



Susan Brown

October 13, 1948 - January 13, 2022

Susan Brown, born Elfrieda Kaiser, of Valparaiso, passed away after a hard-fought battle on

January 13, 2022, at the age of 73.

Susan is survived by her sons, Stephen (Diane) Brown, and David (Nancy) Brown.; her nieces,

Dianna (Scott) Rudd and Joanna Zielinski.; her grandchildren Gabi, Stella, Sydney, Ava,

Delainey, Olivia, Lucas, Chris, Michelle, and Catee; her granddog, Ace; and several family

members living in Canada. She was preceded in death by her parents, Peter and Susanna

Kaiser; her sister Anna Perz; and her brother-in-law, Josef Perz.

Susan was born in Linz, Austria in 1948. At the age of four, her family made their way to the

U.S. Her family ended up residing in Chicago, IL. She went on to graduate from Immaculata

High School, an all-girls catholic high school. After having children, she obtained her college

degree from Mundelein College, an affiliate of Loyola University. She went on to pursue a career

in journalism. Susan worked for the Post-Tribune newspaper, and, eventually, became President

of the Gary Newspaper Guild, only the second woman to do so. She later moved on to work for the Times of NWI where she received numerous accolades for her contributions to journalism.

After retirement, she became a committed member and leader of the local and state Green Party movement.

She loved reading, coffee, being outside, red wine, beer, live music, anything German, traveling, politics, walking and shopping in downtown Valpo, and, most of all, her grandchildren. She will be deeply missed by all of her family and friends. She could make a connection with anyone who she came across. She was simply the best there ever was!

A memorial visitation will be held on Saturday, January 22, 2022 from 1:30 p.m. until the time of the memorial service at 3:00 p.m. at Burns Funeral Home, 701 E 7th St, Hobart, IN 46342.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to her favorite place, the Valparaiso Public Library.

Donations can be made by check payable to "Valparaiso Public Library".

Please include "Susan Brown" on the memo line. Checks can be mailed to Dave Brown, 1754 Wabash Ct., Valparaiso, IN 46385.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

JAN **22**. 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ I remember you while I was growing up and hanging around Dianna and Joanna Perz. You were such a nice lady. Prayers to all her family and friends.

Ramona Wolter - July 27, 2022 at 01:39 AM



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



January 21, 2022 at 11:37 PM



“ Pat and I worked with Sue at The Vidette Messenger in the 1980s. She was an excellent reporter and an awesome friend.

Jim Eng - January 21, 2022 at 06:27 PM

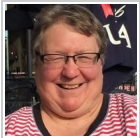
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“ We are thinking of you all, and grieving with you. I have wonderful memories of Susan visiting us in Winnipeg, Canada and going to “the lake”, having all our Winnipeg family gather together when she was in town. I admired her so much as a young teenager. Yes, she had a great laugh and smile. I can not even imagine how much all of you miss her.

Steve, Dave and your families. It is so hard for the grandkids I am sure. Cherish your memories, hold them close to your heart. Her love goes on in all of you. Hug one another.

My husband Mike and I now live in Kamloops, B.C. We send you so much love !

Susan Funk - January 20, 2022 at 07:44 PM



“ I knew Susan from politics in Valparaiso Public Library where she had been a member of their book club until members were'nt picking books that she wanted to read anymore

Mary Jo Nuland - January 19, 2022 at 05:43 PM

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“ Sorry for your loss. Susan this past year volunteered for Heavilin Cafeteria. Her grandchild attends this school. She was a wonderful person that I got to know. She will be very missed by all of us here. Prayers to the Brown family.

Jackie Schutz - January 18, 2022 at 01:10 PM