



Susan Draffan

February 26, 1956 - September 28, 2006

Susan Thomas Draffan, 50, Topeka, passed away peacefully, Sept. 23, 2006. Susan was born February 26, 1956 to Allan and Jean McDonald Thomas. Susan attended Most Pure Heart of Mary Catholic School, Boswell Junior High and Topeka High School. She attended Kansas University where she met her future husband, Jeff Draffan. They married Oct. 4, 1980. Susan was an active board member of the Topeka Jayhawk Club. Her lifelong passions include cooking, entertaining and traveling. She traveled Europe many times a year, visiting Amsterdam and the family's exchange student, Lisa, in Germany often. She was an avid cook and loved to entertain her many friends. She worked as an independent Travel Agent and operated her own in-home daycare for many years. The children who attended Susan's Daycare were an extension of her family. She enjoyed taking them on special outings and doing activities, especially around the holidays. Susan also took great joy in adopting a family at Christmas time. Survivors include her husband, Jeff Draffan, Topeka; daughter, Allison Draffan, Topeka; sons, J.T. Draffan, (Megan) First Class Airman, Altus OK, Michael Draffan, Topeka; father, A. Allan Thomas, Topeka; sisters, Cinnie McFarland (Kevin) and Julie Thomas (Gary Schreiner), both of Topeka; nieces, Katie and Karaline Schreiner, Topeka, and Asheley Draffan, Texas; nephews, Scott and Allan McFarland, Topeka. She was preceded in death by her mother and her brother, Michael. A memorial service for Susan will be held Thursday, Sept. 28 at 11:00 a.m. at St. David's Episcopal Church, 17th and Gage. In lieu of flowers, the family

requests that any memorial contributions go to Midland Hospice Care, 200 SW Frazier Circle, Topeka, KS 66606. Online condolences may be sent to www.kevinbrennanfamily.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Susan Draffan*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *To Susans Family: You all have my sincere condolences. Susan was an instrumental part of the Hawk Watches at Bullfrogs and she could sell raffle tickets like no other! She cared for so many people. Susan extended her hand and heart to our family when we lost my husband Dallas. I am sure they are together in heaven with all the other Jayhawk fans. Susan will be missed by many. The family remains in my prayers....*

Norma Power - September 28, 2006 at 08:41 AM



“ *Jeff, Allison, J.T., Michael, Al (Pa)& Family: It's very obvious what Susan meant to many people. Observing all the visitors at your home in the past week shows how much love she brought to SO many. Susan was such a giving person. Susan cared for our Lil' Noah (JT named him Flower!)We Rock Chalked with the YAYA's at Bullfrogs Live. Diane, Jim, Barb, Margo, Stan, Susan as Ms. Giddens & I as Ms. Simien. We all sat in our "assigned" seating - PER SUSAN! If one of us wasn't there.. That seat sat empty! - PER SUSAN! She was always there when you needed anything. Susan fought a difficult battle with strong determination. There is no doubt that she is being rewarded in Heaven & those that she knew have been touched by an Angel. Godspeed YAYA. What a blessing to have had you in our lives! Family - we're for you if you need ANYTHING.. PER SUSAN! Susan, Your candle prior to every mass on Sunday will continue to shine on! I love you!*

Lori, Randy, Ashley& Noah (Flower) - September 28, 2006 at 08:33 AM

JP

“ Allison and family, my heart goes out to you all and as you know my prayers do as well, you're always in my thoughts and i wish i could give each one of you a big bear hug right now. I'll miss the huge smile and the never-ending urging from your mother and wife, "go on and eat some more, c'mon, just another plate it'll be fine" i'll miss your mother/wife and hope to see you all soon. Love you all, god bless.

J.P. Price

J.P. Price - September 27, 2006 at 10:35 PM

RF

“ To the family of Susan. I remember in Jr. high when Susan would always light up the room with her beautiful smile and laughter. While I have lost touch with her after high school, one only needs to read the condolences to see that she never changed her vivacious and loving personality. My thoughts and prayers are with the family during this sorrowful time. God bless and keep you.

