



Susan Schell

June 25, 1960 - April 24, 2026

Susan Joan Schell, 65, Topeka, Kansas, beloved wife, mother, grandmother, sister and friend, passed away Friday, April 24, 2026.

Susan was born June 25, 1960, in Topeka, the daughter of John “Jack” and Ruth Capeless Brooke. She was a 1978 graduate of Topeka High School and attended Washburn University. On May 19, 1984, Susan and Gregg Evan Schell were united in marriage at Most Pure Heart of Mary Church, enjoying more than 41 years together.

In 2021, Susan capped her 41 years of service at Blue Cross Blue Shield, retiring as a claims account analyst.

Attending her children’s and grandchildren’s events, serving as a room parent and Girl Scout leader, and spoiling her grandchildren were just some of the ways she showed her great love of family. The annual Sisters Weekends were devoted to crafting, antiquing and just having fun together. She shared some of those same events with her “work sisters” as well. Susan went all out for all holidays, and her decorating included dressing the “porch goose” for every holiday. A favorite pastime for Susan was taking a bubble bath while reading a book for several hours. She was dearly loved and her presence will be greatly missed.

Left to cherish her memory are her husband, Gregg Schell; son, Stephen Schell (Haley); daughter, Sarah Guerrero (Aaron); grandchildren, Pierson Guerrero, Sawyer Schell and one grandson still on the way, Cole Schell; her siblings, Carole Shapiro (Dave), Ruthie Droste (Dan), Susan's twin, Sandy MacGill (Dave), Janice Brooke and Michael Brooke; her father-in-law, Leonard Schell, sisters-in-law, Jolene Archer (Mac) and Kathy Hecker (Matt), Ellie Brooke, Sandy Brooke, and Sally Brooke; brother-in-law, David Eberhart; and many nieces and nephews.

Susan was preceded by her parents and five siblings, John Brooke, Jim Brooke, Barbara Eberhart, Cathy Whitaker and her husband, Michael Whitaker, and Danny Brooke.

The Rosary will be prayed at 5 p.m. Thursday, May 14, at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614, where the visitation will follow until 7 p.m. Funeral service will be Friday, May 15, at 10 a.m. at the funeral home. Inurnment will be in Mount Calvary Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Cotton O'Neil Cancer Center, sent in care of the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent online to www.kevinbrennanfamily.com.

Cemetery Details

Mount Calvary Cemetery

801 SW Westchester Rd
Topeka, KS 66606

Previous Events

Rosary

MAY 14. 5:00 PM - 5:30 PM (CT)

Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home
2801 SW Urish Road
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Tribute Wall



“ Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Susan Schell



Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home - May 12 at 02:38 PM

EB

“ Sue was a dear sister in law. She was so very kind and sweet. She would do anything for you. She will be truly missed. Sending prayers and hugs to her loving husband Gregg that loved her dearly and was an earth angel being by her side. Her daughter Sarah that was another earth angel for helping to take care of her loving momma. Love always! Ellie

Ellie Brooke - May 15 at 01:44 AM



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



May 14 at 11:28 AM



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

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“ Bob and Brenda McMurphy purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Susan Schell.



Bob and Brenda McMurphy - May 14 at 09:48 AM



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“ One word for Susie LOVE. She loved life, family, and friends. Greg, Steven, and Sarah her love will always be there with you. God has blessed your entire family and the Brooke family with the LOVE he gave her to share. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family.

