



## Susan Mary Henkel

October 15, 1957 - October 12, 2020

Susan M. Henkel, age 62, of Dixon died at home on Monday Oct 12, 2020. She was born on Oct 15, 1957 in Sterling, Il the daughter of Harland and Ruth (Meyer) Chamberlain. Susan worked as a Bookkeeper at the Dixon Food Center for over 40 years and also with her husband at Rock River Home Inspections. She was a member of St. Mary Catholic Church in Walton, and was active in her children's activities at St. Anne Grade School and Newman High School.

Susan married Thomas Henkel Sept. 29, 1979 at St. Patrick Church in Dixon, IL.

She was proceeded in death by her parents, and a sister Carol Chamberlain. Susan is survived by her husband Tom, children Katy (Mike) Slade of Mt. Zion, Molly (Ryan) Hatfield of Dixon, Cory (Kyle) Dawson of Champaign, Hannah Henkel of Chicago, and 4 grandchildren Oliver & Evelyn Slade, and Eric & Kara Dawson. She is also survived by 3 brothers Mark (Pat) Chamberlain of Green Cove Springs FL, Jim (Lydia) Chamberlain of St Louis, Tom (Beth) Chamberlain of Danville; 8 sisters Theresa (Mike) Sliva of West Chicago, Doris (Rich) Griffin of Palos Park, Marilyn Sutton of Dixon, Joan (Joe) Kreps of Sterling, Janet (Michael) Kagan of Rockford, Nancy (Mark) Finnicum of Plainfield, Sharon (Darrell) Thomas of Louisville KY, and Karen Chamberlain of Dixon; and many nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be Friday Oct 16, 2020 at The Jones Funeral Home in Dixon from 4:00pm to 7:00pm. Masks and social distancing are required. A Private

family mass will be held Saturday Oct. 17, 2020 at St. Patrick Church in Amboy. Burial will follow at Holy Cross Cemetery in Harmon, IL. Memorials have established to The Good Fellows of Lee County and Misericordia of Chicago.

# Cemetery Details

## Holy Cross Cemetery

Harmon, IL

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **16**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Jones Funeral Home, Dixon  
204 South Ottawa  
Dixon, IL 61021  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Susan Mary Henkel*

October 08, 2023 at 11:30 AM



“ *Susan Mary Henkel*

December 31, 2022 at 02:40 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Susan Mary Henkel.*



October 16, 2020 at 09:11 AM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Susan Mary Henkel.*



October 15, 2020 at 10:03 PM

MG

“ My deepest sympathy Tom and girls. Sue and I were locker neighbors in high school and sat on the bleachers while cheering on our girls when they went to Newman too. I sit on my couch this evening remembering the hallways that we walked together. She was laughing and spirited. Always carrying books. So smart and studying but always helping someone when one else study too. I remember the day that the two of you were married. So many of our class was there to celebrate the two of you. I celebrate Sue today. I know that God was there waiting with open arms. God bless you Tom, girls and families. We're the greatest class alive we're the class of '75.  
Mary Pat Garland

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**Mary Pat Garland** - October 15, 2020 at 09:32 PM

RM

Tom, I am sorry for your loss of Sue. I hope you and your girls can find comfort in the happy memories you shared as a family. Again, my deepest sympathy to you. Your cousin, Rita Long Martinez

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**Rita Long Martinez** - October 23, 2020 at 12:07 AM

DH

“ Such a loss for the Henkel and Chamberlain families!! Sue was a great babysitter and a joy to see at 'Red Fox' all those years. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this sad time. Sincerely, Dick and Donna Hermes

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**Donna Hermes** - October 15, 2020 at 03:26 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Susan Mary Henkel.*



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October 14, 2020 at 11:42 PM



“ *Sue, you were always up for hosting sleepovers, telling jokes, and spending quality time with family. You always made sure everyone was included and knew they were loved, whether it was a holiday get-together or just a random day of the week.*

*I will always cherish the memories I have with you and your girls. You were such a great role model; thank you for impacting my life the way you did. I love you and will miss you.*

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**Katie Bohlen** - October 14, 2020 at 10:46 PM



“ *Dear Tom, Katy, Molly, Cory, and Hannah,*

*Please accept my prayers and sympathy on the death of your wife and mother, Sue. I was told of this by a friend at St. Andrew's before I saw it in the paper. I remember Sue as such a joy filled person who always looked on the bright side. She lifted my spirits many a time and was a great supporter of St. Anne School. May God bless you with His Peace as you know Sue is experiencing that same peace now. You are all in my prayers.*

*Sincerely,*

*Sister Marcianne, SSND*

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**Sister Marcianne Bzdon** - October 14, 2020 at 10:39 PM

CM

“ Sue was a great person. She always made time to see that her daughter and co-workers had sweet treats during tax season. It is heartbreaking to see her gone too soon. Keeping the family in my thoughts and prayers.

