

With heavy hearts, we announce the passing of Susan Rae Kroll. Susan, affectionately known as "Big Sue," by her nurses, touched the lives of everyone around her during her brief time on Earth. Born on June 10, 2026 at 7 pounds 2 ounces and diagnosed with a rare congenital heart defect, Truncus Arteriosus type 3, Susan faced unimaginable challenges from the very beginning of her life. After undergoing open heart surgery only two days after her birth, and again at 12 weeks old, she captured the hearts of her nurses and family with her strength and spirit.

She will be lovingly remembered by her parents, Katherine and James Kroll; her maternal grandparents, Tim (Gale) Reams; her paternal grandfather, Tom Kroll; her great grandmother, Carol Reams; and her aunts and uncles, Sarah Reams, Zack Reams, Jake Sweiger, Kevin (Aubrey) Kroll, and Rebekah (Austin) Heisick. As well as her three cousins William and Emelinda Kroll and Wells Heisick. Susan has been welcomed into heaven by her maternal and paternal grandmothers, Susan Reams and Susan Kroll, and will forever hold a special place in the hearts of her family.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to Children's Minnesota in support of the cardiovascular program at: Children’s Minnesota Foundation 5901 Lincoln Drive, CBC-3-FOUN, Edina, MN 55436 or online at https://www.childrensmn.org/support-childrens/giving-to-childrens/

A Celebration of

Susan Rae Kroll

June 10, 2026—October 10, 2026



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A Celebration of
Susan “Susie” Rae Kroll
Bethel Lutheran Church, Downtown Campus
Friday, October 16, 2026
11:00 A.M.

Pastor Ladd Sonnenberg officiating
Tracey Jenkinson; vocals, Craig Koehnen, piano

*The Gathering:

Leader: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the source of all mercy and the God of all consolation, who comforts us in all our sorrows so that we can comfort others in their sorrows with the consolation we ourselves have received from God.

*Thanksgiving for Baptism:

Leader: Hear these words from the Apostle Paul...
Eternal God, maker of heaven and earth, who formed us from the dust of the earth, who by Your breath gave us life, we glorify You.

People: We glorify You.

L: Jesus Christ, the resurrection and the life, who suffered death for all humanity, who rose from the grave to open the way to eternal life, we praise You.

P: We praise You.

L: Holy Spirit, author and giver of life, the comforter of all who sorrow, our sure confidence and everlasting hope, we worship You.

P: We worship You.

L: To You, O blessed Trinity, be glory and honor, forever and ever.

P: Amen.

*Prayer of the Day:

L: O God of grace and glory, we remember before You today our sister, Susan. We thank You for giving her to us to know and to love as a companion in our pilgrimage on earth. In Your boundless compassion, console us who mourn. Give us faith to see that death has been swallowed up in the victory of our Lord Jesus Christ, so that we may live in confidence and hope until, by Your call, we are gathered to our heavenly home in the company of all Your saints; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

P: Amen.

Reflections: Tom Kroll, grandfather
James Kroll, father

The Hymn: “On Eagle’s Wing” #787

The Scripture Readings:

Luke 18:15-17	Tim Reams, grandfather
Psalm 139:13-16	Tom Kroll, grandfather
Psalm 23	James Kroll, father

The Message: Pastor Ladd Sonnenberg

The Hymn: “What Wondrous Love Is This” #666

The Apostle's Creed:

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died,
and was buried; He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again.
He ascended into heaven, He is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and He will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen.

The Prayer

The Lord's Prayer:

All: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day, our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Commendation:

L: Into Your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend Your servant, Susan. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech You, a sheep of Your own fold, a lamb of Your own flock, a sinner of Your own redeeming. Receive her into the arms of Your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the Saints in Light. Amen.

The Closing Hymn: “Jesus Loves Me!” #595

Susan’s family & friends want to thank everyone for their love and support during this time.