



## Susan Sharpe

January 16, 1954 - September 28, 2013

Susan Sharpe, age 59, of Huntington, passed away at 4:03 p.m. Saturday (September 28, 2013) at her home.

Family will receive friends from 3 - 7 p.m. Tuesday (October 1, 2013) at Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, Indiana. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday (October 2, 2013) at the Huntington Church of the Brethren, 306 East Washington Street, Huntington, IN with one hour of visitation prior to the service. Pastor Tim Troyer and Pastor Josh Wood will officiate. Entombment will be held in the Greenlawn Memorial Park and Mausoleum, Fort Wayne.

Memorial contributions may be made to Cancer Services of Northeast Indiana or an animal shelter of donor's choice in care of Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, IN 46750.

Susan was born January 16, 1954, in Wabash County, the daughter of Donald and Wanda (Morford) Dreyer. She graduated in 1972 from Huntington North High School. Susan married Ronald Sharpe on November 23, 1977 in St. Charles, Missouri.

Susan was the owner of Canine Companion for over 12 years and owner of the patent for animal products Quiet Dog and The Anxiety Wrap. She was a

certified service dog and therapy dog trainer. Susan was a columnist in several publications on animal behavior. She was former owner and operator of the Oak Lanes from 1983 - 1998.

Susan attended Huntington Church of the Brethren for many years. She was a member of the SPCA animal rescue organization. Susan loved all animals, especially horses and dogs.

Susan is survived by her husband of 35 years - Ronald Sharpe of Huntington; her parents - Don and Wanda Dreyer of Huntington; one daughter - Sheena (Josh) Wood of Jefferson, Ohio; one son - Justin (Marisol) Sharpe of Fort Wayne; three step sons - Jon (Susan) Sharpe of Fort Wayne, Jeffrey (Glenna) Sharpe of Fort Wayne and James (Kerry) Sharpe of Fort Wayne; one step daughter - Jeanne Cook of Fort Wayne; one brother - Steve (Roberta) Dreyer of Fort Wayne; one sister - Gail (Carroll) Kelley of McCordsville, Indiana; her aunt - June Swing of Roanoke; twelve grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Her sister, Linda Dreyer, preceded Susan in death.

# Cemetery Details

## Greenlawn Memorial Park

6600 Covington Rd.  
Ft. Wayne, IN

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 1. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary  
35 West Park Drive  
Huntington, IN 46750  
(260) 356-1710  
[wecare@baileylove.com](mailto:wecare@baileylove.com)  
<https://www.baileylove.com>

## Visitation

OCT 2. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

Huntington Church of the Brethren  
306 East Washington St.  
Huntington, IN 46750

## Service

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OCT 2. 10:00 AM (ET)

Huntington Church of the Brethren  
306 East Washington St.  
Huntington, IN 46750

# Tribute Wall



“ Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Susan Sharpe



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**Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary** - September 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Tall, Beautiful, Caring, who Passed Away Much too Early, and will be Missed by those who knew Her Best. R.I.P. SUZ!!!

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**Dennis Geoghan** - November 28, 2022 at 06:22 PM



“ I was shocked and saddened to just be learning of Susan's passing. My dog, Brady and I worked with Susan in the READ program at the library. A very worthwhile and fulfilling effort. Condolences to the family.

*Gary Johnson and Brady*

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**Gary Johnson** - November 05, 2013 at 12:53 PM

GK

“ Susan was one of the most incredible women ever--a true gift to the world. She was warm, and she possessed rare gifts--with animals and people. The world, truly, is not the same without her, and I will miss her terribly. My wife, Mary Ann, joins me in our deepest expression of sorrow at her having left the body. We send our warmest sympathies to Ron and their wonderful children. We will remember Susan forever.

*George Kalamaras and Mary Ann Cain*

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**George Kalamaras** - October 04, 2013 at 02:09 AM

MA

“ Dear Ron, Justin, Sheena, Donald & Wanda, Susan was a very kind person & Murphy dog and I remember everyone fondly when we were your neighbors in Huntington. Thank you ALL for all the warmth. We are Deeply sorry for your loss. Marie Lindaas V. Murphy dog and Marie



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**marie** - October 03, 2013 at 09:36 PM

  
Michelle  
Duckett

“ Our condolences to the entire family. Jim and I have known Susan and Ron for many years from Oak Lanes. she was a wonderful lady. Will be greatly missed.

