

Susan Jean Foslien, the daughter of Raymond and Jean (Olson) Johnson, was born on June 19, 1953, in Alexandria, MN. She grew up on a farm in Moe Township and loved to follow her dad around the farm. He lovingly nicknamed her "Louie". Sue was baptized and confirmed at East Moe Lutheran Church. Sue graduated from Brandon High School in 1971, and continued her education at St. Luke's School of Nursing in Fargo, ND where she received her degree as a Registered Nurse.

Sue first met her husband, Frank Foslien, in confirmation class at East Moe Lutheran Church. While attending high school, Sue began dating Frank during her junior year. Together they were united in marriage on August 17, 1974, at West Moe Lutheran Church. Three children were born to this marriage: Stacy, Sara, and Darren. Sue worked at Children's Hospital in St. Paul before they moved to Florida for a short time. Sue and her family settled in Richfield and she continued her work as an RN in the Pediatric Department at Fairview Hospital in Edina.

In 1982, Sue and Frank moved their family to Frank's family farm in Moe Township. Sue then began working at the Douglas County Hospital as a labor and delivery nurse. She retired after 25 years due to Alzheimer's Disease.

Sue was a kind, loving, and caring wife, mother, sister, aunt, friend, and grandmother. She had a great sense of humor and loved little children. Friends and family called her the "Baby Whisperer", because of her gentle and tender way of calming children. She always had a baby in her arms. Besides being a wife and mother, Sue used her skills as a nurse to tend to bumps, bruises, and broken bones caring for her family. She kept her family on the "straight and narrow", and was the rock of the family.

Traveling was fun and exciting for Sue. Motorhome trips in the summer, ski trips in the winter, trips to Hawaii, England, Ireland, and Norway will be cherished memories for her family. Other memories would be of Sue's singing and harmonizing to any song with her Dad and sisters. She also loved gardening, sewing, and baking. She could do everything. She also loved her children and her seven grandchildren. She was so proud of all of them, and cherished every moment with them. She will be forever in the hearts of all who knew and loved her. Even though her last ten years of life were difficult, Sue handled it with grace, positivity, and strength. Sue and Frank's marriage showed all of us the true meaning of unconditional love.

Susan Jean Foslien died on Saturday, February 24, 2018, at Edgewood Vista in Alexandria at the age of 64 years old. She is survived by her husband, Frank Foslien of Garfield; daughters, Stacy (Steve) Hemming of Lino Lakes and Sara (Brendan) Reilly of Osakis; son, Darren Foslien of Garfield; seven grandchildren; Marissa Reilly, Allison Hemming, Benjamin Reilly, Carter Hemming, Jenna Reilly, Tyler Hemming, and Owen Reilly; mother-in-law, Betty Foslien of Alexandria; brother, Mark Johnson of Garfield; sisters, Lola (Loren) Backlund of Brooklyn Park and Gail (Chuck) Backes of Herando, FL; nieces, nephews, and cousins. She was preceded in death by her parents, Ray and Jean Johnson of Garfield.

In Loving Memory



Susan Jean Foslien 1953 - 2018

I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,
I'm following the path God laid for me.
I took his hand when I heard his call,
I turned my back and left it all.
I could not stay another day,
To laugh, to love, to work, to play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I've found that peace at the close of the day.
If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Ah yes, these things I too will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My Life's been full, I savoured much,
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch,
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free.

In Memory of

Susan Jean Foslien

June 19, 1953 ☩ February 24, 2018

Funeral Service

West Moe Lutheran Church

Brandon, Minnesota

Saturday, March 3, 2018 11:00 AM

Officiant

Reverend Sarah Evenson

Organist - Susan Peterson

Pianist - Lola Backlund

Soloist - Kelly Smith

Casket Bearers

Darren Foslien	Steve Hemming
Brendan Reilly	Chris Sexton
Aaron Anderson	Ryan Slack

Honorary Casket Bearers

(All of Susan's Grandchildren)

Marissa Reilly	Allison Hemming
Benjamin Reilly	Carter Hemming
Jenna Reilly	Tyler Hemming
Owen Reilly	Mark Johnson

Interment

West Moe Lutheran Cemetery