



## Susan D. Buhay

December 31, 1949 - April 11, 2015

Susan D. Buhay, 65, of Sugar Grove, passed away Saturday, April 11, 2015 at Delnor Community Hospital in Geneva. She was born December 31, 1949 in Louisville, Kentucky.

Susan retired from Rush Copley Hospital in Aurora, and also was employed at Swedish Covenant Hospital in Chicago and Jewish Hospital in Louisville, KY.

Survivors include her loving husband, Noel; her son, Lon Dickerson; her granddaughter, Caitlin Ashley Dickerson; niece, Tracy Dickerson-Scherer; nephew, Aaron Dickerson; great nephew, Kevin Bruce II; and great niece, Mackenzie Caldwell.

She was preceded in death by her son, Damon Dickerson; her mother, Sarah Tisdale; and her brother, Sidney Dickerson.

A Memorial Mass will be held Saturday, April 18, 2015 at 10:00 AM at Holy Angels Church, 720 Hardin Ave, Aurora. Fr. Michael Lavan will officiate. Interment will be private.

A Memorial Visitation will be held Friday, April 17, 2015 from 4:00 PM until 8:00 PM with a Liturgical Wake Service at 6:30 PM at THE DALEIDEN MORTUARY, 220 N. Lake Street, Aurora, IL. 60506. (630) 631-5500.

Please visit our interactive website at [www.daleidenmortuary.com](http://www.daleidenmortuary.com) where you may sign the guest book or leave condolences for Susan's family.

# Cemetery Details

**Private**

## Previous Events

### Memorial Visitation

APR 17. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Daleiden Mortuary  
220 N. Lake Street  
Aurora, IL 60506  
(630) 631-5500  
daleidenmortuary@gmail.com  
<https://www.daleidenmortuary.com>

### Memorial Mass

APR 18. 10:00 AM (CT)

Holy Angels Church  
120 South Lancaster Avenue  
Aurora, IL 60506

# Tribute Wall



“ Daleiden Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Susan D. Buhay



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**Daleiden Mortuary** - April 16, 2015 at 02:06 PM

GS

“ Gary and I only had a handful of meetings with Susan. We first met her in 2002 when we visited their home in Aurora. We didn't know what to expect as Noel simply told us that he married "someone he met online". There was some concern and of course, a bit of ribbing. From the moment we arrived at their home Susan embraced us with her presence and caring nature. I remember fondly seating at the kitchen table talking to her about our youthful escapades with Noel in the Philippines. Her eyes would disappear into lines as she laughed with us after which she would shake her head and say, "Oh! Noel?!?!" and then she would laugh harder. She had a sweet tooth and she baked some lemon bars for us. I gave thanks to God that someone of Susan's maturity would put up with Noel's playful nature. It became evident that weekend that they shared a bond of an inexplicable nature - that of unconditional acceptance of all that is when it comes to the person we choose to spend our life with. Through the years, Susan would send Christmas cards to our family...something we missed to reciprocate equally. Instead, we would speak to her if & when we had the chance to catch them at home over the phone.

Surprisingly, in 2009 they decided to spend a few days with us here in Ottawa. Why? Because Noel wanted to snowboard. I asked Susan again teasingly why she puts up with Noel and she smiled, laughed and replied (literally in that order), "Who else will?". We both laughed harder as Noel made faces at us. And yes, once again Susan and I found ourselves talking about both our married lives and laughing until the clock struck midnight.

Whilst our interactions with Susan were brief and far in between, we are thankful for those moments and will miss her laughter and the joy that seemed to emanate from the very core of her being.

Susan...you will be missed. May God give Noel the strength, peace, comfort and joy which He gave Noel when you were in his presence.

- Girlie

G Sun - April 24, 2015 at 10:58 AM

MV

“ Susan rest in peace and please guide Noel with your ever-present spirit through his journey in life.

Michael Vogt - April 20, 2015 at 02:19 PM

YL

“ Your friends from Rush Copley Lab purchased the Multicolor Bright Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Susan D. Buhay.



Your friends from Rush Copley Lab - April 16, 2015 at 08:39 PM



“ Fields of Europe for Spring was purchased for the family of Susan D. Buhay.



