



Susan 'Sue' Braiden

November 16, 2022

Susan (Sue) Jane Braiden (nee Southern), 59, died peacefully at Chatham-Kent Health Alliance on November 16th, 2022, surrounded by her loving family. Sue was born on April 4th, 1963, in Wallaceburg, Ontario to her cherished parents, Keith and late Nancy Southern. Loving and proud mother of Sienna Blakney (Brandon), Taylor Blakney (Danielle), Nigel Blakney (Stefanie), and Joshua Braiden (Anna). Newly beaming grandmother of Nina Blakney. Beloved niece to Joyce Barnes (late Brent) and Margaret McIver. Big sister to John Southern (Julia), Michael Southern (Michelle), Brian Southern (late Beverly), and honorary sister and best friend to Kathy Glendinning. Sue is also survived by many friends around the globe.

As Sue put it, she was an Adventure Diva and a Better World Scout. She made it her mission to help connect with others in the digital and physical worlds to find solutions to help make the world a better place. She was a passionate advocate for women and children at risk. Sue channeled this passion into her digital art where she created dozens of beautiful and emotive original portraits. Sue used her talents as an avid writer and expressive storyteller in her career as a solutions journalist and through hosting a weekly radio program as a computer columnist for CBC Radio Canada. Her storytelling also took on different forms that she expressed through many of her original musical compositions. Sue often extended her gift of gab into

hours of videos and written content on her social media accounts.

Beyond her work life, Sue was a nature lover and enjoyed being among the trees, stars, and wildlife out in the fresh air. She often looked for meaning in the world around her, regarding birds, feathers, and other symbols as serendipitous connections to her life. She was a devoted animal lover, taking in many stray cats and providing a life for them otherwise unimaginable; Sue had a deep bond with her kitties, and they too will miss her deeply. Before she passed, she had the opportunity check off a bucket list goal by exploring Machu Picchu through live video with her daughter-in-law. Lastly, Sue was an impressive smart ass and had a love for slightly darker humour—two things that served her well up to and including some of her last words.

Family and friends are invited for visitation at the Haycock-Cavanagh Funeral Home (409 Nelson Street) in Wallaceburg on Monday, November 21st from 2-4 PM and 6-8 PM. The funeral will be celebrated at the Funeral Home on Tuesday, November 22nd at 11 AM (and will be live streamed via her social media accounts). Interment to follow at Riverview Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, please consider donations in her memory to the Farley Foundation (farleyfoundation.org/donate) or the Windsor-Essex Humane Society (windsorhumane.org/donatenow). Condolences and memories may be shared with her family at www.CavanaghFuneralHome.ca

Tribute Wall



“ Haycock-Cavanagh Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Susan 'Sue' Braiden



Haycock-Cavanagh Funeral Home - November 22, 2022 at 11:36 AM

PY

I was fortunate enough to have Susan's dad Mr Southern as a teacher. My heart goes out to him and the family. Godspeed Susan. 💜

Patty Yaxbeck - November 24, 2022 at 06:32 PM



“ Susan 'Sue' Braiden

January 29, 2023 at 11:37 PM

DB

“ My deepest condolences go out to the family and friends of Susan!

Daniel H. Benn - December 03, 2022 at 01:55 AM

AR

“ Sue’s dad Keith is my uncle, brother of my mother Lily. Sue was all of 4 years old when I left home to travel the country with the RCAF. I didn’t see much of her but over the last few I regularly followed her on Facebook. I always felt comfort from her posts. I will miss them and her.



Arlene Radbourne - November 26, 2022 at 08:15 PM

PY

“ Patty Yaxbeck lit a candle in memory of Susan 'Sue' Braiden



Patty Yaxbeck - November 24, 2022 at 06:24 PM

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FUNERAL HOME

“ 1 file added to the album Celebration of Life



Haycock-Cavanagh Funeral Home - November 23, 2022 at 01:24 AM

NR

Thank you so much for sharing this. Such a beautiful tribute to Sue. May this bring some solace to you amidst your grief.

