



## Susan E. Guntren

January 24, 1953 - July 9, 2022

Susan E. Guntren, age 69, of Storm Lake, Iowa passed away peacefully after a brief illness Saturday, July 9, 2022 at Methodist Manor Retirement Community in Storm Lake.

Graveside services will be held Saturday, July 16, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. at the St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Storm Lake with a reception to follow at Faith Bible Christian Outreach Center. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge of arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to MS Society by visiting [nationalmssociety.org](http://nationalmssociety.org).

Susan Elaine Guntren was born January 24, 1953 to Ralph and Adele (Huettig) Kohtz in Twin Falls, Idaho. Growing up, she attended school in Hazelton, Idaho, then attended college at Boise State University.

Susan was united in marriage to Robert J. Guntren on July 19, 1975 in Eden, Idaho. To this union, five children were born: Hans, Natalie, Valerie, Heather and Bethany.

Susan was a volunteer counselor with the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children for 24 years. During this time she was personally involved

with the recovery of 584 children. She was the cofounder of the Good Shephard Christian Action Council and a strong supporter of Cornerstone For Life. In her free time, Susan enjoyed embroidery and quilting, baking, reading and spending time with her children and grandchildren. She will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her.

Susan is survived by her husband of 47 years, Robert J. Guntren of Storm Lake, Iowa; children: Hans Guntren of San Francisco, California; Natalie (Joseph) Dorondo of Houston, Texas; Valerie Tetzlaff of Lafayette, Louisiana; Heather (Michael) Ellis of Denver, Colorado; Bethany (Cody) Martin of Portland, Oregon; brother: Delbert (Francie) Kohtz of Eden, Idaho; grandchildren: Parker and Nathaniel Guntren; Brooklyn and Madison Dorondo; Alexis and Tyler Kongmani; Benjamin, Paxton, and Emery Ellis; countless nieces and nephews, cousins, extended family and friends.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Ralph and Adele Kohtz, and brother, Evan Kohtz.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery

1238 600th St.  
Storm Lake, IA 50588

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

JUL 16. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery  
1238 600th St.  
Storm Lake, IA 50588

## Reception

JUL 16 (CT)

Faith Bible Christian Outreach Center  
1601 W. Milwaukee Ave.  
Storm Lake, IA 50588

# Tribute Wall



“ *Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Susan E. Guntren*

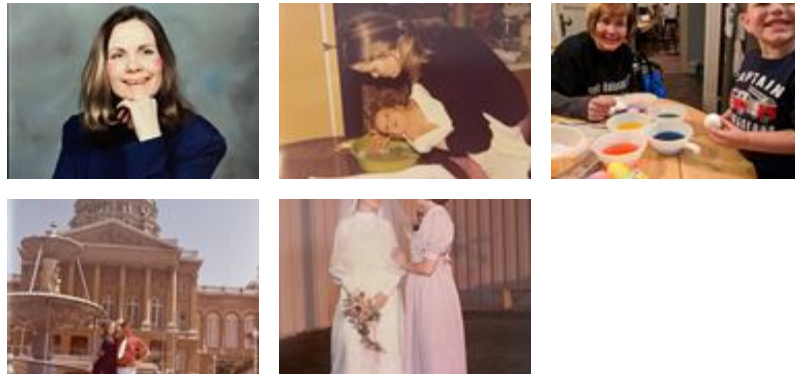


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**Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home** - July 15, 2022 at 02:37 PM



“ *235 files added to the album LifeTributes*



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**Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home** - July 15, 2022 at 02:19 PM

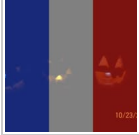


“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Susan E. Guntren.*



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July 15, 2022 at 11:55 AM



“ *Sally Rassler lit a candle in memory of Susan E. Guntren*



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**Sally Rassler** - July 14, 2022 at 03:47 PM



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



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July 14, 2022 at 03:39 PM



“ *Michelle Munoz lit a candle in memory of Susan E. Guntren*



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**Michelle Munoz** - July 14, 2022 at 12:07 PM



“ *Those were the days, my friend. Always remember that we were the best kids ever! I love you, girl! Save me a seat, I will see you later.*

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**Cindy Harris** - July 13, 2022 at 06:06 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Susan E. Guntren.



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July 13, 2022 at 06:03 PM



“ Sue was an amazing and one of a kind woman. She loved the Lord with all her heart and even though she had rough times, she always came through them with a smile. I had not seen Sue in a long time, but I will always remember her as someone who always put others ahead of herself and a dear friend to anyone who had the privilege of knowing her.

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**Sherrie Bradford** - July 13, 2022 at 01:32 PM



“ Susan was an exceptional member of my volunteer team. She was always willing to support families and often called me asking who else did I have for her to support. She was one of the kindest and sincerest people that I have had the pleasure of knowing. She will be truly missed. I would like to send my condolences to the family. Susan left us all in a better place with her positive energy and delightful personality.

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**Lisa Allen** - July 13, 2022 at 12:55 PM



“ Susan was a valued member of Team HOPE for over 20 years. She offered so much kindness and compassion to those in need. Our thoughts and sympathy go out to her family and friends on the loss of such a wonderful person.

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**Julia McDonald** - July 13, 2022 at 10:37 AM

CB

“ I have met Susan & her husband Robert several times over the years! Memorial Day weekend seemed to be the time that Mary Lou & I would come down to see them! We had a great time visiting & enjoying being together! They both enjoyed the carrot cake that I brought! My deepest sympathy to Her family & may she rest in peace! I cherish the memories! Carol Brewer

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**Carol Brewer** - July 12, 2022 at 11:34 AM

DJ

“ Deb Jesse lit a candle in memory of Susan E. Guntren



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**Deb Jesse** - July 12, 2022 at 09:20 AM

KB

“ I didn't really know Susan, but forty some years ago I saw her frequently at the Storm Lake library. As mothers of young children, we had brought our little ones for Story Hour. God bless these children and all Susan's family.

*Katie Finnegan Brown*

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**Katie Brown** - July 12, 2022 at 08:49 AM

PC

“ Susan was always so kind and sweet. She never wanted you to “fuss over her” or “put yourself out “ for her....but because she was her you wanted to do exactly that and were more than willing to. She was a gentle soul...and always turned the conversation to be about you and how you were. She NEVER complained....even on days she was struggling...she was a joy to talk to... a beautiful woman...a strong woman...I'd like to think she thought of me as a “ friend”...God Bless Susan....

Peg Cavanaugh - July 11, 2022 at 11:41 PM



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



July 11, 2022 at 07:23 PM

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“ I will always remember how sweet she was since I met her and later on Robert.. always in my heart 🙏🙏🙏🙏🌻



Araseli Tello - July 11, 2022 at 04:04 PM

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“ OUR SYMPATHY & PRAYERS TO ROBERT & HIS FAMILY IN THE LOSS OF SUSAN. I KNOW SHE SUFFERED ALONG TIME. A CANDLE IS LIT IN HER MEMORY. MAY SHE RIP.



JOY, PEACE & LOVE,  
LARY & PATTY GUNVILLE

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**PATTY GUNVILLE** - July 11, 2022 at 03:33 PM

AS

“ Asa & Mary Strong purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Susan E. Guntren.



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**Asa & Mary Strong** - July 11, 2022 at 01:16 PM



“ Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Susan E. Guntren.



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July 11, 2022 at 11:10 AM