



## Susan D. Kneller

May 29, 1949 - April 25, 2022

Susan (Sue) D. Kneller, 72, of Bonita Springs, FL formerly of Des Moines, IA passed peacefully on April 25, 2022. Daughter of the late Chester and Marjorie (Stowell) Gillard, she was born in Bloomington, IL.

Sue graduated from Normal Community High School in Normal, IL and went on to earn her Bachelor's degree in Education from Illinois State University where she met life-long friends and the love of her life. Sue taught 5th grade for a few years in Illinois and then worked as the Counseling Office Manager at Hoover High School in Des Moines, Iowa. She loved her co-workers and especially enjoyed helping students in her role, retiring after 22 years of service.

Sue had a great love of horses, stemming from when she was a little girl. She grew up riding in the farming country of central Illinois. In later years, Sue spent as much time as she could at the Wildwood Hills Ranch in Iowa, where she happily volunteered grooming horses and performing various stabling duties to be close to these gentle beasts she so loved. At the ranch, Sue also helped with guided tours for young and beginner riders, hoping to inspire a love of horses in those who visited.

Sue was a caring mother who worked hard to keep up with the on-goings of raising three children and holding the fort on her own during the many weeks

of the year her husband traveled for business. In recent years, if she wasn't with her grandchildren, you might find her enjoying time with a special group of friends at Panera or walking her favorite little dog. To have Sue in your circle was a blessing. Her loyalty and strong faith in God was evident in the way she prayed and loved so many. She lived Ephesians 4:32 "Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving one another, just as in Christ God also forgave you."

Sue is survived by her loving husband of 50 years, William F. Kneller; sons, Todd (Elizabeth) Kneller and Aaron "AJ" (Brandi) Kneller; daughter, Amy (Ian) Miller; grandchildren, Jakob, Bryce, Allison, Kylar, and Kadence; sister, Deb (the late Don) Wilkinson; and brother, Rick (Trisa) Gillard.

Sue lived a full life and until the very end was a contribution to those around her with love, joy, and kindness. A Celebration of Life will be held in Des Moines, IA at Reach Church on June 18, 2022 from 10:00 AM -12:00 PM. The family wishes any memorial donations be made to these charities in Sue's honor: Vitas Community Connection (<https://vitascommunityconnection.org/>); Alzheimer's Support Network (<http://support.network/online-donations>); or the Wildwood Hills Ranch of Iowa (<https://www.wildwoodhillsranch.org/donate/one-time-donation/>).

To sign Susan's guest register or to leave online condolences, please visit [www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com](http://www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com).

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home, Family Owned and Operated since 1978

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

JUN 18. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Reach Church  
2725 Merle Hay Road  
Des Moines, IA 50310  
<https://www.reachchurch.one/>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Susan D. Kneller*

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Susan D. Kneller.*



June 15, 2022 at 09:53 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Susan D. Kneller.*



June 14, 2022 at 01:12 PM



“ *Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of Susan D. Kneller.*



May 23, 2022 at 08:20 PM

CB

“ *The world is a little less bright without Sue in it. A donation has been made in her name to the Alzheimer's Support Network. Keeping your family in our thoughts. Love - Kim, Larry, Craig, Jenny, & Molly Buske*

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**Craig Buske** - May 08, 2022 at 09:00 AM

GP

“ *George Pettit purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Susan D. Kneller.*



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**George Pettit** - May 06, 2022 at 01:35 PM

KD

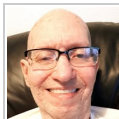
“ *Sue was a dedicated Hoover High School staff member. I was blessed to know this kind woman. Condolences to her family.*  
*Kathie Danielson*

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**Kathie Danielson** - May 06, 2022 at 08:21 AM

CC

*Sue was such a sweet generous person. Our family was fortunate to have had the opportunity knowing her. I'm so glad she was saved and we will all be together again. Praying for comfort, Sam Camus Family*

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**Chriss Camus** - May 11, 2022 at 09:54 AM



*Susan is my cousin and was a dedicated member of the Hoover High School staff. I will miss her and will see her in heaven someday. Steven Stroh in Mesa, Arizona*

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**Steven Stroh** - May 14, 2022 at 03:22 PM

KA

“ Sue was my Counseling Associate at Hoover. She was a dear friend and enjoyed working with her so much. I loved hearing about her family and seeing pictures. She loved her family very much. I send prayers to her family. So sorry for your loss...  
*Kim Andresen*

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**Kim Andresen** - May 05, 2022 at 11:43 PM

CR

“ So sorry to hear of Sue's passing. My best memories is when we were roommates in our basement apt while attending ISNU (now ISU). Sue always had a smile on her face. R.I.P. Sue.

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**Cheryle Robbins** - May 05, 2022 at 08:28 PM

DW

“ Best memory of my big sister is sharing all kinds of fabulous adventures in the wilderness beyond the end of Prairie Lane!

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**Deb Wilkinson** - May 05, 2022 at 05:31 PM

MM

“ Sue was a good friend who really knew the meaning of friendship. Our friendship started in our college days and continued over the decades, especially In the most recent years when we both lived in Des Moines. And Sue set a good example for the next generation too as some of ours and other college friend's children maintain friendships with hers and Willie's. A good example and a life well lived.

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**Marcia Warning Martin** - May 05, 2022 at 05:30 PM

JG

“ Sue was a junior high and high school classmate of mine. She was always so kind and she had such a sweet and gentle spirit. My prayers are with her family.

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**Jan Hayworth Grim** - May 05, 2022 at 03:59 PM

MH

“ I worked with Sue at Hoover High. Sue was always classy and kind. Never a bad word about anyone or anything. She will be greatly missed. My condolences to her family.

*Mary Lou Hill*

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**Mary Lou Hill** - May 05, 2022 at 02:32 PM

PS

“ I remember her and Willie from 1st Assembly. She was always kind and pleasant to everyone. The world is definitely a better place because she was here. Now she is riding horses in heaven. My deepest condolences to Willie and family.

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**Pam (Behnke) Schaad** - May 05, 2022 at 01:46 PM

CG

*I remember working with Sue at Hoover High School. Enjoyed visiting with her. She was a kind and sincere person. May she Rest In Peace. My deepest sympathy yo her family for their loss.*

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**Christina Gammell** - May 06, 2022 at 10:58 AM