



## Susan Irene Milligan

February 23, 1949 - July 5, 2016

Susan Milligan, 67, of Fort Collins, Colorado, passed away peacefully in her home on July 5, 2016. She fought a courageous, tough, nine-month battle against pancreatic cancer. She was a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, sister and friend to many.

Susan was born February 23, 1949, in Fort Collins, Colorado to Albert and Ann Kamm. As an infant, Susan and her family moved to Powell, Wyoming, where she grew up and later graduated from Powell High School. Susan returned to Fort Collins to meet and ultimately marry the love of her life, Don Milligan on September 1, 1973, at the Oval of Colorado State University.

Susan earned her Bachelor's degree in Education from the University of Wyoming and worked as teacher before attending University of Northern Colorado to obtain her Bachelors of Science in Nursing. She furthered her education yet a few years later, receiving a Master's of Science in Nursing Education from University of Northern Colorado. Susan was a dedicated and passionate employee at Poudre Valley Hospital for 29 years, working as a pediatric nurse and later as Coordinator of Patient and Community Health Education. While Susan was passionate about teaching and helping others, she loved her family even more. Susan loved travel and camping, one of her favorite things was to get away to the mountains with her husband and family to enjoy the outdoors and fresh air. Susan was always a supportive mother,

encouraging her three children in all of their activities.

Best of all, Susan was most proud of her three beautiful grandchildren, who brought her endless joy over the past nine years. Susan was also known for her unbelievable talent and gift in crafts and quilting. Those around her were often rewarded by receiving the beautiful result of hours and hours of her work in a cherished quilt.

She is survived by her husband of almost 43 years, Don; her children Heather Milligan of Santa Monica, CA, Casey Milligan of Loveland, CO, Robin Pantusa and husband Rich Pantusa of Colorado Springs, CO; grandchildren, Aubrey, Lauren and Hunter Pantusa of Colorado Springs; brother Bill Kamm of Eaton, CO; sister Shirley Thompson of Rochester, NY; and mother-in-law Jerri Milligan of Chadron, Nebraska. She is preceded in death by her father and mother, Albert and Ann Kamm; sister, Marilyn Halvorsen; brother, Jim Kamm; and father-in-law, Jack Milligan.

A Celebration of Life will be held Friday, July 15, 2016 at 5:00 pm at Ellis Ranch in Loveland, Colorado.

In Lieu of flowers, donations may be made to any of the following: Pathways Hospice, Cancer Center of the Rockies, PVH-MCR Foundation in memory of Susan Milligan, donations will benefit the education of chronic disease management.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

JUL 15. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (MT)

Ellis Ranch  
2331 Ellis Ranch Ln  
Loveland, CO 80538

# Tribute Wall



“ *Susan Irene Milligan*

October 25, 2022 at 06:14 PM



“ *Susie was a best friend and one of our "group" of 16 girls at Powell High School. Wonderful memories. So sorry.*

**Janice Cooley Bailey** - July 16, 2016 at 09:51 AM



“ *I feel so honored to have known you, Susan. I enjoyed our hours together and hearing about those wonderful grandkids. I will miss your laugh.*

*Gay A. Koopman, LMT*



**Gay A. Koopman** - July 16, 2016 at 01:12 AM



“ *I worked with Susan for many years at PVH. She will lovingly be remembered as an outstanding nurse educator and caring friend. Prayers of comfort for her family and many friends. Regretfully, I am unable to attend the memorial. Bev Moline*

**Bev Moline** - July 14, 2016 at 04:16 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Susan Irene Milligan.*



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July 13, 2016 at 11:31 AM



“ *I will remember Susan as being a happy, generous person. She was always in the middle of a good time, or starting the fun. As a fellow quilter we bonded again a few years ago at our Tri Delta reunion in Colorado. She made beautiful quilts, and I know it was fun and fulfilling for her. She will be greatly missed by everyone, but especially her family. My thoughts and best wishes will be with you. I am sorry I will not be able to come to the memorial.*

*Love,  
Lynn Stafford Daly*

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**Lynn Daly** - July 12, 2016 at 02:04 PM



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



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July 12, 2016 at 01:07 PM

AB

“ *Ann Brown lit a candle in memory of Susan Irene Milligan*



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**Ann Brown** - July 11, 2016 at 06:33 PM