*Jim and Michelle Duckett*

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**Michelle Duckett** - October 02, 2013 at 03:27 PM

MC

“ Susan's love of the animals was so special, and she shared so much love to others (both 2-legged and 4-legged). We can take comfort that she is up there in peace, playing with all over the Rainbow Bridge.

*Melissa Clarke Crichton*

Melissa Crichton - October 02, 2013 at 02:19 PM



DD

“ Susan was a very accomplished person. She helped my father when he had his first stroke and was always there for him. Don and Wanda raised a very nice person. She will be missed by many across the world.

Doug and Marsha Dunfee - October 02, 2013 at 07:42 AM

DK

“ Susan possessed a very special gift that she shared with both animals and people. Her gift of kindness and caring will be missed by all who knew this wonderful woman. We send our thought and prayers to her family.

*Dr. Rudy and Rhonda Kachmann and Zoe*

Dr Rudy and Rhonda Kachmann - October 02, 2013 at 05:54 AM

D(

“ Deanna Shoemaker (Rice) lit a candle in memory of Susan Sharpe



Deanna Shoemaker (Rice) - October 02, 2013 at 02:10 AM

GD

“ Glenn Dillon lit a candle in memory of Susan Sharpe



Glenn Dillon - October 01, 2013 at 09:54 PM

KB

“ Kim Butcher lit a candle in memory of Susan Sharpe



Kim Butcher - October 01, 2013 at 09:54 PM

KB

“ About two years after adopting one perfect dog, Dexter, from Susan, she called me, telling me she had a dog and immediately thought of me. I says to myself "Rut row." "Why me Susan?" I warily asked. "Um.... because you're a therapist and will be patient and understand him." Double rut row. She had it all backwards; she was the patient one. As I struggled to help this lil guy with his OCD and house breaking, she never faltered in encouraging me, offering ideas and support, wanting to make this adoption work for both Ruddee and me. Although I did not keep track of the numerous phone calls we exchanged over 278 texts. 278! And not once was she short, irritated or fed up with me. God I love this woman and will miss her so.

Kim Butcher - October 01, 2013 at 09:48 PM

JC

“ *Juanita Carrender lit a candle in memory of Susan Sharpe*



Juanita Carrender - October 01, 2013 at 04:52 PM

SS

“ *Sus changed my life. She made my husband, (her cousin), become more sensitive, caring and a better person all around. She will always be with us in spirit. Thank you Sus!*



Sara & Scott - October 01, 2013 at 04:32 PM

AM

“ *Susan touched the lives of so many....humans and canines alike. She always shared her passion with those around her--which made her vibrant and full of life's energy. My thoughts and prayers are with her family.*



Allison Miller - October 01, 2013 at 01:16 PM

R(

“ *Susan was extremely generous and caring. I loved being her neighbor and best friends with her daughter. I already miss her.*

Rebecka Stephens (Oden) - October 01, 2013 at 10:30 AM

DD

“ So sorry to read about Susan. Dad really liked her a lot and talked about her and her accomplishments.

*Dave and Berb Dunfee*

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**Dave Dunfee** - October 01, 2013 at 08:04 AM

BD

“ I have such great memories of you. I have been crying for two days. Surely, these tears will stop some day. My husband & I volunteered with golden retriever rescue for about 5 years. I fell in love with a huge red male golden that I named, Bench. (After Johnney Bench). We were kicked out of my vet's office on the 1st trip. Bench had a naughty-side. Bench would stand over me in bed and growl when my husband would come to bed....the husband was not happy :) The conversations at home went something like is; husband: you must give that dog back to rescue. wife: I'm keeping my dog. God, our NEW vet, Dr. Jill Sackash, and Beth Hough, sent us to Susan Sharpe. Bench & I got through Dog I & II, Bench got his CDC & he became a therapy dog working with conduct disorder teenagers....yes, Bench was a conduct disorder child. I would not have been able to keep my beloved Bench if it had not been for the magic of Susan. And Lynda Jones is correct, she was a Drill Sargent. She had more patience for the dogs than the humans.....but that was what made her so perfect.

