



Susan Vogelgesang

October 6, 1946 - May 12, 2005

Susan Vogelgesang, age 58 of Indianapolis. Survivors include her two daughters Lee Gernon-Lakin & Douglas Lakin, Indianapolis, IN and Jill Elizabeth Gernon & Lloyd Hillman, Indianapolis, IN and 1 grandchild, Amaya Inez Hillman. Also surviving are 4 sisters, Carol Sprandel (James), Ft. Wayne; Janet Mannia, Indianapolis, Joan Vogelgesang, Bluffton, Laura (Michael) Saylor, Convoy, OH and 3 brothers; Jerry (Patricia) Vogelgesang, Merrillville; Kenneth (Shelley) Vogelgesang, Ft. Wayne; William (Sandra) Vogelgesang, Ft. Wayne. Her father Ralph Kenneth Vogelgesang preceded her in death. Susan held a Masters degree of Family & Marital Counseling from Butler University, and was Director of Counseling Services at Wabash College. She held a Masters of Family & Marital Counseling from Butler University. Funeral services on Tuesday, May 17 at 11 AM at Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church, Ft. Wayne with visitation from 9 AM until the time of services at the church. Burial will be at Covington Memorial Gardens, Ft. Wayne, IN. Memorials can be made to Susan B. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.

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“ Susan was a pleasure to know and a blessing to those she counseled with. Our thoughts and prayers go out to her family and friends.##imported-begin##Sherry Ross##imported-end##

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“ I met Susan at Butler while working on a class project. We connected and since graduation we've talked by phone, consulted, enjoyed conversation over lunch, made referrals, established a mutual trust and respect for the work we do and for one another.

I am shocked to learn of her death and strongly believe that she will be so missed by all who were touched by her compassionate and caring nature.

I extend my sympathy to the family and am saddened by your loss.##imported-begin##Pam Wright##imported-end##

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“ Susan and I worked together for a number of years. She was a great help to the students she guided in difficult times;they knew they could trust her and depend on her. I was always happy when she was at a meeting. We would complain about the hour (neither of us liked getting up early), but mostly I could count on her to be so thoughtful about what was happening at the college. When I had personal or job-related stress, she always found a way to get me to talk and eased my mind. She was a warm and caring friend and an invaluable colleague. My husband and I met her wonderful family a few weeks ago;I know you were a comfort to her. Please accept my deepest sympathy for your great loss.##imported-begin##Julia Rosenberg##imported-end##

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“ I've worked with Susan at Wabash for a number of years. The last two years in particular we worked together creating workshops for students that helped them deal more comfortably with difference. Susan initiated these workshops because she was concerned that majority students were not sensitive enough to the feelings of minorities. She had seen the effects on students she treated individually and wanted to do something to make the environment more accepting. I respected her greatly for stretching herself this way, and marvelled at the gentle way she treated people from many different backgrounds, making herself a model of tolerance and love. She will be greatly missed on our campus, and I personally will miss her as a colleague and friend.##imported-begin##Warren Rosenberg##imported-end##

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“ To Susan's family,

I was very sad to read in the obituaries of Susan's passing. ĩ½You all have my deepest sympathy. ĩ½She was one of my favorite counselors. ĩ½I worked at CSS many years as their receptionist. ĩ½I worked with Susan with the Family Negotiation Center's clients for quite a few years. ĩ½I always enjoyed working with her. ĩ½She was always very professional and easy to work with. ĩ½I am sure you will all miss her very much.

