



Susan Gusan

April 17, 1953 - August 2, 2025

Susan Gusan, 72, of Northampton, passed away peacefully with her loving husband and children at her side on Saturday August 2, 2025, at their home. She was born in Springfield on April 17, 1953, to the late Harold and Irene (Lamoureux) Gauthier.

She grew up in Springfield's south end and was educated in Springfield, graduating from Cathedral High School, class of 1971. She then attended St. Anselm College in Manchester, NH and received her bachelor's degree in nursing after she worked at Mercy Hospital in the maternity ward. After Mercy, she began teaching nursing at Smith Vocational School. That opened the door for her, and she accepted a position as an LPN instructor. She earned her BSN at Westfield State (WNEC) and received her professorship after she worked there until her retirement in 2012.

Susan enjoyed traveling the United States with her husband Steve, to San Antonio, TX, Myrtle Beach, Dunham, NC, St. Augustine, FL, Tennessee, and Maine's coastal towns just to name a few. Sue was an avid gardener, adored ALL dogs, and was extremely passionate about nursing. She consistently prioritized the needs of her children, ensuring their timely arrival for work, attending each of their sporting events, providing support from the stands, and simultaneously fulfilling her responsibilities as an educator by grading student papers. Sue will be sadly missed by all who knew her.

She is survived by her devoted and loving husband of 22 years, Stephen Gusan of Northampton, her sons, Kenneth Childs of Durham, NC, Daniel

Childs and his significant other, Mary Linton both of Chicopee, her step daughters, Stephanie Duclos of Greenfield, Michelle Glabach of Jacksonville, FL, her sister, Carole Gauthier and her companion Richard Bernard both of Belchertown, sister in law, Be Gauthier of Tamworth, NH, 6 step grandchildren, 3 step great grandchildren, several nieces, nephews, and her furry companions, Chelsea and Molly.

Besides her parents, she was predeceased by her brother Eugene Gauthier. Calling hours will be Friday August 8, 2025, from 5-7 PM at the DROZDAL FUNERAL HOME, 120 DAMON RD., NORTHAMPTON. Funeral will be Saturday August 9, 2025, from 10 AM – 11 AM in the funeral home followed by a Funeral Mass at 11:30 AM at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, 99 King St., Northampton. Burial will be private and at the convenience of the family in St. Micheal's Cemetery in Springfield.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her memory to Dakin Humane Society, 171 Union St., Springfield, MA 01105.

For more information or to leave the family a personal condolence, please visit Drozdalfuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

Calling Hours

AUG 8. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Drozdal Funeral Home
120 Damon Rd.
Northampton, MA 01060
drozdalfh@aol.com
<http://Drozdalfuneralhome.com>

Funeral

AUG 9. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Drozdal Funeral Home
120 Damon Rd
Northampton, MA 01060
(413) 584-5306
<https://drozdalfuneralhome.com/>

Funeral Mass

AUG 9. 11:30 AM (ET)

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish
99 King St.
Northampton, MA 01060

Tribute Wall

MR

“ Kenny, Dan, and Steve, So many great memories of Susan. She was such a kind, sweet, woman. RIP ❤️❤️❤️



Mary Rzasa - August 08, 2025 at 04:04 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Susan Gusan.



August 08, 2025 at 12:48 PM



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

August 08, 2025 at 12:48 PM

KR

“ Ken, Dan, and Steve I am heartbroken. I loved your Mom so much ❤️.

kristine Rzasa - August 07, 2025 at 09:17 PM

LL

“ She was a great teacher. Always positive and never negative. I will never forget her as she had the passion of the job and the strength of a nurse. Velvet claw on hands and smart. Never worry Susan we have this....God Bless Laureen Urekew LPN

Laureen Urekew LPN - August 07, 2025 at 12:24 PM

DC

“ Dondi, Bekki, Creed, Taw, Cuinn planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Susan Gusan.

Dondi, Bekki, Creed, Taw, Cuinn - August 07, 2025 at 09:03 AM

DC

“ Dondi, Bekki, Creed, Taw, Cuinn purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Susan Gusan.



Dondi, Bekki, Creed, Taw, Cuinn - August 07, 2025 at 09:03 AM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Susan Gusan.



August 06, 2025 at 11:33 PM

CW

“ Steve and family, Please accept my heartfelt wishes that you remain strong during this difficult time. I will miss the bright smile and big hug that met me whenever I saw her. Papa Coach is there to greet her.

Chelsea Warywoski - August 06, 2025 at 10:04 PM

SV

“ Sharon Gauthier Vinson purchased the Pink Potpourri Bouquet for the family of Susan Gusan.



Sharon Gauthier Vinson - August 06, 2025 at 12:21 PM

JK

“ I remember you well i was right down hall from her classroom if you got caught in hall oh boy she made sure you were in classroom but nicest teacher there you will be missed rip Mrs Gusan



Janine kozlakowski - August 05, 2025 at 06:33 PM