



Susan Faber

January 10, 1947 - April 20, 2024

Susan Jean (Gilleland) Faber was born on January 10, 1947 and passed away on Saturday, April 20, 2024 at home after a long, hard-fought battle with cancer.

She is Survived by: Her beloved husband of 59 years: Merlyn Faber; sister: Janette Gilleland; daughters: Connie (Andy) Richey of Nairobi, Kenya and Becky (Casey) Turnquist of Merrillville, Indiana, Grandchildren: Katie (Joe) Walker; Stephen (Jennie) Richey; Jonathan (Amy) Richey; Timothy Faber, Jr.; Joshua (Cortney) Faber; Nicole Faber; Jordan Faber; Christa Faber; Lily Faber; Carissa Faber; Tiffany (Chris) Wohllaib and Raymond Turnquist. Great grandchildren: Kara Turnquist, Jonathan Richey; Ellie Belle Walker; Rohan Richey; Jude Richey; Charlie Sue Walker; Anthony Richey.

Susan was preceded in death by: her parents, Raymond Gilleland and Madeline (Dietrich) Gilleland; siblings, Carol Gilleland and Michael Gilleland; her son, Timothy Faber, Sr. and great-grandson, Andre' Richey.

Susan was born January 10, 1947 in Wauseon, Ohio. She was the third child of Raymond and Madeline Gilleland. Susan's mom taught her to sew at a young age on a treadle sewing machine. She spent approximately the next 70 years doing just that. She became a great seamstress, quilter, costumer,

problem solver, teacher, crafter, gardener and would encourage others to live a healthy lifestyle. She taught her daughters and eventually some of her grandchildren to sew.

Susan and Merlyn met through a mutual friend while Merlyn was going to college in Chicago and Susan was finishing high school. Susan graduated from Adrian High School in the spring of 1964 and she and Merlyn married in November of 1964. Once they were married she moved to the Chicago area and began attending First Baptist Church of Hammond where she was a member until she passed away. Susan was very involved in the church, including church programs and worked on a lot of sewing project for them over many years. At one point Susan worked with the pastor to start a sewing room at the church so she could have help with all of the projects.

Susan accepted Jesus as her Savior on February 6, 1966 after C. W. Fisk shared the Gospel with her. She also sang in the church choir for 33 years and could sing the beautiful high notes.

Susan began working in the Beginner I Sunday School department in 1966 and continued until her illness would no longer allow it. She loved working with the 4-year olds, teaching them songs, playing piano and watching the children grow up and eventually bring their own children to the Sunday School department. She even wrote at least one song that she then taught to the children and had an integral part of teaching each class the books of the Bible song.

Susan loved to sing the itsy bitsy spider with her grandchildren while acting it out and even added a new, great big giant spider, verse.

Susan had a heart for the ladies who went through the Better Roads Recovery Ministry of First Baptist Church and had a standing appointment for every

Thursday to work with the girls teaching them to sew, craft, garden and eat healthy. She would love on the ladies every time she saw them.

Susan always had a smile and loved people. Once she became sick and couldn't go to church she would be energized whenever a friend would visit. Proverbs 18:24 - "A man that hath friends must shew himself friendly: and there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother." She lived this verse as well as being a Proverbs 31 woman. She will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

In lieu of flowers, family is requesting donations to be made to the Ladies Better Roads Recovery Home of First Baptist Church.

Friends and relatives are welcome to visit with family on Saturday, April 27, 2024 from 10 a.m. until the time of the funeral service at 11:30 a.m. at First Baptist Church Jack Hyles Memorial Auditorium 523 Sibley St. Hammond, IN 46320. Interment to follow at Memory Lane Memorial Park.

Cemetery Details

Memory Lane Memorial Park

6305 W. Lincoln Highway (US 30)
Crown Point, IN 46307
(219) 322-2050
info.memorylanepark@gmail.com
<https://memorylanepark.com/>

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 27. 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

Jack Hyles Memorial Auditorium
523 Sibley Street
Hammond, IN 46320

Funeral Service

APR 27. 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM (CT)

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Burial

APR 27. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

ME

“ Miss Susan Faber was a wonderful lady. My sister and I had the pleasure of meeting her while attending College in 2021. She truly loved and cared for us, and insisted on being called Grandma Susan. We were then adopted as her “grandchildren”. She would give us goodie bags, when we saw her at church (at FBC). She loved serving the Lord, and strove to encourage others in the Lord. I had never met anyone like Miss Susan Faber. I will surely miss her. ❤️



There is one memory that I had with Miss Susan Faber, and it was during the Ladies Conference (while my sister and I attended college at HAC). We volunteered to help at the conference, and during one of the breaks, Miss Susan began to show me around the church. We truly enjoyed the time we were able to spend together. In the video, that I tried to post, she played “Jesus Loves Me” on the piano. I had no idea she could play, and how well she did! 🎵

Miss Susan Faber was truly a wonderful lady, who loved serving God in any way she could.

I will be praying for her family, during this difficult time. 🙏
Miss Susan Faber will surely be missed.

I loved her so much, and constantly thought of her, and prayed for her, every day. ❤️

-Merideth Moffitt
Matthew 5:16

Merideth - May 01, 2024 at 05:24 PM

LR

“ Love, Doug, Jeff, Amy, Kris, and Ryan purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Susan Faber.



Love, Doug, Jeff, Amy, Kris, and Ryan - April 25, 2024 at 04:52 PM



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



April 25, 2024 at 03:48 PM

TC

“ Proverbs 31:10-19, 21-29 KJV

[10] Who can find a virtuous woman? For her price is far above rubies. [11] The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, So that he shall have no need of spoil. [12] She will do him good and not evil All the days of her life. [13] She seeketh wool, and flax, And worketh willingly with her hands. [14] She is like the merchants' ships; She bringeth her food from afar. [15] She riseth also while it is yet night, And giveth meat to her household, And a portion to her maidens. [16] She considereth a field, and buyeth it: With the fruit of her hands she planteth a vineyard. [17] She girdeth her loins with strength, And strengtheneth her arms. [18] She perceiveth that her merchandise is good: Her candle goeth not out by night. [19] She layeth her hands to the spindle, And her hands hold the distaff. [21] She is not afraid of the snow for her household: For all her household are clothed with scarlet. [22] She maketh herself coverings of tapestry; Her clothing is silk and purple. [23] Her husband is known in the gates, When he sitteth among the elders of the land. [24] She maketh fine linen, and selleth it; And delivereth girdles unto the merchant. [25] Strength and honour are her clothing; And she shall rejoice in time to come. [26] She openeth her mouth with wisdom; And in her tongue is the law of kindness. [27] She looketh well to the ways of her household, And eateth not the bread of idleness. [28] Her children arise up, and call her blessed; Her husband also, and he praiseth her. [29] Many daughters have done virtuously, But thou excellest them all.

Terri Cook - April 25, 2024 at 01:51 AM

BF

“ Bible Baptist Church Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Susan Faber.

Bible Baptist Church Family - April 24, 2024 at 08:23 PM

BF

“ Bible Baptist Church Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Susan Faber.



Bible Baptist Church Family - April 24, 2024 at 08:23 PM

MS

“ She always had a smile and a hug for me whenever she saw! I am surely going to miss her. Love and prayers! Margaret Stephens

Margaret Stephens - April 24, 2024 at 02:07 PM

SA

“ What a beautiful voice she had. Praying for the family. Sue Minton-Alexander

sue Alexander - April 23, 2024 at 10:30 AM