Natalie Rublik - November 23, 2022 at 08:13 PM

SA

“ Shirley Arnold-Ross lit a candle in memory of Susan 'Sue' Braiden



Shirley Arnold-Ross - November 22, 2022 at 07:19 PM

SA

“ My Deepest sympathy to Susan's father, siblings and to Kathy Glendenning. Susan and Kathy and I started kindergarten together at H.W. Burgess and we were friends through till Grade 6 and continued on at W.T. Laing for Grade 7 and 8. Susan and Kathy were always together and they were great friends. I regret not taking time to have a coffee with you ladies and I thought I still had time when I saw that another friend, Kathy Richardson-Brown, did so a few weeks ago. Susan, heaven has gained an angel. May you soar Cancer free. Your bravery through your words, will never be forgotten. Rest easy, my friend. Shirley Arnold-Ross

Shirley Arnold-Ross - November 22, 2022 at 07:18 PM

RL

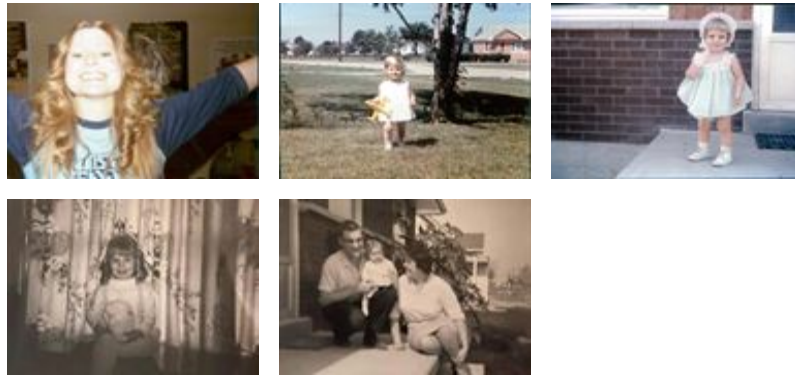
“ When I “met” Sue on the writers’ platform “Themestream”, I was blown away by her generosity of spirit. So talented in her own right, she took notice of my work and that of many others, and encouraged us, befriended us, even promoted us. I admired her deeply for her expertise in writing, art, music, and communications, but especially for her enthusiasm, her relentless engagement with everything that touched her life or that she found within her grasp. She was, herself, a light in the lives of so many. It was a privilege and a joy to have known her!



Rebecca Henry Lowndes - November 22, 2022 at 01:40 PM



“ 100 files added to the album LifeTributes



Haycock-Cavanagh Funeral Home - November 22, 2022 at 11:33 AM



“ Jo-Ann Henry lit a candle in memory of Susan 'Sue' Braiden



Jo-Ann Grosso Henry - November 22, 2022 at 12:38 AM



“ When I was in high school, Sue was the glamorous older sister of my dear friend, Brian, and the bubbly, outgoing daughter of my science teacher. Many years later, we reconnected on Facebook and developed a friendship that I have cherished for the last ten years, finding such warmth, positivity and intelligence in her every post. As she shared her cancer battle with all of us, I marvelled at her courage and her unfailing determination to choose joy each and every day. It doesn't seem possible that a light that shone that brightly could ever dim. I know Sue loved the quote, “We are all just walking each other home.” I am grateful that I got to share a part of that journey with her. Rest easy my friend; I will never forget you.

Linda Seaton - November 21, 2022 at 10:42 PM



“ So sorry for all that Sue and her family and friends have been through. You are all in my prayers. Very few of you would know me, but I was part of the "Port Huron Crew" around 1980. Kathy would remember... We met the "Wallaceburg Crew" at Skate Port in Sarnia. Sue was the most impressive young lady most of us had ever met. Mature, witty, and incredibly beautiful, with amazing family and friends. None of us on the US side of the river will ever forget her. I especially appreciate how well she shared her experiences on social media. I wish everyone had the courage to do the same. Again, prayers for every one of Sue's family and friends. I wish I could share with you the way I remember her. She was AMAZING!