*Beth & Terry Donovan*

*Bench who has passed to the Rainbow Bridge June 18, 2012*

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**Beth Donovan** - October 01, 2013 at 07:31 AM

DG

“ I was a senior in High School and Sue and I had many chats on the bus. The best part was how attentive she was and loving "Senior week" sue and another girl gave me a graduation card. She and Connie were the only 2 not my family that celebrated my graduation. I loved her a lot, her compassion for animal or human being was fantastic. Gone but never forgotten. <3

Darl Grose - October 01, 2013 at 05:51 AM

DI

“ Diana And Ivy lit a candle in memory of Susan Sharpe



Diana and Ivy - September 30, 2013 at 11:14 PM

CR

“ Ron and family are on our minds and in our hearts during this difficult time. May God's Peace be yours. Carol and Paul Ruch

Carol Ruch - September 30, 2013 at 10:59 PM

PT

“ Polly And Tom lit a candle in memory of Susan Sharpe



Polly and Tom - September 30, 2013 at 08:56 PM

CS

“ Carol Schultz lit a candle in memory of Susan Sharpe



Carol Schultz - September 30, 2013 at 07:52 PM

LJ

“ I met Susan (Gunny) about 9 years ago. I took my 6 month old pitbull to her to start training. I remember the very first night of class, my mom went with me. All of the students were sitting in a circle with their dogs, and Susan began to talk. A few people in the circle were chattering among themselves. Susan stopped in mid sentence and politely but sternly stated, "it is going to be awfully difficult to hear what I am saying if you are talking." I gave my mom an elbow in the ribs and whispered to her, "this is going to be fun." From that day on I nicknamed her Gunny, as in Gunnery Sergeant. The nickname stuck all these years. As my dog and I learned I also became friends with Gunny. I could tell she really cared about my dog and me as a person. I learned a tremendous amount from her and even got to help teach a little. Be at peace Gunny, my friend.

Lynda Jones - September 30, 2013 at 07:36 PM

KR

“ Kimberly Ring lit a candle in memory of Susan Sharpe



Kimberly Ring - September 30, 2013 at 07:18 PM

LJ

“ Lynda Jones lit a candle in memory of Susan Sharpe



Lynda Jones - September 30, 2013 at 06:34 PM

CL

“ The dog training world has lost a wonderful, kind person, someone who I was fortunate to have met, if only virtually and known and communicated closely with for over a year. Susan was always strong, always kind, always positive, always hopeful, always focused on supporting others and will be missed. Rest in peace, Susan. My deepest sympathy to Susan's family.



Cindy Ludwig - September 30, 2013 at 04:18 PM

SH

“ Susan was such a wonderful lady! She helped me train my lab and he was the best dog anyone could ever ask for.. She will be greatly missed.

sharon - September 30, 2013 at 04:14 PM

AO

“ Amanda Ornitz lit a candle in memory of Susan Sharpe



Amanda Ornitz - September 30, 2013 at 01:18 PM

SB

“ I was one of the “rugrats” who grew up at Oak Lanes during Ron & Sue’s time there until they moved on, when my own son was about 5. I remember just hanging out there on any given day sitting on a barstool at the counter chatting with them both. I’m sure they probably got tired of me rattling on about high school boyfriends or fights with friends, nail polish, hair dos or whatever I might have been rambling on about back then but she never made me feel that way. So many great memories with them, they helped me through so much in some pretty dark times, always making me feel important.

*I remember so clearly how much Sue would glow when talking about Justin and “Gracie” (Sheena) when they came into her life. She was an amazing person and long time family friend and will be missed by so many. Ron and family, my prayers are with you!*

*-Stacey (Guelsdorf) Bischoff*

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**Stacey Bischoff** - September 30, 2013 at 12:58 PM

CS

“ I basically grew up at he bowling alley Susan owned. She is and always will be a great lady. Will be missed by so many.



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**Chris Scher** - September 30, 2013 at 12:46 PM

AS

“ *Ron Sharpe and all of the family  
Losing a loved one is so very hard-  
There's no sadness that's greater, no grief  
that's more real-  
And each heart that consoles and surrounds  
you with love  
Will be touched by the depth of the sorrow you feel.  
Tony and Nellie Stults*



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**Anthony d stults** - September 30, 2013 at 12:13 PM

JS

“ *Ron  
We were so sorry to hear of Susan's passing. Jeanne has kept us  
faithfully informed of her status since this whole ordeal began. Now,  
she is at peace and no longer suffering. May you find comfort in all  
your fond memories of the time you shared. Again, please accept  
our deepest condolences. Sincerely, Jon and Linda Scott*

