



## Susan M. Novak

April 22, 1955 - February 10, 2019

### Susan Marie Novak

Born Susan Marie Borlin in Des Moines, Iowa April 22, 1955 to parents Beverly (Garcia) and Maurice Borlin. She lived in Des Moines, IA., Beverly Hills, CA., Cancun, Mexico, Tulsa, OK., and back to Des Moines where she graduated from High School and met her husband.

Susan married Milton R. Novak Jr. on October 13, 1973 and they were married for 45 plus years. They have two children, Elisabeth (Novak) Knight, and Kenneth Novak.

Susan had work various jobs over the years some of which included, working for two hospitals in the kitchens and laundries, working for Simpson Electric, both in Eagle River, WI and Lac Du Flambeau, WI., and also worked for the laundromat in Eagle River, just to name a few. When the Simpson Electric plant in Eagle River closed in May 1989, she and her husband opened an electronic repair shop together which she later ran by herself for more than five years until it closed in 2000.

While working at Simpson Electric in Lac Du Flambeau in 2010, she started a Business Management course through Nicolet College. She was diagnosed with breast cancer in the spring of 2011 and she continued her schooling through her battle with cancer. She received her diploma in May of 2016 with Honors and Phi Theta Kappa. She was very, very proud of this accomplishment.

When Susan wasn't busy working, she loved to spend time with her family.

She enjoyed visiting various casinos, especially when they had all you can eat Crab Legs, with her husband. She also enjoyed her trips to Florida to spend time with her son, Kenneth and Daughter-in-law Pauline Novak, as both worked at Walt Disney World. Susan also enjoyed many fishing trips out on their pontoon boat with family, especially with her daughter, Elisabeth, Son-In-Law, Scott Knight, and her only grandchild Xavier Knight when they were able to join Milton and her. She was a very intense and competitive Monopoly player and loved to play Uno as well, even going so far as to create her own special Uno deck of cards she could use against her Son-In-Law Scott Knight, which she did often.

Susan was always a strong fighter, and was able to fight her cancer bravely for 8 years before passing away peacefully on Sunday February 10, 2019. She will be deeply missed and loved by family, friends, coworkers, and all who knew her.

Sue, we love and miss you very much, but we find peace with knowing you are now with your mom, your dad, and your Sister, Maureen.

A Memorial Gathering will be held from 1:00 - 4:00 PM on Friday, February 15, 2019 at Bolger Funeral Home - Woodruff Chapel, 1212 First Avenue, Woodruff.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Gathering

FEB **15**. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Bolger Cremation & Funeral Services - Woodruff Chapel

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Susan M. Novak.



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February 14, 2019 at 04:51 PM



“ *Joyful Memory* was purchased for the family of Susan M. Novak.



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February 14, 2019 at 02:28 PM

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“ Even though Sue was 13 years older than I and we weren't raised together, my love for her as a sister was enduring and constant. I admired her for so many things and should have done a better job at communicating these things to her.

Susan did not place value on material things but rather on her family and other things that really mattered.

She never stopped wanting to learn and continued educating herself in one way or another for most of her life.

Her life centered around family time whether it was doing things with Milt or fishing with her grandson or spending time with her her kids and their spouses... When she and Milt would come to visit, I'd love seeing her face light up as she told me stories about all these things...

I learned things about our Mom I never knew through Sue.

Sue reminded me of our Mom...

Sue battled cancer bravely for 8 years and I never heard her complain once.

There will be a hole in my life without her here.

She will be missed.

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amy scoggins - February 14, 2019 at 11:25 AM

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amy scoggins - February 14, 2019 at 10:05 AM

KA

“ Sue was my sweet cousin. My memories of her will always be of her sweet smile and genuine affection for her entire family. I love her Christmas cards and the yearly update of her life and family. Rest in peace dear cousin! Kellie

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**Kellie Alexander** - February 13, 2019 at 10:20 PM

JH

Susan was my niece daughter of my sister.. It is true she loved her family dearly.. Susan was always cheerful even in hardship, she had such a loving kind sweet spirit... A true inspiration to all. I will love her forever.. Sincerely Aunt Judy ):

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**judy harmon** - February 15, 2019 at 03:15 PM