



Susan Lynn Lines

January 13, 1950 - September 10, 2013

WASHINGTON, MI – Susan (Hellman) Lines, 63, passed away suddenly and unexpectedly in her home on September 10, 2013 with her loving husband Art Lines at her side.

Susan was born in Hancock, Michigan on January 13, 1950, to the late Gordon and Gertrude (Decker) Hellman. She was raised in Hancock and was the third of 4 children; brothers, the late Gerald Hellman (deceased January 2011) and Michael Hellman; sister Sharon (Hellman) Bauer. Susan is married to Art Lines and has one son, Jeff Lines of Houghton, Michigan.

Susan graduated from Hancock High School in 1968. Susan attended Michigan Technological University and graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration in 1972. Susan's career began early in life by taking over her brother's paper route in Hancock and then as a clerk for Gartner's Department Store. She worked summers for the Arcadian Copper Mine gift shop while attending Michigan Tech. Upon graduating from Michigan Tech, Susan and Art were married at St. Albert the Great Parish in Houghton. She joined her husband in Virginia, Minnesota where she started work at a local savings and loan. Later, she and her husband moved to the Detroit area where she took a job with Ford Motor Company in their accounting department.

Susan and Art returned to the Copper Country where Susan worked in the campus bookstore and later as a programmer in the Michigan Tech Information Systems department while her husband pursued a master's

degree. After Art's graduation, the couple moved to Columbus, Indiana where they both worked for Cummins Engine Company. Susan was employed in the Information Systems department as a systems analyst.

In 1980 her son Jeff was born. The family then moved to Racine, Wisconsin where Susan worked for Western Publishing Company starting as a business analyst and progressing to Senior Director of Retail Services. After 13 years in Racine, the family moved to Chaska, Minnesota where Susan worked as a management information systems manager for SuperValu.

Susan and Art moved back to Racine, Wisconsin where Susan worked as a Senior Consultant at Keane Consulting. The couple then moved to Shelby Township/Washington, Michigan where she worked as Senior Manager of Partnerships & Analyst Relations for Volkswagen/T-Systems. Most recently, she served as Vice President of Operations for Saphran, Inc., a business software company.

She is preceded in death by her parents Gordon and Gertrude; brother Gerald Hellman; brother in-law L. David Bauer; mother in-law Alberta Lines.

She is survived by her husband Art Lines; son Jeff Lines; brother Michael Hellman (Suzanne Bordeau); sister Sharon (Hellman) Bauer; father in-law Bradley Lines; brothers in-law Willard Lines (Nancy), Marcus T. Lines (Rita), Bradley Lines Jr. (Diane); sisters in-law Robin (Lines) Randall (Walt), Sherry (LaBine) Hellman; many beloved cousins, nieces, nephews and friends.

A gathering of family and friends for a visitation in memory of Sue will begin at 3:00PM – 9:00PM with a prayer service at 7:00PM officiated by Fr. Tom Slowinski on Saturday, September 14, 2013 at the Wujek-Calcaterra & Sons Funeral Home in Shelby Township, Michigan.

There will be a second gathering of family and friends for visitation and prayer service in the Copper Country on Monday, September 16, 2013, at the Jukuri-Antila Funeral Home in Hancock, Michigan with visitation from 5:00PM – 8:00PM and a prayer service at 7:00PM with Fr. William Ssozi to officiate.

Burial will be at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday at the Forest Hill Cemetery in Houghton.

Donations can be made to the Michigan Tech Fund, 1400 Townsend Dr., Houghton, MI 49931, and must specify "In Memory of Susan Lines". The funds will be directed to the Michigan Tech School of Business and be used towards supporting Women in Business/Computing programs in memory of Susan.

Online condolences may be expressed to the family at either wujekcalcaterra.com or antilafuneral.com.

Tribute Wall

SA

“ Jeff, I am terribly sorry to hear of your tragic loss. I pray that God give you and your family strength in this time of grief.

