzpatrick.

January 07, 2025 at 08:03 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Susan Fitzpatrick.*



January 07, 2025 at 08:03 PM



“ *Tom, Girls and extended family. So heart broken to hear of the sudden and unexpected passing of Susan. She was always a welcoming and friendly face when we crossed paths. May her heavenly path be quick and straight. Gods strength to those she leaves behind with comfort and love from your support groups.*



Ronda Roby - January 07, 2025 at 06:50 PM



“ *Jeff/Jean Chindlund lit a candle in memory of Susan Fitzpatrick*



Jeff/Jean Chindlund - January 07, 2025 at 06:17 PM



“ *Savory Snack Gift Box was purchased for the family of Susan Fitzpatrick.*



January 07, 2025 at 05:55 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Susan Fitzpatrick.

January 07, 2025 at 05:55 PM