Tom and Melanie Coffman

Melanie Coffman - May 12 at 11:42 PM



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



May 12 at 09:57 PM



“ *Aunt Susie was warm and easy to be around. When I was little, she once showed up at our house dressed as a giant Easter Bunny with her sisters (admittedly I was a little freaked out at 3 years old, but it was fun). Another time she dressed up as a blue Smurf, and of course she had added her own creative flair. She just had fun with life. I can still picture Thanksgiving at her house - the festive tablecloths, fall and sunflower decor and scented candles going - the way she made everything feel festive and intentional. She seemed to love bringing people together - you could feel that in the way she prepared for gatherings. Whenever we had family events, I remember looking forward to Aunt Susie's treats - it was like she was challenged to bring something new and exciting and delivered every time - I couldn't wait to try her latest treats as a kid. When my mom and I saw her in the hospital, we were lucky to catch her on a good day, when she was talkative and clear. She was already thinking ahead - talking about the things that would need to be handled. She didn't want to leave any burden on her family and wanted to make things simpler for everyone else. She knew she had to start letting go of the reins, and even then, her mind was on everyone else. That was Aunt Susie, right up to the end. It's easy to take for granted just how devoted she was to her family, because she showed that devotion so consistently - in the small everyday ways she looked after her family and in the big celebrations she poured her heart into. It was simply who she was. She was a special aunt, and I'm grateful for the memories with her in them.*

Taryn Brooke - May 12 at 08:44 AM

SB

“ Go Chiefs! We love you, Susie! 🏈❤️



Sally Brooke - May 09 at 10:38 PM

SB

“ I came into the Brooke family when the twins were just seven yrs old. They were so excited to wear the new matching yellow dresses for our wedding. Susie was a loving and caring sister-in-law who ALWAYS treated me like a sister, even though she had six sisters of her own, not to mention four brothers. She was always the first to volunteer to help or bring a favorite dish for our family gatherings. Her kindness, warmth, Hugs and sweet smiles were a light touched by all who knew her. She was a caring Aunt to our kids. John and I enjoyed sharing the Chiefs games with Susie & Gregg (especially when they were winning). I know how special she was to her oldest brother, John. She has many angels surrounding her. We will all miss her and our hearts go out to Gregg, Sarah, Steve and their families.



Sally Brooke - May 09 at 10:34 PM

TP

“ *Tulsa Power Station - PSO purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Susan Schell.*



Tulsa Power Station - PSO - May 07 at 05:18 PM

BR

“ *I met Susie in junior high and we became friends. We did alot of things through our junior high and high school years. One of the memories that brings a smile to my face are the times we cruised the boulevard in the Pinto. Also being on drill team with Susie in high school is a fun memory. So sorry to the family of her passing. May God give you peace and comfort during this difficult time. Barbara(Tuffley) Rice.*

Barbara Rice - April 30 at 02:43 PM

JA

“ *One more hug, is what I want, Im sorry i havent seen her more. She is my cousin and she was a great great woman. My memories of family reunions are embedded in my visual memories for life just being surrounded by smiles and hugs. Happiness and love, like the world was perfect and not a worry in the world when you have family like her! The best smiles, and hugs. I love you family*

Jacob - April 30 at 09:54 AM

BP

“ I had the chance to work with Susan at BCBSKS during her last few years before retirement. She brought a ton of knowledge from her 41 years of experience and was always great to work with. I am really sorry to hear about her passing. My thoughts are with her family and friends during this difficult time.

Bob Pugh - April 29 at 11:56 AM

SF

“ I enjoyed knowing Sue so much! We had a blast with the group if us who worked TWHS concessions. Of course getting to know Gregg & Sarah was great as well. I am so sorry she passed so young. I am equally grateful that she had a fulfilling life full of the enjoyment of family & friends. I think of the fun we had volunteering & it will always brings a smile to my face & heart. You & the community have lost a wonderful woman with a caring heart & a joy for life. May her eternal love for all of you bring peace & comfort to you now & forever. - Stacy Annis & family

Stacy Annis & family - April 28 at 09:54 PM

TG

“ I worked with Sue for years at bcbsks. She was a pleasure to work with. Very knowledgeable and very kind. She was a great friend. Always cares. Prayers and hugs to all her family and friends. She will be greatly missed.

Teresa Guilbault - April 28 at 09:22 PM

MH

“ Susan was always a joy when she passed through the BCBS cafe. My condolences to her family and friends. 🌸

melissa hund - April 28 at 09:00 PM