



## Susan Lynn Kallimani

January 23, 1951 - March 29, 2025

Susan Lynn (Burns) Kallimani was born in Gary, Indiana on January 23, 1951. She was the second child of Edward and Garnet Burns, also of Gary. Susan attended primary school at Nobel Elementary and later graduated from Wirt High School in 1969. She spent a year at Purdue University, before transferring to Indiana University. Susan majored in anthropology, and was a capable student who built a prolific knowledge of history and culture. While at Indiana University, Susan pledged the Delta Delta Delta sorority, where she would develop life-long friendships with many of her sisters. She graduated from Indiana University with honors in 1973. In 1974 George and Susan were married at Sts. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Cathedral in Merrillville, Indiana. They settled into professional life in Chicago, where Susan worked for Social Security. In 1978 Susan and George purchased a house in Miller Beach where they were an easy walk to the singing sand and skyline sunsets of Lake Michigan. In 1981 Susan and George welcomed their first son, James, called "Jamie." In 1985 their second son Geoffrey was born. During their childhood Susan was active in their schools, and also worked for several local Miller Beach businesses, including Petals florist. In 1995 Susan became a certified framer, and went to work for Lake Street Gallery where she would work for 20 years as a gifted professional framer. In 1979 Susan and George vacationed on Sanibel Island, a place that would become a second home for their family, where they vacationed every October. Susan and George also traveled to many international destinations, including Tahiti, the

UK, Hungary, the Bahamas, Paris, and Mexico. Susan was a devoted swimmer, known for swimming laps in any water she could, especially the beach at home and the pool on Sanibel Island. She enjoyed scuba diving and spoke with reverence about the underwater worlds she saw during her dives. Susan was a talented photographer, known for her landscapes and nature photography, and for documenting family members and events. Legendary amongst family and friends for her rich memory and skill with recall, Susan was affectionately called “the smart one” by her husband and sons, and was always available to help nieces, nephews, cousins, and neighbors with school homework or interesting trivia. Kind, funny, patient, and warm, Susan was loved by all who knew her, and had a community of loved ones all around the world. She was preceded in death by her parents, Edward and Garnet Burns, and several beloved family dogs. Susan is survived by her husband, George Kallimani; her sons Jamie (Carrie Carter) Kallimani and Geoffrey (Parker Sublette) Kallimani; her sister, Kathleen Smith (Ron Smith), and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins. A visitation will be held at Burns Funeral Home, 701 E. 7th Street, Hobart, IN on Tuesday, April 1, 2025, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Funeral services will take place at Burns Funeral Home in Hobart on Wednesday, April 2, 2025, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Rev. Thomas E. Mischler officiating. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to VNA Hospice, or to a Parkinson’s charity of your choice. [www.burnsfuneral.com](http://www.burnsfuneral.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 1. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (cst)

Burns Funeral Home - Hobart  
701 E. 7th Street  
Hobart, IN 46342  
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## Sorority Ceremony

APR 1. 6:30 PM (CT)

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## Funeral Service

APR 2. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (cst)

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# Tribute Wall

SR

“ My Grandmother, Jessie Bortoli, worked for Susan’s Dad, Dr. Edward Burns when he had an office in Gary, Indiana. I believe that office was located in a small triangular shaped single story building, on 5th Avenue on the west side of town. Dr. Burns was, indeed, a beloved practitioner and gentleman. He often invited my Grandmother and my parents to his home for cookouts in summer.

Now here’s the point of my story. When my mother was pregnant with me, she and Dad were at Dr. Burns’ house and met little Susan Burns. My father was SMITTEN by this sweet little girl. And, Dad told Mom, if we have a girl, I want to name her Susan.

I am sorry I never got to tell Susan Burns that she has a living name sake. I am so sorry for your loss. May her memory is a blessing.

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**Sue Robles** - August 30, 2025 at 03:59 AM

KS

“ Kara S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Susan Lynn Kallimani.

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**Kara S.** - May 06, 2025 at 09:00 PM

DM

“ Memories? Oh my I have so many!  
Sue & I were next door neighbor friends, Jumping the fence to get to each others' houses. The walkie talkie we set up (a string & a cup) from her porch to my bedroom! Sleepovers....there were plenty. The dinner we fixed our parents, in her basement “restaurant”. We would take Trinkka for walks..... in the woods. We put on a circus to raise money for the March of Dimes: admission..... 10 cents. My heart goes out to Kathy and her family, and George and his family, especially their two sons. She was such a remarkable person! Rest in Peace my dear Susan. You were such a large part of my childhood and a super friend. Even though we didn't keep in touch much lately, I will miss her every day for the rest of my life.

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**Donna Hallo Mitsos** - April 09, 2025 at 02:37 PM

MB

“ I am so very saddened to learn of Sue's passing. As a high school classmate of hers, I was in awe of her academic achievement, her kindness and compassion toward others, and her sense of humor. Although I live out of state and did not see her often in later years, it was a true joy to talk with her at our class reunions. I will remember her always.  
My deepest condolences are sent to George and the entire family.

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**Marilyn Berke-Powers** - April 01, 2025 at 05:49 PM

EA

“ Eric Armstrong purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Susan Lynn Kallimani.