From Eric, and the rest of the "Port Huron Crew"

Eric Pfeifer - November 21, 2022 at 09:03 PM

RL

“ **ROB LABADIE** lit a candle in memory of Susan 'Sue' Braiden



ROB LABADIE - November 21, 2022 at 03:05 PM

KD

“ Our sincere condolences to Sue's family. Sue and I (Kim) were childhood, neighborhood and school friends. I have many fond memories of happy times on Balmoral and Sandra Crescents with our girl posse that included Kathy G, Heidi G and Jill M. Favorite past times were hanging in my basement rec room, swimming and canoeing and skating on Otter Creek. Our W.T. Laing and W.D.S.S. school yearbooks contain many candid photos of an always smiling Sue, her many volunteer activities and her insightful poetry. The 1981 Actiana yearbook is an especially memorable one as Sue was the editor that year. Sue was a kind and caring friend who possessed a big smile and a beautiful soul and who will be greatly missed.

Kim Mac Donald-Gilhuly and Todd Gilhuly

Kim Mac Donald-Gilhuly - November 21, 2022 at 10:36 AM

GG

“ I was shocked and sadden to learn of Sue passing. She was bright, funny, passionate, kind and an inspiration to many, myself included. She brought everyone along her battle and did so with grace elegance and a smile. I want to extend my deepest sympathy to her family. She is not in anymore pain, but will be missed dearly.

Gemma Grey-Hall - November 21, 2022 at 09:17 AM

JE

“ My sincere condolences to the family.
Keeping you in my thoughts as you celebrate
her life and all that she was.
Jean (VanDamme) Elliott



Jean Elliott - November 21, 2022 at 09:00 AM

LH

“ *My sincere condolences to Sue’s family and friends. What an example of courage, wisdom, inspiration and pure wit in the face of so much.
Rest in sweet peace. 🕊️
Lisa Cameron Hazzard*



Lisa Hazzard - November 21, 2022 at 07:33 AM

AD

“ *I am deeply saddened that the world has lost just such a beautiful soul, a burst of energy, and a diva at heart! I am so fortunate to have had Sue play a part in my story.*

April Dichuk - November 20, 2022 at 06:36 PM

ST

“ *Susan or Sue as she is called was a wonderful woman very talented and optimistic through every step of her cancer journey she was my sister Kathy Glendinning's best friend I have known her since she was a little girl as well she will be sadly missed my condolences to the Southern family and her children*



Sue Glendinning Teal - November 20, 2022 at 05:39 PM

KM

“ *The Maheu family (Stefanie Gauthier’s family) sends our condolences to Nigel and all the family.*

karen maheu - November 20, 2022 at 04:55 PM

TM

“ *Andy Myers lit a candle in memory of Susan 'Sue' Braiden*



Tina & Andy Myers - November 20, 2022 at 04:47 PM

JT

“ *Jack Kim Thomaes lit a candle in memory of Susan 'Sue' Braiden*



Jack and Kim Thomaes - November 20, 2022 at 12:37 AM

MM

“ *Mary-Ellen McKay lit a candle in memory of Susan 'Sue' Braiden*



Mary-Ellen McKay - November 19, 2022 at 11:03 PM

CD

“ *Keith, so sorry to hear of the passing of your daughter. Our condolences to you and your family*
Cathy Dickson and Wayne Nesbitt

Cathy Dickson - November 19, 2022 at 10:40 PM

TA

“ Tracey Atherton lit a candle in memory of Susan 'Sue' Braiden



Tracey Atherton - November 19, 2022 at 10:01 PM

LM

“ TO Sue's family. Sue was a special lady. Clever, passionate, kind with a big smile and friendly bubbly personality. She had so much to contribute and did. She will be remembered by many for her contributions and the impact she had .She attacked her illness with dignity but it was not to be beaten, We are so sorry for your loss. Our deepest sympathy to her family.
Liz and Tom Morrison

Liz Morrison - November 19, 2022 at 09:32 PM

JZ

“ My sincere condolences to all of Sue's family and loved ones.



