



Susan Spears

April 24, 1943 - February 6, 2011

Susan Spears passed away surrounded by her family on February 6, 2011 of pneumonia acquired while battling metastatic breast cancer.

Susan (Pace) Spears was born in Bedford, IN on April 24, 1943. She earned her BA in Latin American Studies from Indiana University and her Master's of Education from Evansville University. She married her high school sweetheart Michael Spears and taught for 30 years before finally retiring from the Pennsville School District. During her teaching career as well as in retirement, Susan was an active volunteer giving countless hours to the Salem County SPCA, hospice, local soup kitchens, the Pennsville library and the Salem County Historical Society among others. She also gave her time to speak to groups about her battle with breast cancer and was a true inspiration to survivors everywhere. She was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution as well as an active member of the First Presbyterian Church of Salem where she served as an elder. Known as an avid dog lover by family, friends, and students, Susan raised several Scotties throughout her life as well as several strays that would have otherwise been homeless. Her other favorite activity in retirement was being a super grandma and transforming her home in to a magical place where her grandchildren Megan (4), Connor (3), Gavin (1 ½) and Luke (5 months) loved to spend their time. In addition to her grandchildren, Susan is survived by her husband Michael, her three sons Jamie, Alex and Andrew and daughters-in-law Barbara, Jennifer and Jackie.

A visitation will be held on Thursday from 2 to 4 PM and 6 to 8 PM in the Ashcraft Funeral Home, 740 S. Broadway, Pennsville followed by funeral services at 8 PM. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to The Humane Society of the United States (<http://www.humanesociety.org/>) or Susan G. Komen for the Cure (<http://www.komen.org/>). www.ashcraftfuneralhomes.com

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“ Mike hi! I just got a call from Anna Marie telling us of Susie's death. I wanted to send our condolences to you and your family. She was a wonderful lady and will be sadly missed. God has another plan for her now and it helps knowing we will all be together again soon. Blessings and Love, Sally

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