



Susan Marie Hertzke

November 15, 1956 - January 4, 2017

Susan Marie (Rahto) Hertzke was born on November 15th 1956 on Ellsworth Air Force Base in South Dakota to Richard and Mary Rahto.

Richard was a civilian, but did contract work for the military, so they hopped around the country, living in Minnesota, New Mexico, and California before returning to Jewell, Iowa, where Richard and Mary grew up.

Susie and her brother Kenny had a lot of good stories about growing up in Lompoc, California, and the mischief they got into.

After High School, Susie attended fashion merchandising school in Dallas, Texas. She was in the fashion business when she decided one day that she was never going to make a difference in this world selling dresses. She wanted to teach. So she moved back to Iowa to attend Iowa State University and got her teaching certificate.

Susie married Scott Hertzke on September 18th 1982. He only had to propose to her three times. Finally she agreed. She told her Mom she was going to marry a turkey farmer that didn't have two nickels to rub together. Mary about had a coronary right there. It took her about 15 years, but she finally came around to thinking maybe he was good enough for Susie. Susie said many times it was the best decision she ever made, and she felt so fortunate to

have him. He will tell you the same about her. Susie made a rule early on in their marriage, Friday night is "Date Night". It was a great idea and kept the two close, even with the crazy busy lives they lead. So Susie would say to all you newlyweds, "Don't stop dating when you get married!"

Her first teaching job was in Radcliffe Iowa, teaching fourth graders. She always made it fun for the kids and they loved her. She was having as much fun as they were. She signed that first contract for a whopping \$12,000, pretty exciting back then!

She loved those kids and really was making a difference! So much for selling dresses, right?

She decided to go back and get her Masters Degree in Counseling. She got it from Drake University. She worked with Learning Disabled kids for a while after that. Then back into a regular classroom.

She brought Timothy Brian into the world on March 7, 1978, and Sara Elizabeth on October 30th 1983. Those two brought Susie many proud moments, and maybe a few headaches. They argued back and forth about which one was going to give Susie a grandbaby first. Tim beat Sara to it by three months, and now we have Juniper and Iris, both two years old, Grandma's pride and joy for sure!

Susie was first diagnosed with breast cancer in 2003 at 47 years old. The doctors hit her hard with chemo and radiation because she was so young. They got it under control and she was clean for seven plus years. As will happen, it came back in her bones in 2011. Dr. Leo and his associates at the Cancer Center have been unbelievable, so dedicated, hardworking, so smart, and uplifting. They did an awesome job of treating her cancer with the best possible treatments with the least side effects. They show up every day and treat their patients with respect and compassion, knowing that the smile on

their face, positive outlook, and a little wink of the eye make a big difference. We all need something to smile about and especially there. We just can't thank them all enough!

Susie is survived by her husband Scott, daughter Sara Hertzke-Hill, son in law Chris Hill, granddaughter Iris Hill, son Tim Hertzke, granddaughter Juniper Hertzke, mother Mary Rahto, aunt and uncle Jim and Sylvia Rahto, and her nephews and neices.

Susie is preceded in death by her father Richard Rahto, her mother in law Sharon Hertzke, and brother Kenny Rahto.

God's love flowed through Susie like a mighty river. She spilled her love over everyone she touched with her ever-present smile, positive energy, and uninhibited laughter. Many of you have felt that love, God Bless You.

A memorial will be held for Susie at 11:00 am, on Saturday, January 21, 2017, at the Butler Funeral Home Chapel, in Bolivar.