Randy Freeman - September 27, 2006 at 06:17 PM

1L

“ To: Al Thomas:
Our thoughts are with you and your family at this time of sorrow.
From: Your Friends at the 1st National Bank of LeRoy

1st National Bank of LeRoy - September 27, 2006 at 11:48 AM

LL

“ Allan and family; I am greatly saddened by your loss. Even though I was not fortunate enough to know Susan I can tell by just reading the condolences that she was a very funloving and wonderful person. May God grant you peace, comfort and strength in this time of sadness. Lois Rathbun Lorence

Lois Rathbun Lorence - September 27, 2006 at 10:13 AM

SC

“ Our heart and deepest sympathy go out to all of you, Jeff, Allison, JT, & Michael and the rest of the family. Being neighbors with Susan for over the last 8 years has brought great joy to our household. I will always cherish the deep heart to heart chats that Susan and I had about things going on in my life and helping me make the right desisions. I will never forget the trip we took to Amsterdam, it was the most memorable experience yet! What a wonderful woman she was and I am so very honored to have become one of her friends and neighbors...she will live on in our hearts forever. Please let us know if you need anything at all, our thoughts and prayers are with you.--Suzanne

Suzanne & Richard Vorhies & Ryan Cates - September 26, 2006 at 08:14 PM

JL

“ To Susan's family. Please accept our condolences. I worked with Cinnie at TSDS. We were saddnes to hear of the loss of your wife, Mother and Cinnie oyour sister. You are all in our thoughts and prayers...

Joyce & Larry - September 26, 2006 at 06:45 PM

CB

“ Your family doesn't know me by name, but Al knows me by sight from Most Pure Heart. I met Susan at Jayhawk Watch Parties at Bullfrog's. GO JAYHAWKS!! Anyway, I am a friend of Linda Donnelly, Margo Leonard, and Lori Harris. I saw Al at Midland Hospice 6 days before Susan passed. I was expecting to see him again Sunday after 9:30AM mass, but discovered Susan had passed on Saturday. Your family has my sincere sympathy in your loss.

Cheryl Burkhart - September 26, 2006 at 06:06 PM

KC

“ Dear Jeff and Family, All of us here at Kansas Sand would like to send you our deepest sympathy for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers will be with you through these tough times. Ed, Tim, Dan Scott, David, Bill, Dan, Randy, Ruben, Pam

Kansas Sand & Concrete, inc. - September 26, 2006 at 03:08 PM

CA

“ To Julie and Al - all my sympathy. You are in my thoughts and prayers. ~ Candy, BTC

Candace - September 26, 2006 at 10:48 AM

TH

“ Dear Jeff, Allison, J.T., and Michael, our thoughts and prayers are with you in this time of great loss. Our memories of Susan are ones that will last our lifetime...all those afternoons with Brownies and Girl Scouts, her phone calls following a big game...- "How 'Bout them Hawks?", and our reply "How 'Bout them Cats...when the tables turned! She would always announce herself "CHERL" whenever she called. Her laugh will forever be in our memories. Our love to you all. Dean, Pam, Paige, and Mallory

The Hatfield's - September 26, 2006 at 10:13 AM

SK

“ Words cannot describe how Susan impacted my life and how much she means to me and my family. As is very evident, she truly touched every life that she encountered. From the cooking lessons to the "get your mind right" talks that we had. I treasure every minute that we had together. We all will always have a very special place for her in our hearts. Our deepest condolences go out to Jeff, Allison, J.T., Michael, Al, Julie, Cinnie and Family. We love you all, and will always be here for anything that we can do for any of you. I Love You sooo much Susan. Thank You for allowing me to be a part of your life.

Stan, Michelle, Aspen, Cheyenne and Haven Kmiec - September 26, 2006 at 08:53 AM

BE

“ Jeff, Allison, J.T., Michael, and Susan's loving family, The memories are forever. Knowing Susan brought such laughter, fun, and friendship into my life. Susan was truly one in a million and I know that sweet laugh of hers will stay with me forever. Thank you Susan for being you and including me into your life. I will miss you Susie Q. Love and sincere sympathy to your family. Beth Buckland and family

Beth - September 26, 2006 at 12:13 AM

GS

“ To the Draffan family, Lisa and friends, Our deepest sympathy for your loss. Susan was a fine person and will be missed.

