



## Susan Busser

July 25, 1962 - March 13, 2012

Susan Kay Busser, 49, passed from this life on Tuesday, March 13, 2012 at Serenity Home in Oregon, IL, surrounded by members of her family. Susan was born on July 25, 1962, in Freeport, IL, the fourth child of Duane and Carol (Kloeping) Garkey. At Polo High School she excelled in track, basketball and volleyball, garnering many awards and state medals. She loved playing golf and touched many people over the years while working at Raynor, Woods and Con-way Freight. Susan battled cancer for eight years, but cancer never defined her. Despite weekly treatments in Chicago, she remained her children's No. 1 fan, never missing a single sports or school activity. Susan's legacy remains one of love, devotion and inspiration. Her life revolved around her steadfast faith in God, her children and Bob. She embodied quiet class, beauty, intelligence and accomplishment. Her blond soft curls framed a genuine smile that could warm your heart. And her heart most definitely belonged to the love of her life-Bob-for the past 15 years. She was our hero, inspired us daily with her courage and will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her. She is survived and lovingly remembered by Bob Venier of Dixon; her wonderful children, Jason James of Naples FL, Dylon Dane and Kaitlon Kay of Dixon; her parents of Polo; sisters Cindy Sullivan (Mike) of Polo, and Janet of Madison, WI; brothers David (Lori) of Winnebago, and Rodney (Deb Bryan) of Polo; niece and nephews Jessica & Matt Sullivan and Dan & Andrew Garkey; two great-nephews; the father of Susan's children Jim Busser of Polo; and her cocker spaniel Nelly who never left her side. Susan

was predeceased by son Damon Drew and grandparents Roy and Esther Garkey and Ralph and Edith Davis. Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Monday, March 19, 2012, at 10:30 AM in St. Patrick Catholic Church in Dixon with the Rev. Paul White, officiating. Burial will follow in Oakwood Cemetery in Dixon. Visitation will be held on Sunday, March 18, from 2:00 until 6:00 PM in the St. Patrick Parish Holloway Center. The Rosary will be recited Sunday at 6:00 PM. In lieu of flowers, the family has respectfully requested that any contributions be made to the Susan Busser memorial fund for education expenses for the children.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Susan Busser*

October 08, 2023 at 11:30 AM



“ *Susan Busser*

December 31, 2022 at 02:40 AM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you during this time of loss.*

**Curtis Overcash** - March 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *You have my deepest sympathies. Susan was an amazing woman. Her strength and positive attitude was an inspiration to so many. I feel blessed to have known her.*

**Alicia Burkholder** - March 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ Although I haven't seen Sue for many years, I was very sad to hear of her passing. We were teammates in high school in all sports - & shared the pride of being on the 880 Medley Relay team that earned Polo's very first girls' track team medal at State. We ran our little hearts out that day!! We were SO proud! My dad (our coach) was SO proud! It is a memory that I will always cherish. As I sit here, I am looking at a photograph taken just seconds after she crossed the finish line. We had to hold her up. There was not a dry eye in the bunch...as now. Please accept my sincerest sympathies.  
Sincerely,  
Jackie (Brown) Gonzalez

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**Jackie (Brown) Gonzalez** - March 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you all during this most difficult loss. I consider myself to have been blessed with the opportunity to know Susan and her inspiration and kindness will truly be missed! Her smile would always light up our office when she would come in for appointments...no matter what she was enduring at the time...what a testimony of faith and endurance! Hold on to your memories and she will always be with you for she has left you an amazing legacy of love to carry on. God Bless Each Of You!

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**Tammy Milligan** - March 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PF

“ family of Susan,  
Sorry to hear about the passing of Susan she was such a great person and we always were happy to see her and visit with her when she stop at Custom-pak we will miss her smiling face, may God bless her and keep her in his hands.  
Her friends at Custom-Pak,  
Patty Sheila and Bubba

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**Patty Fuegen** - March 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RR

“ *Bob and all, Very sorry to hear of your loss. Hoping that the pain and emptiness is soon filled with good memories.*

Rich @ Janet Russell - March 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ *Our prayers go out to Bobby and all the family. We are very sorry for your loss... May god be with all of you in your time of need.*