Judy Fox Zhok - November 19, 2022 at 08:54 PM

LM

“ Liz Morrison lit a candle in memory of Susan 'Sue' Braiden



Liz Morrison - November 19, 2022 at 08:49 PM

UN

“ So very sorry for your loss.
To you, Keith and all your family
my sincere condolences.
Uta Nowakowski



Uta Nowakowski - November 19, 2022 at 06:27 PM

CC

“ Carol Conway lit a candle in memory of
Susan 'Sue' Braiden



Carol Conway - November 19, 2022 at 03:53 PM

MP

“ Mitzi Pearson-Sykes lit a candle in memory of
Susan 'Sue' Braiden



Mitzi Pearson-Sykes - November 19, 2022 at 03:39 PM

DK

“ My deepest sympathy to Keith and all of the
family on your tremendous loss. May all of
your wonderful memories and happy times
spent together help you in the days and
weeks to come. RIP Sue
Sincerely,
Denise and Jan Kellett



Denise Kellett - November 19, 2022 at 03:32 PM

KY

“ *My deepest condolences. Sue was such a bright and joyful light, she will be greatly missed. I celebrate her amazing life and boundless heart. Sending all of my love and hope* ❤️



Kymm - November 19, 2022 at 02:04 PM

TP

“ *Tammy Palocz-Dunn lit a candle in memory of Susan 'Sue' Braiden*



Tammy Palocz-Dunn - November 19, 2022 at 01:39 PM

SH

“ *Scott Henry lit a candle in memory of Susan 'Sue' Braiden*



Scott Henry - November 19, 2022 at 12:53 PM

DH

“ *Our thought and prayers are with you & your family Keith at this very difficult time
Gord & Dee*



Dorothy Heath - November 19, 2022 at 12:20 PM

ED

“ Keith and family we are so sorry for your loss

Emer and Dale Dudley - November 19, 2022 at 11:07 AM

BT

“ Deepest sympathy to Keith & family as this sad time.



Betty Tack - November 19, 2022 at 10:36 AM

LP

“ Lola Pamer lit a candle in memory of Susan 'Sue' Braiden



Lola Pamer - November 19, 2022 at 10:06 AM

AN

“ Josh, Anna, and family. We are so sorry for you loss. Sending you love and strength as you process and navigate this difficult time. Our deepest condolences. With love, Andrika & Vic



Andrea - November 19, 2022 at 10:03 AM

JD

“ *Julie DeMeyer lit a candle in memory of Susan 'Sue' Braiden*



Julie DeMeyer - November 19, 2022 at 09:48 AM

GH

“ *so very sorry for your loss Gayle and Austin Hockin*

gayle and austin hockin - November 19, 2022 at 09:29 AM

RB

“ *Roxanne Braiden lit a candle in memory of Susan 'Sue' Braiden*



Roxanne Braiden - November 19, 2022 at 09:20 AM

CE

“ *I will miss that beautiful big-hearted girl :(*

Carol Easton - November 19, 2022 at 09:16 AM

DH

“ *Keith and family...I am truly sorry for your loss. I will hold you in prayer.*

Doreen



Doreen Hewitson - November 19, 2022 at 08:57 AM

AM

“ Ariel Mann sent a virtual gift in memory of Susan 'Sue' Braiden



Ariel Mann - November 19, 2022 at 08:46 AM

GF

“ Gerry Flynn lit a candle in memory of Susan 'Sue' Braiden



Gerry Flynn - November 18, 2022 at 10:50 PM

EJ

“ Eric Sandra Johnston lit a candle in memory of Susan 'Sue' Braiden



Eric & Sandra Johnston - November 18, 2022 at 09:20 PM

KB

“ My sweet childhood friend, who truly had the gift to make us all feel like her best friend. ❤️



Kathy L Brown - November 18, 2022 at 07:19 PM

ST

“ So very sorry to hear of Sue’s passing.
Condolences to the family.



Suzy (Richardson) Trepanier - November 18, 2022 at 05:19 PM