Gayle, Mary and Javad Shirazi - September 25, 2006 at 11:02 PM

BH

“ *To Susan's family -*

There are many special memories that we have of your mom. She was so much fun to be with and a friend I always treasured. Our closest times were in junior high. When I stop to think about those years, your mom's laughter comes to mind. I know her presence will be greatly missed in a home so full of family and loved ones. Please know how much we care and how much we loved your mom, Susan.

Bill and Sara Houston

Bill and Sara Houston - September 25, 2006 at 10:17 PM

JC

“ *I had the please to know Susan through my sister, Beth. I also worked with her at the Last Chance. She was truly a delight and soooooo much fun. She always had a smile and lots of laughter to share with all who encounter her. I know she will be missed but never forgotten. She was truly loved by many.*

Thoughts and prayers to all.

Janelle

Janelle Clark - September 25, 2006 at 07:52 PM

RH

“ *Jeff and Family,*

I want you all to know that although I didn't get to spend a lot of time getting to know Susan in life, near the end of her journey I was touched by her heart and bravery. She expressed many times how much she loved her family and friends and what a big part of her life you all were to her. We hit it off immediately and I feel very fortunate to have blessed with the opportunity to meet her and all of you. She will not be forgotten and will be missed dearly.

My heart and prayers are with you all during this difficult time. May you find peace in your memories and may time heal your pain.

*With my deepest sympathy,
Robin Herring*

Robin Herring - September 25, 2006 at 05:24 PM

DP

“ *What a loss for the mortal world, but look out Heaven!! Susan was a dynamic force, even as a child. She was my first friend and although we didn't run together later in life, we ran parallel lives and saw each other fairly often when our kids were in school together. You could always count on Susan to brighten any occasion. I agree with Robin, she will be sorely missed and never forgotten. Strength and love to all of the family; yours, like ours, has strength and support that you need at a time like this. I love you, Susan Thomas!!!*

Dee (Byard) Poe - September 25, 2006 at 04:42 PM

TA

“ Just a quick note to send our thoughts and prayers to your family at this time. We will be thinking of all of you.

-Tom, Camille and Ross Alumbaugh

Tom, Camille and Ross Alumbaugh - September 25, 2006 at 12:01 PM

TF

“ Dear Jeff, Allison, J.T., Michael, Cinnie, Julie, and Mr. A.A. Thomas,

Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Susan will be missed immensely. She was a special lady with a huge heart.

With our deepest sympathy,
The Lawsons

Tom Lawson and Family - September 25, 2006 at 11:27 AM

CC

“ Susan was a very special person with and electric personality. If you were around Susan you were smiling and laughing. She gave us much joy and many fond memories. She will be missed by all, bless her.

Chris Canfield

Chris Canfield - September 25, 2006 at 10:08 AM

RK

“ I, unfortunately, never had the opportunity to meet Susan but I have had the pleasure of knowing Jeff for several years now. We talked about Susan from time to time and it didn't take long to realize what type of person she was. My heart goes out to you Jeff and your family. Please know that my family's thoughts are with you. I truly believe that although Susan is gone from the physical world, she will live on forever in the hearts and minds of everyone she touched. Please let me know if there is anything I can do to help through this difficult time. -Richard

Richard Kramer - September 25, 2006 at 09:52 AM

JK

“ Jeff, Allison, J.T., Michael and Family;
Our hearts go out to each and all of you. Susan was always such a dear dear person and a wonderful friend. Jim would call her diny and her and Kelli always called each other crazy. The memories are too numerous to put into words. Oh my gosh I wish she would call me one more time to look up a telephone number for her "cause she ain't got no puncil or paper". Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Our friend will never be forgotten. We love you.

Jim & Diane Bean, Kelli & Kerri - September 24, 2006 at 09:42 PM