Terry and Lisa baker - March 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ *my sympathy to susans parents and siblings may the lord be with all of you in this very sad time and know that he is walking beside all of you pat gilert miller*

pat gilbert miller - March 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SA

“ *I have known and worked with Susan for more than 8 years. She was a wonderful and joyous person, even while dealing with her illness and treatments. Regardless of what was going on she always had a smile. Conway Freight should be proud to have employed such a true professional as their representative in the area. She will be missed by so many.*

Steve and Linda Arkin - March 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ *Cindy:*

*Was sorry to read about your sister in the paper. I used to work in the Lee County FSA Office.*

Judy Sharkey - March 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

EO

“ We have fond memories of Susan, especially during her growing up years when we knew her best. We were so very sorry when she was diagnosed with cancer and admired, and prayed for, her courage and determination to lead as normal a life as possible during the past eight years.

We can only imagine the sorrow that each of you feel at losing Susan. We pray that you will find comfort in your memories of Susan. May God Bless each of you in your time of grief.

*In Sympathy and Friendship,  
Ed and Karen Olsen*

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**Ed and Karen Olsen** - March 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ to Carol and Duane, Cindy and family, Jan, Dave and family and Rod. My heart is hurting for all of you during this very stressful time of sorrow. She was always such a sweet girl and it was always a joy to see her. Her spirit will be with all of us for a very long time. Be comforted in the knowledge that she is finally at peace and with our Lord. She and Jean will have their birthdays together.

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**Jane Summers** - March 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BK

“ I knew Susan as a co worker but I'd prefer to say I knew her as a friend . Susan had a gift of making people comfortable and at ease when with her. My memory of Susan is the strength of her faith, and her ability to persevere with a positive outlook on life.

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**Bill Kennelly** - March 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ So sorry to hear about Sue.  
She seemed very special.

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**Bud Fisher** - March 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ Susan was such a beautiful person with alot of heart, She will  
always be an insperation for how to live life.  
Give it all you got.

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**Pat Morales** - March 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ My thoughts and prayers are with Susan's family. I met Susan while  
working for a company who used Con-Way Freight. She lived life to  
the fullest and was the ultimate professional in her business  
dealings. She will be greatly missed but her legacy lives on. She  
has taught us so much. God Bless.

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**Sandy Herrington** - March 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ I was greatly saddened when I hear of Susan's passing. I know I speak for many at Rotary Airlock (Rock Falls) who was a customer of hers in the past, that we actually looked forward to her stopping in. She was a glowing example of elegance, grace, and integrity. I had the privilege of speaking with her on a few occasions about her battle with cancer, but she was always upbeat, never complaining, and trusted in the providence of God.

*She will be truly missed in our office. May you all know the peace of God during this difficult trial in your lives.*

*God bless,*

*Cem*

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**Cem Brinckley** - March 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

HM

“ Susan will be deeply missed, but I must say what a pleasure it was to know her.  
Her amazing strength and outlook on life was a real inspiration. We were able to swap great stories about our kids and I always looked forward to our visits when she needed service on her cars.  
RIP to a wonderful person!

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**Howard Mills** - March 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ RIP dear friend. I will miss you. You are my inspiration....

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**Laura Sterling** - March 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ Heaven received a beautiful angel this week. Susan is enjoying God's heavenly kingdom, and I hope I'm lucky enough to see her again someday.

*My thoughts and prayers are with you Bob, and the children. Stay as strong as Susan showed us to be.*

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**Randy Sikkema** - March 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TK

“ This is the time when we reflect on fond memories...mine our Sue and my cinnamon hot tea parties, fishing and pulling chicken feathers. Skipping math to play in the rain. Great memories you gave me Susan. Susan was truly blessed by a wonderful family and many friends who truly adored her.

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**Tammy (Printz) Kelly** - March 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ We are deeply saddened by the passing of your Mom, Susan. She always had a smile on her face and was always there to cheer you all on in anything you were doing. Take Care of yourselves and each other and cherish all of the wonderful memories you have every day that you celebrate your Mom's life here on earth. God Bless you all!

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**Jim and Kristy Pierce** - March 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ I had the pleasure of working with Susan for 6 years. She always love to share how proud she was of her children. She was loved by all of the Con-Way customers. Susan will be missed by all. My thoughts and prayers to her family.

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**Deb Powers** - March 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM