

Susan Clare Kuntz  
January 8, 1928 – April 2, 2024

It is with deep sorrow that we announce the passing of our Mother, Susan Clare Kuntz. Susan passed away on Tuesday, April 2, 2024, while on vacation in Palm Desert, California.

Susan was born January 8, 1928, in Manhattan, NY to Susan Josephine Fee (McKenna) and Andrew Alexander Fee. She was one of eight children. Growing up in Manhattan, Susan roller skated, played CYO Basketball and had an after-school job at the Bryant Park Library on 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue. She graduated from the all- women, St. Jean Baptiste, high school on the Upper East Side.



After graduation she was employed by the New York Telephone Company where she met her husband, Howard Charles Kuntz. Together they made their home in Farmingdale, New York and raised three girls. Susan was always very involved and active in her community, as a Girl Scout leader, as well as The Farmingdale United Methodist Church. She served as (past) president for the United Methodist Women. Susan and Howard and their family enjoyed many years of boating on their Egg Harbor, Summer House, and later a Chris Craft, Nice N'Easy. They particularly enjoyed cruising the East End where, before boating, they had a summer house in Greenport for 17 years. Susan loved to travel and visited Israel, Greece, Hawaii, Ireland, Scotland, England, The Netherlands, France, Germany, the Panama Canal, Alaska and the Caribbean.

Upon retiring Susan moved to Sugarmill Woods in Homosassa Florida where she lived for 37 years. This spirit of volunteerism stayed with her throughout her life. In Florida she joined the Ladies of the Elks, and the Crystal River Women's Club. Susan is Past President of both of those clubs. She also made frequent visits to her local nursing home to spend time with the residents. During Covid Susan could not visit in person so she made many phone calls to the residents instead because she felt this work was so important.

After the death of her husband, Susan moved to St. Augustine, Florida to be closer to family. She enjoyed spending time with other seniors at the Council on Aging Senior Center in St. Augustine. She also enjoyed attending the Memorial Presbyterian Church and their weekly yoga class which she did using a chair. Susan always said that it is important to stay active in order to enjoy a healthy retirement and she certainly did. She also said challenging the brain is important and Susan was an expert Rummikub and Hands and Feet player. Susan was very fun-loving and always went out of her way to make strangers feel welcome. She is remembered fondly by the many friends she has made over the course of 96 years.

Susan is survived by her devoted daughters Diane Walters (Philip), Joanne Fessel (David) and Carolanne Kuntz; 5 grandchildren, Jason Walters, Michael Graham, Cheryl Graham, Jennifer Burke and Heather Pellikan; and four great-grandchildren Jordan Alaimo, Brianna Pelican, Maelie Burke and Ronan Burke; her sister Eleanor Metcalf, and many nieces and nephews. She is pre-deceased by Howard Charles Kuntz, her loving husband of 64 years.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to one of Susan's favorite charities, The [Shriners Children's Hospital](#). The address is Donor Relations, [Shriners Hospitals for Children](#) , 2900 N. Rocky Point Drive, Tampa Florida 33607. Private cremation arrangements are under the direction of Brown Funeral Home and Crematory in Lecanto, FL. Burial will take place at the Florida National Cemetery.

A memorial service will be held at Memorial Presbyterian Church at 2 pm on Saturday, June 8, 2024, in St. Augustine, Florida. A Celebration of Susan's Life will immediately follow, at the St. Augustine Yacht Club.