Sam - April 14, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ Art and Jeff, you have our thoughts and prayers as you grieve for the awesome woman that was your wife and mother. We have such wonderful memories of great times throughout our lives together. We laughed so hard we cried. We will never forget her bubbly personality and smile. She always made us feel welcome and relaxe. My heart hurts at the knowledge of losing her. We just found out and are so sad that we weren't with you. Please contact us so that we can talk. The world has one less bright light.

Don and Brenda Kostrzewa - February 24, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ Art, Jeff and family, I am so sorry to hear of Sue's passing. I just heard today from another ex-Golden Books employee. Sue and I worked together on many projects at Western, and I reported to her before I left in 1996. Our paths crossed again at an IBF conference where I was speaking. Subsequently, we did some sharing of knowledge about her objectives at SAPHRAN.

My thoughts and prayers are with you and yours,

Kenton Burki

Kenton Burki - December 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Dear Art,

We are very sorry to hear about Sue today, and so sorry that we didn't know to be able to say so until now. We always appreciated your kindness as neighbors in Glacier Club, especially with Julian and Gabby. We will send our prayers that you and your son can continue to heal after what must have been a shocking and devastating loss. God bless you and all of yours and Sue's family.

Jason, Amy, Julian and Gabby

Jason Hill and family - November 20, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LR

“ *Sue and I met at the memorial service for my grandmother, Lillian Helman Carpenter about 18 years ago. We hit it off immediately and kept in touch on occasion through email. Sue was such a genuine, nice person. I loved her immediately. In a sea of relatives I had never met before she and I connected. I am so sorry to hear of her passing. Evelyn Berk contacted me. Lillian and Gordan were sister and brother, though Lillian was of the one "L" Hellmans! My daughter Jillian lives in San Francisco and so Evelyn and I will get together when I am there later this month.*

I read all of the messages left to you on this website. Your wife and mom was really a special person. I wish I knew her better but in the short time I did, she made a true impact on me.

Please accept condolences from my family. My parents, Frances Lucille Carpenter and Ansel Marks are in an assisted living facility now. They send their thoughts to you both. Take care! Love (your cousin) Leslie

Leslie Ritter - November 04, 2013 at 12:00 AM

PJ

“ So sorry to hear of your loss. I always enjoyed working with Sue. She was a hard working dedicated employee, with a great personality. We will miss her smiling face and wonderful laugh. My prayers are with all her family members!

Pam Jenista - October 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ Was so sad to hear of Sue's passing. I worked with Sue for many years at Western Publishing Sue was a very dynamic and hard-working person. She touched so many people with her smile and will be missed by all

Mary Pettit - September 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ Art, just got through the Western grapevine news of Sue's death. I will keep all 3 of you in our prayers. I remember the good times we had together back in Racine, and chatting with Sue recently about a publishing project. She was a dynamo, and I am glad that I had the opportunity to work with her. She will be sorely missed.
Barrie & Michael Simpson

Barrie Simpson - September 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DY

“ May I extend my sympathies to Susan's family. Sue has been a great supporter of nursing at Portage Hospital over the past 9 years. She created the "Gertrude Decker Hellman Excellence in Nursing Award" in honor and memory of her dear mother. Beginning May of 2005, and every May thereafter, a nurse has been recognized for her passion, commitment and excellence in the practice of nursing with a monetary gift, a pin, and her name engraved on a beautiful birds eye maple placque that hangs on the wall by our Human Resources Department. Sue had attended several of these presentations which allowed all of us here at Portage to get to know her better. We enjoyed our visits and so very much appreciated her support of the nursing profession at Portage. She was a wonderful person who loved her family very much. We will miss her but will never forget her kindness and compassion.

Deb Young, VP Patient Services and Chief Nurse Executive at Portage Health

Deb Young - September 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BP

“ Art and Jeff,I'm so sorry for your loss. I had the privilege of sitting next to Sue at T-Systems and had many conversations with her. She was an incredible woman with a contagious smile and laugh. She always brightened my day and I will cherish the memories. My thoughts and prayers are with you, during this difficult time. With my deepest sympathy,Brigitte Parks

Brigitte Parks - September 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM