



Susan Hanifen

December 20, 1954 - August 10, 2011

KELLER -- Susan Elizabeth Hanifen, 56, of Keller died Wednesday, Aug. 10, 2011, at home, surrounded by family. Memorial service: 3 p.m. Sunday at First United Methodist Church of Keller, where Susan had attended services for more than 25 years. Memorials: In lieu of flowers, please make donations to The Wings Foundation, Box 610563, DFW Airport, Texas 75261-0563, or to Habitat for Humanity. Born in Des Moines, Iowa, on Dec. 20, 1954, Susan was the daughter of James and Helen Hanifen and the mother of Peter and Kelly Goeken. Susan graduated in 1973 from Valley High School in West Des Moines, Iowa. She graduated from Iowa State University in 1977 with degrees in political science, history and environmental science.

In July, Susan received recognition for 30 years of service as a flight attendant for American Airlines. One of her favorite routes was the overnight to Miami with her 777 friends. Susan was a remarkable woman whose many life experiences included campaigning for Jimmy Carter and attending his inauguration, traveling the world with friends and family, scrap booking, bingo club, keno group and book club. Her sense of humor, witty conversation, endless generosity, radiant smile and gentle spirit will be greatly missed. Survivors: Son, Peter Goeken; daughter, Kelly Goeken; parents, James and Helen Hanifen; brother, James Hanifen III; sisters, Rosemary Hanifen Watters and Julie Ann Hanifen; and nieces, nephews, many other family and friends who loved her dearly.

Tribute Wall

KG

“ Susan and I were friends from elementary school through high school in West Des Moines. I remember her as someone who loved life, always shared a smile, a laugh, and never met a stranger. I specifically recall running into her in Dallas shortly after her children were born and she'd never been happier! My thoughts and prayers are with her family. She will be missed.

Kathy Griffith - August 21, 2011 at 01:06 PM

GM

“ I was friends with Susan in grade school through high school and it was a treat to visit with her at our 20 year Valley reunion. She was a kind, fun, and gentle soul. My deepest sympathy for your loss.

Gail Hawkins Meyer - August 18, 2011 at 08:13 PM

JZ

“ Sue was always a "ray of sunshine" during our years at Stillwell Jr. High and Valley High School. I will cherish my memories with her and hold them close to my heart.

Julie Hibbs Zussman - August 15, 2011 at 09:47 AM

KS

“ Sue always had a smile on her face. She will be missed by the Valley Class of 1973.

Kathryn Smith - August 15, 2011 at 09:30 AM

PP

“ I graduated with Susan from Valley High in 1973, she was a good friend and will be missed very much. Phyllis (Kawarsky) Patton

Phyllis Patton - August 15, 2011 at 08:09 AM

SL

“ Peter,

My thoughts & prayers are with you. May peace be with you & your family!

Sandy

Sandy Lowe - August 12, 2011 at 09:15 AM

SH

“ Peter...So sorry to hear about your mom. My thoughts and prayers are with you and the family.

Co-Worker at Brokers International

Sonja Hambleton

Sonja Hambleton - August 12, 2011 at 09:12 AM