

Susan Marie Higinbotham, 71, of Kettering, Ohio passed away at home on Friday, 3 November 2017. She was preceded in death by her mother, Barbara Jane Higinbotham and a stillborn sister. She is survived by her father George Higinbotham, son Anthony Campbell, and granddaughters Jenna Campbell and Brooklynn Kettlewell. She is also survived by April-May (Chris), Lyela, and Yuri Costandinidis who she cared for and loved as her own daughter and grandchildren.

Susan was born on October 30, 1946 in Dayton, Ohio. She is a graduate from Fairmont High School class of 1964. She also attended Sinclair Community College before getting hired for a medical billing company where she worked until retirement. She loved her work friends, and stayed in touch with them even after retiring.

Up until her death she was a giver. She always made time for other people. Whether it was knitting mittens for all the kids or baking a ton of goodies for Christmas knowing good and well we couldn't possibly eat all of it. She did it out of love.

Susan was very family oriented. She loved her grandchildren even when she was not able to see them all of the time because of busy schedules or distance. Every time she got a chance she was always snapping pictures with them. She would treat all kids as grandchildren. She made costumes, stuffed animals, and even clothes for them to wear. Nothing was too much when it came to providing something for children.

She also loved animals. She was always spoiling a dog or a cat, or even a rat. The Pomeranians that she had were spoiled beyond belief. Her son Tony sometimes felt that she gave them more attention than him! She also had a love of wildlife, especially birds. She wrote to the city of Washington Township requesting to put up duck crossing signs on busy roads near ponds, and regularly maintained birdfeeders in her yard.

In the words of her son,

"Mom was always there for me when I needed her most and would never ask why. She supported my decision to join the military in 1988 and you could tell she was always calling me her little boy and letting others know what I've accomplished throughout my military career. I should have thanked her more.

"She is now in heaven not feeling the pain she went through for the past few years. She is probably still bragging about her kids, also probably baking something."

Susan Marie Higinbotham



October 30, 1946 to November 3, 2017

Memorial Service

Monday, November 6, 2017

Mighty Fortress Lutheran Church

Officiant: Pastor Ron Wean

**"Seeing death as the end of life is like seeing
the horizon as the end of the ocean."**

Order of Service

Reading of Susan's Obituary

Sharing of Remembrances with Family and Friends

Gathering (page 279)

Hymn: Shall We Gather At The River #423

Thanksgiving for Baptism (page 280)

Special Music by Chris Gooley: Borning Cry

Greeting (page 280)

Prayer of the Day (page 281)

Hymn: Amazing Grace #779

First Reading: Ecclesiastes 3

Responsive Reading: Psalms 23

Second Reading: Romans 8

Gospel: John 14: 1-6

Homily by Pastor Ron Wean

Hymn: It Is Well With My Soul #785

Creed (page 282)

Lord's Prayer (page 283)

Commendation (page 283)

Hymn: How Great Thou Art #856

Responsive Reading

Psalms 23

The Lord is my shepherd;

I shall not be in want.

The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures

and leads me beside still waters.

You restore my soul, O Lord,

**and guide me along right pathways
for your name's sake.**

Though I walk through the valley

of the shadow of death,

I shall fear no evil;

**for you are with me;
your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.**

You prepare a table before me

in the presence of my enemies;

**you anoint my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.**

Surely goodness and mercy

shall follow me

all the days of my life,

**and I will dwell
in the house of the Lord forever.**