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**Jon and Linda Scott** - September 30, 2013 at 11:22 AM



“ *Mari Huerta-Ketner lit a candle in memory of  
Susan Sharpe*



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**Mari Huerta-Ketner** - September 30, 2013 at 10:44 AM

SS

“ Susan Solloway Stroud lit a candle in memory of Susan Sharpe



Susan Solloway Stroud - September 30, 2013 at 10:31 AM

KI

“ Jeanne, Ben, Katie, Mr. Sharpe and Family,

*It will be the little things that you will remember, the quiet moments, the smiles, the laughter, and although it may seem hard right now, it will be the memories of these little things that help to push away the pain and bring the smiles back again.*

*Know that you are in our thoughts and prayers.*

*Kim, Mary Kay, Heather, Zach, Nan and Dan  
City of Fort Wayne*



Kim - September 30, 2013 at 10:31 AM

JS

“ Susan was the first and only person to put me on the back of a horse. I swore I was going to fall off. I believe I was 8 years old at the time. Every step that horse took felt like another inch of sliding down his back side. I always admired her and loved to see her ride past on one of her horses. Such a beautiful person inside and out. You will be missed.



Jackie Stults - September 30, 2013 at 07:45 AM



“ *Kim Carroll Bruemleve lit a candle in memory of Susan Sharpe*



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**Kim Carroll Bruemleve** - September 30, 2013 at 07:08 AM

KB

“ *Kevin Butts lit a candle in memory of Susan Sharpe*



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**Kevin Butts** - September 30, 2013 at 04:50 AM

TH

“ *Teena Hippensteel lit a candle in memory of Susan Sharpe*



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**Teena Hippensteel** - September 30, 2013 at 03:37 AM

AB

“ *Sorry guys it has been along time she will be missed remember the time we had at the bowling alley*

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**amber brandom** - September 29, 2013 at 09:47 PM

JR

“ *Sheena, Josh and Family,  
We are so sorry for your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers.  
The Rumbaugh Family*

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**janice rumbaugh** - September 29, 2013 at 09:23 PM

CS

“ *I met Sus when her and Ron first bought Oak Lanes. I remember so many late Saturday nights after closing we would all load up into 2 vehicles and head to Ft. Wayne to a Mexican restaurant for a late night dinner. She was a remarkable lady. Later on in life along came Justin and Sheena (Gracie) who I often took to the zoo along with Laura and Bobbi. We had a lot of good times. She always got a kick out of the puppies I would find to adopt. They were the silliest and most unusual looking puppies. She always would look at them and chuckle and then of course just melt. We will miss you so much Sus!*

*All my love,  
Cindy Miller Solloway*

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**Cindy Miller Solloway** - September 29, 2013 at 08:25 PM

NG

“ *Our sympathy goes to Susie's family. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her. Al and I have fond memories of Susie's pets Ed and Dexter. We are so sorry that we will not be able to attend the services. We are in Branson, MO until Thursday. Lanny and Diane Idle send their sympathy also. They are here in Branson with us.*

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**Nancy Gaff** - September 29, 2013 at 07:19 PM



“ *Im sorry sorry for your loss. My name is Rebecca Sands and I was Sue's 67th Snack Bar girl. Ended up stayin at Oak Lanes for 11yrs.*

Rebecca Sands - September 29, 2013 at 06:14 PM

JW

“ *JoAnn White lit a candle in memory of Susan Sharpe*



JoAnn White - September 29, 2013 at 06:08 PM

PD

“ *Paula Dillon lit a candle in memory of Susan Sharpe*



Paula Dillon - September 29, 2013 at 06:07 PM

AW

“ *April Weinley lit a candle in memory of Susan Sharpe*



April Weinley - September 29, 2013 at 05:20 PM

LC

“ Linda Coble lit a candle in memory of Susan Sharpe



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Linda Coble - September 29, 2013 at 04:48 PM

LC

“ Susan was my best friend from grade school up and we had a lot of great memories together! One funny memory that stands out in my mind is the time we were moving a mattress for someone. Bringing it from Huntington on the Bracken road, and we both smoked at the time. One of us flipped out a cigarette butt and a few miles down the road, we looked in the rear view mirror, only to see smoke coming from the bed of the pick-up truck! The mattress was on fire! We quickly unloaded it and "stomped" the fire out, but the mattress was ruined. She was the BEST dog trainer ever, and will be missed by so many.