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**Eric Armstrong** - April 01, 2025 at 03:34 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Susan Lynn Kallimani.*



April 01, 2025 at 12:21 PM



“ *The Briscoe Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Susan Lynn Kallimani.*

**The Briscoe Family** - April 01, 2025 at 11:26 AM



“ *The Briscoe Family purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Susan Lynn Kallimani.*



**The Briscoe Family** - April 01, 2025 at 11:26 AM



“ *When I signed my memory I typed my first and last name but somehow it did not all appear ❖❖❖ ❖ ♀. To clarify I will submit it now so you will know it should read Sue Taylor, not just Taylor*

**Sue Taylor** - April 01, 2025 at 10:19 AM

LF

“ Love Lisa & Barry Glancy and family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Susan Lynn Kallimani.



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**Love Lisa & Barry Glancy and family** - April 01, 2025 at 10:15 AM

ST

“ I met Susan when I worked as a teaching assistant at Crisman Elementary school. Susan came daily as a volunteer mother and also served as room mother. I knew of her through my brother, who went to school with her. She was a very kind and friendly lady and a hard worker. I got to know her sons at that time also. My mom went through school with her dad and also knew her mom well. I knew George through both my brother who went to school with him as well and through George's sister Tina. Tina and I went through school together from 7th grade through graduation. She and I became very good friends. I offer my condolences and prayers to Sue's entire family. Sue, God called you home much too soon. You will never be forgotten. Rest in Peace. 🙏

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**Sue Taylor** - April 01, 2025 at 10:03 AM

AB

“ I always said she was the ageless one. She was funny and will be missed by all the knew her.

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**andrea basarich** - March 31, 2025 at 10:48 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Susan Lynn Kallimani.



March 31, 2025 at 08:28 PM



“ From Andrew, Kasey & Ellie Nunn (Patton) purchased the Rose Remembrance for the family of Susan Lynn Kallimani.



From Andrew, Kasey & Ellie Nunn (Patton) - March 31, 2025 at 07:32 PM



“ From Andrew, Kasey & Ellie Nunn (Patton) planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Susan Lynn Kallimani.

From Andrew, Kasey & Ellie Nunn (Patton) - March 31, 2025 at 07:32 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Susan Lynn Kallimani.

March 31, 2025 at 04:04 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Susan Lynn Kallimani.*



March 31, 2025 at 04:04 PM



“ *Meg Roman planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Susan Lynn Kallimani.*

**Meg Roman** - March 31, 2025 at 01:10 PM



“ *Meg Roman purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Susan Lynn Kallimani.*



**Meg Roman** - March 31, 2025 at 01:10 PM



“ *I met Susan through Beta Rho Tri Kappa. I will always remember Susan as Happy Smiling Kind Gracious and Caring. May Susan rest in peace, what a bright shining star. Love Jane Szymczak*

**Jane J Szymczak** - March 31, 2025 at 11:59 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Susan Lynn Kallimani.



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March 31, 2025 at 11:44 AM



“ I am so very sorry to hear this sad news. George and Susan were fixtures at Miller Beach. I lived near Sullivan Street, which was the same beach spot used by George and Susan. They would go for their morning walks together, stopping to chat with neighbors along the way. She would bring the boys down to the beach along with their dog "Tillie" when they were little. When one of the boys would start to wander off, Susan would command Tillie to go get them. And she did! That dog was amazing. Susan was an amazing mom and an amazing person. She was always energetic and friendly, active in the community, and ready to lend a hand if needed. Miller will not be the same without her. My sincere condolences to Susan's family, George and the boys.

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**Derla R Early** - March 31, 2025 at 11:36 AM



“ Susan was my Mary Kay Customer for years. She was such a wonderful person, always had a smile. I would visit her at the Lake Street Gallery to deliver her Mary Kay and visit. I am so sorry to hear of her passing. My deepest sympathy to George and her family.

*Diana Alexander Silvasi*

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**Diana A Silvasi** - March 31, 2025 at 10:48 AM



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“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Susan Lynn Kallimani.



March 31, 2025 at 10:44 AM



“ Sue was a good friend in high school - we worked on the school newspaper together. Her friends called her "Sue Bee." I enjoyed hanging out with her and George when I came to Gary for reunions. This is a very sad loss. My deepest condolences to George and the kids and her family.



**Maureen Osborne** - March 31, 2025 at 10:34 AM



“ I went to high school with Susan ... more interestingly my Mom went to high school and was good friends with her Dad . I think secretly she always hoped we would get together , but Sue was much smarter than that , George was the hands down winner for her, she chose well and had a great life together . Thoughts and prayers out to George and their sons .... Rest well in paradise Susan .... A life well lived , but much too short .... Ed Taylor

**Edward Taylor** - March 31, 2025 at 10:18 AM

LW

“ *Kathy, I am so sorry to learn of your sister's passing.  
My sincere condolences to all who knew and loved her.  
Linda Pence Witkos*

Linda Witkos - March 31, 2025 at 10:03 AM

SI

“ *Sanibel Beach Club II purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Susan Lynn Kallimani.*



Sanibel Beach Club II - March 31, 2025 at 08:00 AM

LG

“ *Leigh Gialanella purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Susan Lynn Kallimani.*



Leigh Gialanella - March 31, 2025 at 12:03 AM



“ *Sweet Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Susan Lynn Kallimani.*



March 30, 2025 at 08:43 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Susan Lynn Kallimani.

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