

Date of Birth

May 13, 1943



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Jun 03, 2015

Susan Mary Gillett Givens

LAWRENCE, KS - Susan Mary Gillett Givens, 72, died peacefully at home, surrounded by her family, on June 3, 2015. She was born on May 13, 1943 in Racine, WI, to Mary and Lyman Gillett, the oldest of three daughters. She graduated from Washington Park High School in 1961, and went on to earn a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1965. She married Richard Spencer Givens, on June 25, 1966. Sue and Rich moved to Ames, IA where their first daughter, Barbara was born. In 1967, Rich accepted a faculty position in the Chemistry Department at the University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS and there they established their roots, welcoming three more daughters. Sue was employed by Lawrence Memorial Hospital as a Registered Nurse in the Obstetrics/Gynecology unit from 1970 until her retirement in 2005. During her nursing career, Sue served on numerous committees at LMH and the Kansas State Nurses Association. She was very active in the First Presbyterian Church, serving as an Elder, a Deacon and a Parish Nurse. She was

a tireless advocate for those in need, working with others to lessen the world's injustices. Sue was a devoted wife, mother and friend, serving others in quiet, unassuming ways. Sue especially loved holidays, every celebration rich with tradition that her family will continue in her honor. Sue loved to travel and accompanied Rich on many adventures around the world in addition to her frequent visits to children and grandchildren in other states. Sue was the beloved wife of Richard, married 49 years, a loving mother of 4 daughters: Barbara J. Heeb (Jon), Elizabeth I. Porter (Jack), Madison, WI, Marjory L. Givens (Trey Sato), Madison WI and Mary E. Givens, Lawrence KS. She was also a proud grandmother of six grandchildren: Rachel and Harrison Heeb, Cameron and Clare Porter, and Jane and Jeffrey Sato Givens. Sue is survived by her sisters, Martha Spacek, Topeka, KS and Nancy Reeser (Dennis), Racine, WI, and by many nieces and nephews. In Lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to a .

Memories of Susan