God Bless Susie.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JAN 21. 11:00 AM (CT)

Butler Funeral Home - Bolivar
407 E. Broadway
Bolivar, MO 65613
(417) 326-5233
<https://butlerfuneralhome.com/>

Tribute Wall



“ *Butler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Susan Marie Hertzke*



Butler Funeral Home - January 19, 2017 at 12:46 PM



“ *Susan Marie Hertzke*

October 05, 2023 at 05:18 AM




“ *Susan Marie Hertzke*

January 26, 2023 at 04:15 PM

TM

“ *Susie was always a joy to be around! I believe that anyone that got to meet her, even if for a short time, was very blessed and will never forget it. She made me feel welcomed and not so intimidated when I started working at Cartridge World, after not working in the public for a while. She always had a story, but enjoyed getting to hear yours too! Her sense of humor, her beautiful contagious laugh and generosity are all things I will remember about her & even though it had been a while since we had seen each other, she will be greatly missed!*



Tracy Miller

Tracy Miller - January 21, 2017 at 11:29 AM

JJ

“ *We are praying for you in this tough time. Susie was one of my favorite cousins and always made visiting aunt Mary and uncle Dick a fun trip. She will really be missed.*

Jim Rahto jr and family

James Rahto Jr - January 21, 2017 at 10:39 AM

LM

“ *Our thoughts an prayers are with you. Jim and Lindy Mitchell*

Lindy Mitchell - January 20, 2017 at 08:05 PM

LL

“ *Love Kelly & Laura purchased the Serene Reflections Bouquet for the family of Susan Marie Hertzke.*



Love Kelly & Laura - January 19, 2017 at 05:11 PM

JR

“ I was unable to add this video tribute to the photos and videos page. I'm including a link to a youtube video. Paste this link in your browser:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AjzjjYV9qkE>



Jeff Ryan - January 19, 2017 at 12:35 PM

MM

The video was beautiful!

Marlys Masterson - January 24, 2017 at 11:54 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Susan Marie Hertzke.



January 18, 2017 at 11:17 AM

MF

“ *Masterson and Jensen families purchased the Pink Tribute Spray* for the family of Susan Marie Hertzke.



Masterson and Jensen families - January 12, 2017 at 11:42 AM

TC

“ Ted & Carol Dahlstrom & the staff at Animal Clinic purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Susan Marie Hertzke.



Ted & Carol Dahlstrom & the staff at Animal Clinic - January 11, 2017 at 11:25 PM

SK

“ Scott and Ann, Brett and Kristen, Matt and Kate purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Susan Marie Hertzke.



Scott and Ann, Brett and Kristen, Matt and Kate - January 11, 2017 at 07:05 PM

MS

“ Mike and Kris Schewene purchased the Love's Journey for the family of Susan Marie Hertzke.



Mike and Kris Schewene - January 11, 2017 at 03:11 PM



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



January 11, 2017 at 02:24 PM

UR

“ Uncle Jim and Aunt Sylvia Rahto purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Susan Marie Hertzke.



Uncle Jim and Aunt Sylvia Rahto - January 10, 2017 at 04:04 PM

JR

“ Scott Hertzke family - we have fond memories of Susie, I since she was little and Sylvia since she was 13. The thing we remember most is her "sunny" disposition - always greeting you with a smile. Even through her biggest challenges she remained true to who she was, a positive person and a fighter. We are sure those around her are better for having know her and having been influenced by her.

Her love of family - Scott, Tim, Sarah, & grand kids, as well as her father & mother was another of her great attributes.

We will her dearly but she'll always remain in our hearts. May God bless and keep her through all eternity.

Uncle Jim and Aunt Sylvia

James Rahto - January 10, 2017 at 03:33 PM

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“ South Hamilton Class of 1977 purchased the Enc hanted Cottage for the family of Susan Marie Hertzke.