April 15, 2015 at 10:41 AM

SH

“ To all who loves Susan, especially our friend, Noel, please accept our sincerest condolences. "I Hope You Dance"... will never be the same song to me from here on.... and it will always remind me of Susan... and should offer a little prayer each time. Keep your faith in God, Noel. Keep on dancing... Susan will always be with you.

Sherwin - April 15, 2015 at 10:00 AM



“ *California Healthy was purchased for the family of Susan D. Buhay.*



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April 14, 2015 at 07:50 PM



“ *Susan and I have been friends since the fifth grade. In junior high, I stopped at her home every afternoon. We did homework together as well as all those things that young teens like to do. From there we went on to the same high school and then on to WKU together. We always had so much fun. When I got my driver's license, the stories that we told our mothers were such fables because we were always somewhere that we weren't supposed to be, but it was good clean fun. Her brother Sidney may as well have been my big brother too because he was always looking after us. I remember the day that Lon and then Damon were born...such good memories do I hold dear. I remember when Susan first told me about Noel and how special their relationship had become to her. When she said she going to marry him and relocate to Chicago, I asked her, "Are you sure about this?" Without hesitation she answered " Yes, he's the one, I just know it." Their love story has stood the test of time. Susan loved her life and she loved being married to Noel. I was so happy that she had found her life partner in him. I miss my friend. There is an emptiness in my spirit. God speed dear friend, I will see you again...tears*

*Yvonne Matthews  
Louisville, KY*

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**Yvonne Matthews** - April 14, 2015 at 07:27 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Susan D. Buhay.*



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April 14, 2015 at 01:17 PM



“ *To make an analogy between longboarding (something you VERY WELL know we did almost everyday of every summer) and life.... life is full of hills, you carried us uphill so we can enjoy the smooth buttery ride down over and over and over and over again. Thank you and we love and miss you.*  
*-Benjie*

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**Benjie Morillo** - April 14, 2015 at 12:50 PM

“ MY WIFE IN HEAVEN  
Part II

*JJ was introduced in 2009 and Susan immediately welcomed the little angel since day one. To say that Susan loved JJ like a true angel from heaven is an understatement. It seemed like she thinks of JJ in all her waking moments that she's capable of coming up with so many heavenly gestures of love and care to the little boy. Susan had a big heart that couldn't fit her body. She loved everybody, she cared for everybody and she was nice to everyone. If you had the chance to talk to her, she exudes nice. But that was not the only reason why I loved her dearly. She was my soul mate. She understood who I was and what I am and she loved me for me. She knew that I was my biggest enemy but she took on the challenge to make me realize that.*

*Susan showed me how to live and how to love the way I have never realized I could. She showed me my full potential. She held my hand when I needed help getting back up and she always believed in me more than I did. She gave me the best days of my life.*

*Susan said that part of my charm is my sense of adventure and she didn't want me to loose that. To go out and enjoy the outdoors and the physical activities that she couldn't. She always encouraged me to give faith a fighting chance and to choose to dance than to sit it out.*

*We went to the Catholic church every weekend and I told her that it was the highlight of my week. It was a day that she made me feel closer to God. She also said that she appreciated me getting her back into the habit of hearing the Sunday mass as she herself also felt the wonderful rewards.*

*Susan was my best friend. I called her on the phone literally sometimes 10 times a day. She thought it was excessive and to a point annoying though I didn't see it that way. I always felt I needed her everyday and every waking moment. I always told her I loved her, I was never short on that. Sometimes I tell her the words "I love you" and she responds the regular response which is .... <I love you too!>. And I'd stop her and say "No honey, I mean I really LOVE*

*you!" That was half of what I wanted to accomplish, for me to tell her that I love her. The other half is what I hear from her response when she says "I know, I really do."*

*I consider myself lucky to have found Susan from a span of almost two decades and halfway around the world, and for me to have the best days of my life spent with her. Ever since the day we got married, I would always refer to her as "My Wife for Life!" That's what I use as my salutation and she uses "Your Wife for Life!" on her closing in all the countless greeting cards she's sent me.*

*I know my life will never ever be the same ever again. I lost the biggest and best part of my life. My wife for life. And as long as I live, Susan will always be my wife for life.*

