



Sue Ann Tanksley

October 20, 1946 - August 1, 2024

Sue Ann Tanksley, age 77 of Manteno, formerly of Bourbonnais, passed away on Thursday, August 1, 2024 at her home. She was born October 20, 1946 in Indianapolis, Indiana, the daughter of James and Frances (Rhude) Brownfield. Sue married Steve Tanksley on January 30, 1966 in Center Grove, Indiana. He preceded her in death on August 29, 2023.

Sue was a talented registered nurse who was strong enough to tolerate everything that came her way and soft enough to understand everyone with compassion. She had a passion for helping others and was able to help people when they were at their weakest moments.

Sue spoiled her dogs and truly loved them as family. She took great pride in planning, creating, and planting flower gardens that were truly spectacular from early spring, throughout the whole summer, and into the fall. She enjoyed traveling, bird watching, sewing, and spending time with her family. Sue was loyal to those who were close to her and fiercely loved her family. She was very loved.

Deeply rooted in her faith, Sue worked for years as the CCD Director at Saint Rocco Church, Chicago Heights, Illinois. She more recently was a member of Bethel Baptist Church in Bourbonnais.

Surviving are one daughter and son-in-law, Kerri Tanksley Johnson and Tim Johnson of Bourbonnais; and one grandchild, Jamie Tanksley Burke.

Sue is preceded in death by her parents; one sister, Barbara Ankney Reeves, and one brother, Bill Sweeney.

Cremation rights have been accorded. A memorial visitation will be held on Tuesday, August 27th from 4:30 pm until 6 pm. A memorial service will begin at 6 pm at Bethel Baptist Church, 119 W Bethel Dr, Bourbonnais, IL 60914. Memorials may be made to Bethel Baptist Church.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

AUG 27. 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Bethel Baptist Church
119 W. Bethel Dr.
Bourbonnais, IL 60914

Memorial Service

AUG 27. 6:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ I met sew at B & J sewing. She was so funny,smart, and helpful. We even roomed together at a quilt retreat. So many great memories. May your memories give you comfort during this difficult time.
Tamra Piper

Tamra Piper - August 22, 2024 at 06:10 PM

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“ Ann Brownfield Watson lit a candle in memory of Sue Ann Tanksley



Ann Brownfield Watson - August 14, 2024 at 08:01 PM

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Susie is my cousin. We were friends when we were kids. I never forgot her and spent 50 years looking for her. Through ancestry research I found her. She came to California and spend a few days. She stayed in a hotel and we spent 3 or 4 days having slumber parties. I love her and I'll miss her. Thank you Lord for the little bit of time we had together. Rest in Peace my sweet Susie. 💕

Ann Brownfield Watson - August 14, 2024 at 08:12 PM