Former CSS receptionist,

Pat McKeon##imported-begin##pat mckeon##imported-end##

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“ Susan was SUCH a WONDERFUL person. I not only enjoyed playing tennis with her, but just being around her was such a joy. BLESSINGS TO HER!##imported-begin##Heather Creighton##imported-end##

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“ I hired Susan to work as counselor at Wabash. She had great sensitivity and compassion for our students. Susan was a good friend and a warm, happy presence at our College. We will miss her.##imported-begin##David Hadley##imported-end##

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“ Susan was one of those very rare people that immediately made everyone around her feel special. She was an angel on earth and is now with all the other angels in heaven. We pray for Susan's family and grieve with them.##imported-begin##Carol Relitz##imported-end##

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“ Thank you for all the hard work you have put to the college. I have only know you for two years but you have helped me grow professionally.##imported-begin##Mark Colston##imported-end##

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“ Dear Lee,
 I'm sorry I only met your mother several times but liked her very much. I know your being here with her these last weeks were a great comfort to her. Your memories will last forever and will be a great comfort to you.
 Love,
 Judy
 Watts

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“ I am saddened by the passing of my friend and fellow therapist. Susan was a happy, friendly person whom I was always eager to see. She cared for her students and all the folks she met in her counseling career. We will all miss her sweet smile and upbeat personality....My condolences to all her family and friends.
 Wendy Loker

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“ As Wabash College nurse, I worked with Susan and thought she was a wonderful counselor to the students. We also played tennis together on Monday evenings at Wabash. My husband Bob also had the opportunity to play tennis with and get to know Susan. We thought so much of her and will miss her greatly.
 Sheila Evans
 Bob and Sheila Evans

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“ Susan was one of those people that from the first time you meet, you know that this is someone who could be a great friend and confidant.
Susan will be in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Sandy Karle##imported-end##

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“ I worked in the office next to Susan, and she was always happy and upbeat. I had no idea she was so ill. She was an amazing person.##imported-begin##Debbie Bourff##imported-end##

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“ I was so saddened to hear of Susan's death. I only knew her a short time but it was joy to know her We played tennis together on Monday nights. She was always so much fun. We will miss her. I send my heartfelt sympathy to her family.##imported-begin##Marge Ross##imported-end##

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“ Susan & I met quite by chance a couple of years ago when we shared a table at the coffee shop at Wabash, thereafter meeting occasionally for lunch when her schedule permitted. She spoke so highly of her family and of her love for life and her work. Her steady strength in dealing with her health setbacks was an inspiration.

I count it a blessing to have known her and shall miss her and her radiant smile very much.##imported-begin##Ginny Maharry##imported-end##

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“ Though I only knew Susan a short time, I have always admired her gift of making everyone feel comfortable around her. She was a pillar of strength for our/her students. Most of us at Wabash, though we saw her almost every day, had no idea she was sick. The campus is overwhelmingly sad to here of her passing. I am overwhelmingly sad and will miss seeing Susan's incredible smile. We send all of our heartfelt sympathy to her family and friends.##imported-begin##Cathy##imported-end##

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“ Susan was a fine colleague and friend who will be mourned and missed. I was please to know her and to work with her. All of us a Wabash College mourn her passing and will remember her fondly for her friendship and dedication to our students.##imported-begin##Tom and Roselie Bambrey##imported-end##

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“ I first met Susan last August when she volunteered to facilitate a housing leaders' training session. I found her to be professional, knowledgeable, and dedicated to the care of our students. We later worked closely on a few students' individual cases and I was extremely impressed with the rapport she had with each young man. She leaves a void at our College, both professionally and personally, that is already evident on our staff and with our students. May God bless her and those who mourn her loss.
Mike Raters

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“ It is with great sadness that I write this note having just learned of Susan's death. It was my privilege to have her as a graduate student here at Butler University and to watch her grow into an accomplished counselor. I always enjoyed her enthusiasm, her compassion, and her desire to learn. She will be missed.
Sincerely,
Ron Goodman
Dr. Ron Goodman

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“ I got to know Susan some through a small group at church. What a wonderful person! My husband and I were fortunate to go to her home last fall and help her set up a new computer and visit. We didn't expect it, but she made a wonderful lunch for us. It was cabbage patch soup and it was wonderful. She said it was an old family recipe. We were also able to see pictures of her wonderful family that she loved dearly. She will be missed, but she is with the Lord now.
Beth Laehle

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