*Christy Mathias*

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**Christy Mathias** - October 14, 2020 at 08:32 PM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Susan Mary Henkel.



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October 14, 2020 at 07:42 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Susan Mary Henkel.



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October 14, 2020 at 05:26 PM

JL

“ I am so sorry for your loss. You are in my prayers.  
*John Lordan*

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**John Lordan** - October 14, 2020 at 03:09 PM

CP

“ Sharon and Family,  
So sorry for your loss. Thoughts and prayers to you! Sincerely,  
Christa Pittman

Christa Pittman - October 14, 2020 at 02:11 PM

JS

“ Sue was everything that was right and good in this world. The  
kindest, most charitable, most caring person we have ever known.

Jack & Shelly Schrauth - October 14, 2020 at 12:31 PM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the  
family of Susan Mary Henkel.



October 14, 2020 at 10:40 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for  
the family of Susan Mary Henkel.



October 14, 2020 at 09:57 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Susan Mary Henkel.*



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October 13, 2020 at 11:30 PM



“ *Flora Whitman lit a candle in memory of Susan Mary Henkel*



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**flora whitman** - October 13, 2020 at 11:14 PM



“ *Ron And Tami Ackert lit a candle in memory of Susan Mary Henkel*



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**Ron and Tami Ackert** - October 13, 2020 at 09:48 PM

AG

“ Sue was the most absolute, the most honest ,,sweetest person I have ever met, she was so kind to me and my son, she worried about anyone and everyone but herself, I worked at DFC with her for a couple years, she wouldn't think twice or even blink at the thought of someone being in distress, she was always there for me, she always told me “ Angi we all love another, just in different ways” She had and still has such an impact on my life, after DFC closed I moved to another state and unfortunately haven't kept in contact but she was so easy going, so nice and sweet, and Tom, she was always in love with him, she was gushing at the sight of him the last time I seen her two years ago, true love for sure, she absolutely knew what love was, God Bless You Susie Q I ll always miss, think of, and live you❤️



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angelaswalt35@gmail.com - October 13, 2020 at 09:07 PM



“ Cherished Memories was purchased for the family of Susan Mary Henkel.



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October 13, 2020 at 07:38 PM



“ Heartfelt Memories was purchased for the family of Susan Mary Henkel.



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October 13, 2020 at 06:24 PM

SB

“ *Sr. Mary, John & Cindy, Rita, Pat & Bill purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Susan Mary Henkel.*



**Sr. Mary, John & Cindy, Rita, Pat & Bill** - October 13, 2020 at 05:49 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Susan Mary Henkel.*



October 13, 2020 at 05:24 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Susan Mary Henkel.*



October 13, 2020 at 04:37 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Susan Mary Henkel.*



October 13, 2020 at 04:19 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Susan Mary Henkel.*



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October 13, 2020 at 04:18 PM



“ *Your friends and Coworkers at RSM purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Susan Mary Henkel.*



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**Your friends and Coworkers at RSM** - October 13, 2020 at 03:46 PM



“ *To Sharon & Family - My sincere and condolences to you during this time. Please know that I am praying with and for you all.....Regina Cartwright (and Family), Humana*

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**regina cartwright** - October 13, 2020 at 03:01 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Susan Mary Henkel.*



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October 13, 2020 at 02:58 PM

JS

“ I've been thinking a lot about this since I learned that Sue passed away so suddenly. I think it has to be that she truly was an Angel. We always joked that she had to be an angel to be so loving, kind and compassionate. She never judged anyone and always made you find the good in things even when you didn't believe there were any. She was an amazing cook and must have made every person she has ever met some delicious treat at some point or another. She took care of her family and was such an amazing and patient Mother, Wife and Grandmother. So I know now that my suspicions were true. Sue was an Angel here on loan. I am thankful for all the years that Sue was down here on Earth making everyone she came in contact with a better person. I'm sure you wouldn't even be able to count the amount of people she has touched in her life and because of this, it is so hard to let her go. My heart goes out to all of the family. You will all be in my prayers.

*Love, Jennifer Stewart*

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**Jennifer Stewart** - October 13, 2020 at 02:16 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Susan Mary Henkel.



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October 13, 2020 at 01:18 PM

JK

“ Without a doubt one of the most generous and kindest individuals you will ever meet. Sue - you are a beloved sister and are leaving behind a void that no one can fill. My heart is breaking.

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**Janet Kagan** - October 13, 2020 at 12:49 PM