*I promised Susan's mom that I will take care of her baby. And Susan fondly reminded me of that all the time. I said that's the reason why I can't go first. I have to be alive to keep my promise to her mom. I made one last promise to the physical Susan when she died as I prayed the rosary on her lifeless body in the hospital. I said - from here onwards I will live my life according to all the goodness she's showed me. In my decisions I will ask myself "What would Susan do with her big heart"*

*Right now here as we mourn our loss and celebrate her new life in heaven, I know she'd remind me to listen to this song she introduced to me with her heartfelt message she had for me which I know is the same message she had for everybody - Lee Ann Womack's "I Hope You Dance".*

<https://youtu.be/u0sKRpejEwQ>

*I love you Susan! I mean, I really do! For all eternity, and I will miss you for the rest of my remaining life.*

*Your Loving Honey,*

*Noel*

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**Noel** - April 14, 2015 at 10:14 AM

RA

*I am deeply saddened about your loss Noel. May Susan rest in peace!*  
*Roy arimas*

**Roy Arimas** - April 14, 2015 at 11:32 AM

TB

*So sorry Noel, and deepest condolences from the Broderick family*

**The Brodericks** - April 14, 2015 at 11:54 AM

DS

*Our sincere condolences Noel. May she rest in peace*  
*Dan and Irina Staicu*

**Dan Staicu** - April 14, 2015 at 12:20 PM

MB

*Rest in peace Susan. You will forever be in our hearts..*

**Maria Socorro Buhay** - April 14, 2015 at 01:06 PM

DL

*Noel - that is a beautiful and heartfelt message. The Lesak family will truly miss her. She was such a good, Godly, and loving person and friend. A Heavenly eternity is hers now to enjoy.*

**Douglas Lesak** - April 15, 2015 at 01:38 AM

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“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*



**Noel** - April 14, 2015 at 10:13 AM

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“ MY WIFE IN HEAVEN  
Part I

*Back in Feb of 98, I married the most wonderful person in the world from Louisville Kentucky. I uprooted her from Louisville where she worked at Jewish Hospital for decades. We eloped in Jefferson County Louisville then on December of the same year we got married in church at St Michael in a western Chicago suburb of Wheaton Illinois. Coincidentally, for years now we've been praying the prayer to St. Michael everynight before we went to sleep. Susan was my best friend and my soul mate. She always made sure I was well taken cared of. She spoiled me!*

*I still remember how much Susan couldn't stand the way I was so clingy to her. I told her that when I was a kid I never had a teddy-bear and I found her to be the best huggable teddy-bear that I never had and always wanted. We eventually ended up with about a dozen teddy bears over the years. She would shower me with everything that made me happy. She not only bent over backwards for me, she faced her fear of heights for me. She went on top of the Gateway Arch in Missouri with me when in fact she vowed she would never go up to that view deck on top. She went up on the Sears and the Hancock tower observatory, to the Stratosphere in Vegas and to the Space Needle in Seattle. She chose to reach the sky with me!*

*On our first year of marriage I promised her that I will buy her a house. That was me talking with a meager salary starting from the bottom ranks in IT. Exactly a year when the lease of our apartment in Wheaton was up, we moved to our brand new modest home. We always cherished the day we moved in to our new home. We talked about it fondly. We stayed there for 5yrs during which her youngest, Damon, passed away, and then her Mom Sarah.*

*Susan and I loved looking at houses and we both enjoyed watching HGTV all day. During our 5yrs in our first home we were ready to jump in to our dream home. We found the house among a hundred we've looked at that we both really liked. After talks with the builder and after polling all our resources, we got the house we said we*

*were going to grow old and die in in a secluded area surrounded by forest preserves. It was where Susan wanted.*

*Many summers were filled with cheers from both our sides of the family. Many winters were filled with warm good cheers from close friends and far away families.*

*While Susan was happy in her Microbiology work at Swedish Covenant Hospital for several years she disliked the drive and she was so happy when she found her way in Rush Copley which was just several minutes from our house. My career in IT was a roller coaster ride but only the ride up was the fun part and the ride down was more than humbling. I know I couldn't have made it all through the struggles without her strength.*

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**Noel** - April 14, 2015 at 10:11 AM



“ *White Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Susan D. Buhay.*



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April 13, 2015 at 05:09 PM