South Hamilton Class of 1977 - January 10, 2017 at 02:51 PM

BC

“ *Brad & Lori Copeland purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Susan Marie Hertzke.*



Brad & Lori Copeland - January 10, 2017 at 11:36 AM

TM

“ *Tracy/Bernie; Wendy/Pete; Shari/Dave; Marcia/Randy purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Susan Marie Hertzke.*



Tracy/Bernie; Wendy/Pete; Shari/Dave; Marcia/Randy -
January 10, 2017 at 11:04 AM

LC

“ *Scott,
Brad and I are so sorry for your loss. Susan was so much fun and so welcoming. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.
Brad and Lori Copeland*

Lori Copeland Brad Copeland - January 10, 2017 at 10:08 AM

CC

“ *Scott,
Just wanted you to know that my Thoughts and Prayers are with you and your Family during this time, I'm very sorry for your loss.
Clay Cass*

clay cass - January 09, 2017 at 10:25 AM

JW

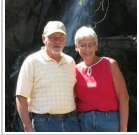
“ Susie was my cousin, BUT she was so much more. A best friend, mentor, life coach, and did I say friend. I will miss her SO much. She taught me a lot about life, forgiving and moving on. We could talk for hours about nothing or about everything and I always felt better. She had that musical laugh and twinkle in her eye, and always had a "quote" of some type. She was an amazing mom, grand mother, Loving wife (but who could not love Scotter) a wonderful friend. She shared lots of teaching stories with me, she always cared so much about her "kids". She was always willing to help, but not very good at asking for help in return. She had amazing courage. She was so talented in so many ways. Scott, Sara, Chris, Iris, Tim & Juniper, she loved her family so much, I am so sorry you have to go through this, but remember her always, no one can take away the memories. Love you guys, Jacki Wing

Jacki Wing - January 08, 2017 at 01:17 PM

BE

“ Our Sympathy to you Scott, Tim, Sara and your families. Suzie always had a smile whenever we saw her ..Lots of good memories when we were together at different events from work. Scott, I still smile when we visited at your house overlooking the golf course and the potato launch ... Gods Blessings to you all
Mark & Becky Warburton

becky - January 07, 2017 at 10:12 PM



“ Scott and family, i worked with susie at radcliffe school for many years and we became great friends. We kept in touch after you all moved to missouri. Every now and then we would talk on the phone. One time when her school was cancelled due to weather, she suddenly appeared at the school in radcliffe! She and i were so much alike and spent alot of time talking. She was a very special person and i will never forget her. Take care and i will pray for you and your family. LouAnn Busch, Garden City, Iowa

LouAnn Busch - January 07, 2017 at 08:43 PM

KS

“ Scott, Tim, Sara and your families,
Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this time. Susie had a wonderful smile and a great zest for life! She had amazing courage and strength during her fight.

Hugs to all of you!

Gerry and Kay Schmitt

Kay L Schmitt - January 07, 2017 at 08:21 PM

JF

“ Scott we are saddened to learn of Susie's passing. She exhibited such courage during her illness. I only had the pleasure of being around her a couple of times. I remember her great smile. I also remember the smile you had when sharing stories about your bride.

We pray for peace and comfort during this time for you and your family.

God Bless all of you.

Jill & Tony Forshey

Jill Forshey - January 06, 2017 at 05:04 PM

MH

“ Hertzke family,
So sorry for your loss! I remember Susie for her laugh , never ending smile, the patience she showed , the good she could find in everyone . The love that Susie and Scott shared was so special . What a truly wonderful person that will be missed by all .

*Marge Hillman
Brainerd MN.*

Marge Hillman - January 06, 2017 at 04:02 PM

AH

“ Scott:
I am very sorry:
There are no words but you have beautiful memories.

*Anne Howe
from Mid Mo Bank (retired)*

Anne Howe - January 06, 2017 at 09:33 AM

SH

“ Scott, Tim, Sara & the Hertzke Family--
She will be missed by many...her laugh,
enduring spirit, & fun-loving approach have
brought joy & laughter to so many of us. Her
spirit carries on through all of you and we will
always cherish her friendship and our memories of Susie. May God
Bless you with comfort and peace.
Scott, Kit, Emily, & Sophie Hansen



Scott Hansen - January 06, 2017 at 08:09 AM

QC

“ Quad County Veterinary Clinic lit a candle in
memory of Susan Marie Hertzke



Quad County Veterinary Clinic - January 05, 2017 at 03:32 PM