



Susan B. Hamel

February 14, 1952 - August 9, 2020

Somersworth, NH – Susan B. (Griney) Hamel, 68, a longtime resident of Somersworth, passed away peacefully on Sunday, August 9, 2020 in her home surrounded by family following a brave battle with lung cancer.

She was born on February 14, 1952 in Atlanta, GA a daughter of the late John and Nelda (Gallegly) Griney.

Susan stayed at home with her two children until they were elementary school-age and then worked at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, Riverside Rest Home and Laidlaw Transportation. She enjoyed spending time with her grandsons, watching classic movies and musicals, and looked forward to annual family traditions like Christmas brunch and a fall foliage trip to the White Mountains. She was best known for her positive outlook and was always ready to share a smile or a hug with those she encountered.

Susan is survived by her husband of 47 years, Roger J. Hamel of Somersworth; her sister Sharon Griney of Somerset, PA; her brother Stephen Griney and wife Denise of Gaithersburg, MD; her daughter Stephanie Francoeur and husband Ryan of Hampton and her grandchildren Cameron and Cooper.

In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her brother John Griney Jr., and her son Christopher Hamel.

A private burial for family and close friends is planned later this fall. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Amedisys Foundation(<https://www.amedisys.com/about/foundation/>) , c/o Wentworth Hospice, 9 Andrews Road, Somersworth, NH 03878.

Comments



“ Dear Stephanie, Ryan and family,
So very sorry to hear about your Mom, there is no greater loss at the moment because each loss is different. The ache you feel will be with you forever but the memories will always put a smile on your face forever. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.
Take care,
Dick & Charlene Gourdouros



Richard & Charlene Gourdouros - August 24, 2020 at 07:56 PM



“ Susan always made me (her adopted niece) feel loved and special and part of the family. She was perpetually optimistic and encouraging. She loved on people, was a devoted wife and mother, and she will be missed tremendously. My thoughts and prayers are with you, Uncle Roger and Steph, Ryan and boys.

Michelle Orndorff - August 24, 2020 at 07:09 PM



“ Cathy Toland lit a candle in memory of Susan B. Hamel



Cathy Toland - August 17, 2020 at 01:41 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with those including me who LOVED this beautiful soul. You will live on in our memories Sue all the laughs and tears and especially our "78" storm adventure!! Getting our quotes done ahead of time so we could skip out of work early on Friday nights and we never got caught lol. Love you much sweetheart.

Cathy Toland - August 17, 2020 at 01:48 PM



“ To Roger, Stephanie and the Fancoeur boys-- We are so sorry for the tremendous loss to your family. We are so glad we had the honor of meeting Sue and seeing the joy in her face and pride in her eyes as she watched her grandchildren play. Her loving and brave spirit will live on in you. We are thinking of you during your grief, and holding you in our hearts and thoughts. Much love, The Finnegans (Bobby, Cara, Stella, Sebastian)

Cara Finnegan - August 16, 2020 at 04:05 PM



“ Roger, Stephanie and loved ones. Such a big loss. Sue lived her life seeing the glass as half full rather than half empty

Daniel Roux - August 16, 2020 at 10:16 AM



“ Dear Roger , there just are no words that can describe how sad I am at this time . Even though life got busy and Sue and I didn't keep in touch there was always the thought that if I called her we would pick up where we left off .So many memories and laughs together. I will miss her dearly . Please let me know when in the fall her memorial service will be for I would definitely want to be there . Love and strength to you , Joni Survillo



JONI SURVILLO - August 15, 2020 at 09:17 PM



“ Whenever we met Sue at family gatherings she was always ready to greet you with a big hug and Ravishing compliments making you feel so special She was a pretty special Woman herself with a wonderful loving family and will be greatly missed .

Jeff and Pat Francoeur - August 13, 2020 at 11:04 AM