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Linda Coble - September 29, 2013 at 04:46 PM

CM

“ Susan was a very special , kind friend to all that met her including any and all four legged friends.Even when seriously ill she reached out to us in Florida to help with training tips even though she had taught us so much when we lived in Fort Wayne.Our 2 Berners, Zoey and Ivan became well mannered great Therapy dogs due to Susan's perseverance with boisterous Ivan especially.I never believed that Ivan could turn a lightswitch on or open a drawer but Susan did and she was always right!!! Because of Susan they became devoted to their Therapy work and gave back to communities as that is what Susan hoped for. We will forever remember the good times we shared and hope that all those beloved dogs were waiting for her at The Rainbow Bridge and that peace comes to her family who will miss her tremendously but know that she is no longer suffering. Prayers and four paws crossed from Christine Macdonald and Suzy and Jagger Berners continuing on in Therapy work.

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**Christine Macdonald** - September 29, 2013 at 04:08 PM

ME

“ My sincere condolences to Ron, Don, Wanda, Sheena, Josh, June and Susan’s entire family . . .

*You are each in my heart and in my prayers!*

*Susan is a wonderful person! Let it be said that she watched out over all of God’s creatures (including us humans) with an over abundant supply of patience, love and nurturing.*

*Life was cut too short for Susan as she had more ideas and projects in the making. It makes me sad that something as terrible as cancer had to take her away from us so soon! But I know that she is now in a better place where pain and suffering are not included.*

*From her never ending love of dogs through Little Bird who spent the entire fall and winter with us one year as well as an entourage of more creatures.*

*Little Bird - What can I say - Ron’s Little Bird - We all assisted to feed him and water him with syringes and more and grew him from the little baby bird he was to full grown. Even though him flying around the office and perching on my head scared me to pieces at times! It was grand and I will never forget it and I still look for him each time I come to visit.*

*The Anxiety Wrap and Quiet Dog - How many dogs these products have helped is truly overwhelming and we will never know for certain. We do know that all of the accolades received from customers and trainers alike show Susan had a gift for helping dogs in times of need with these products.*

*The Foster Dog Program - Dog, horses, cats, and more all were ensured that they would find the best possible homes through Susan’s program.*

*Canine Companion by Certified Trainers - Through Doggie Daycare, Doggie Resort, training and more dogs from all over northeast*

*Indiana (and beyond) along with their owners have been assisted with their needs in a positive manner.*

*Oak Lanes - I have told people over the years whom I work for and they all say "Susan from Oak Lanes". They pour out stories and love for Susan and it makes my heart swell.*

*Susan never strayed from her passion for animals and to assist them in the best and most positive manner.*

*As a boss Susan was the same as she was with animals . . . Patient, loving, nurturing and more.*

*If there is pizza in heaven (and I hope there is) please make sure Susan's has extra garlic butter on the crust. And, if possible, please order Susan some Chipotle as a treat to enter her into her life with you.*

*I better be done now or Susan is going to let me know "It's time to get back to work now". How I miss that simple sentence more and more!*

*We love you Susan and we will always miss you! We will remember you every time we help someone or one of God's creatures as a continuing legacy to you! The world was a better place because you were in it!*

*Monica and Terry Eckert*

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**Monica Eckert** - September 29, 2013 at 02:49 PM



“ *I was her 67th Snack Bar girl. May you rest in peace Sue*

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**Rebecca Sands** - September 29, 2013 at 02:43 PM

CG

“ Our deepest sympathy to the family. If it wasn't for Sue, Carl and I wouldn't be together and for that we are very grateful. We have so many memories bowling with Sue. She will be missed by many.



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**Carl & Susan Guelsdorf** - September 29, 2013 at 01:58 PM

KS

“ My deepest sympathies go out to Susan's family. She was a very good friend all through middle school and high school. We shared so many wonderful times together and I was with her when I met my husband Dave. She was an amazing woman and loved her family with all her heart. Taken from us way too soon. R.I.P. Susan  
Kathy Swingle

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**Kathy Swingle** - September 29, 2013 at 01:04 PM

DG

OH YEAH WITHOUT A DOUBT!!!

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**Dennis Geoghan** - November 28, 2022 at 06:39 PM