DE

“ *Don, Heather, Casey & Robin and families,  
We wish to extend our deep sympathy as you say good bye for now  
to your beloved wife, mother, grandmamma and friend. They say  
Sympathy is many hearts sharing one sorrow. Many share this with  
you as Susan touched so many lives. We are so sorry  
Stan, Dianne Ebel and family*

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**Dianne Ebel** - July 10, 2016 at 06:34 PM

BB

“ *Susan and I were friends, PVH co-workers for 27 years, and best of  
all, fellow quilters; her expertise and love for the art of quilting drew  
us closer together. Following the death of my husband, Brad in  
2003, Susan helped me through the grieving process by freely  
giving me her quiet strength, compassion, love and encouragement.  
Susan also helped me make a t-shirt quilt using Brad's running  
shirts; that quilt is now a treasured family heirloom. What a gift I  
have been given because Susan was in my life. She will be dearly  
missed.*

*Bea Bryant*

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**Bea Bryant** - July 08, 2016 at 04:28 PM

CR

“ *The world is a much sadder place without Susan. She had a special gift and willingly gave of herself and her time. Heaven has a wonderful new angel...she will light up the skies. Cyndee Remington...(worked with Susan at PVH)*

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**cyndee remington** - July 08, 2016 at 04:03 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Susan Irene Milligan.*



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July 08, 2016 at 02:59 PM

SE

“ *Susan was such a kind and truly caring person. We both worked with her at PVH for years and I got to golf with her one summer on an informal ladies league we had at the hospital. I think we laughed more than we golfed. She was such fun! Don and family we are so very sorry for your loss. She is truly an Angel up there watching over us all.*

*Steve and Sharon Ellsworth*

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**Sharon Ellsworth** - July 08, 2016 at 01:58 PM

JF

“ *Susan had such a heart for helping those with Chronic conditions live a quality life. I had the honor of spending time with her as a Advance Practice Nursing Student. She blessed me with so much knowledge that I still employ today.*

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**Jenny Fraser** - July 07, 2016 at 11:06 PM

BW

“ Susan has been an influential part of my life as long as I can remember. She sent me home one day when I “ran away” to her house saying there wasn’t enough room there for me to stay. Working in healthcare herself, she should have understood our efforts at practicing medicine on a mouse wounded by the cat. She encouraged me to go into healthcare and was a wonderful source of advice along the way. She has surely touched many lives the way she touched mine. I will forever hold fond memories of her. -Brooke

Brooke Weinstein - July 07, 2016 at 04:42 PM

BS

“ Bruce and Judi Schindler purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Susan Irene Milligan.



Bruce and Judi Schindler - July 07, 2016 at 04:28 PM

DP

“ I worked with Susan at PVH and she retired about a year before me but we shared our love for our grandchildren - Susan was such a kind wonderful and happy person she was a person I missed when she retired - I am so glad that she was part of my work life. God Bless to all she is a wonderful angel - Dorothy Pacheco

Dorothy Pacheco - July 06, 2016 at 06:31 PM

CT

“ Today I’m flooded with memories of my “short-stop meetings” with Susan in her office... well maybe not so short. Susan’s office was so easy to find – you had arrived when you saw the magnificent quilts on the wall and with a slight turn, one was drawn to her desk that was full of stunning photos of beloved grandchildren. I learned what true joy looked like on someone’s face as Susan and I talked about the latest grandchild’s milestone or funny conversation that she had just had with one of them. I learned what commitment and conviction look like in action – Susan led the charge of evidence-based practices that truly improved lives. I learned what it meant to gain insight from one who was a true life-long learner. Susan, I will miss our short-stop conversations, but I will never forget all I learned from you and I celebrate the difference that you made in the lives of others. Peace, my friend!  
Colette Thompson

Colette Thompson - July 06, 2016 at 04:14 PM

Kari Jaramillo

“ Kari Jaramillo sent a virtual gift in memory of Susan Irene Milligan



Kari Jaramillo - July 06, 2016 at 02:39 PM

CH

“ Chrissy lit a candle in memory of Susan Irene Milligan



Chrissy - July 06, 2016 at 12:37 PM