



## Susan L. Cullen

August 6, 1948 - March 22, 2023

Susan Lehto Cullen, age 74, of Salisbury, Maryland passed away on March 22, 2023, at her son's home surrounded by her family and close friends. She will forever be remembered as an Angel on Earth whose unconditional love provided comfort, direction, and a place of refuge. Susan was a lifelong educator, starting her career as an English teacher at Washington High School and ending her career as a guidance counselor at Pocomoke Middle School in Pocomoke, MD. She impacted many students during her 40 years of teaching and counseling.

Susan was happiest surrounded by her family and friends. Susan was an artist although, she would always deny she had talent. She enjoyed creating floral arrangements and making homemade cards for her loved ones. She loved making scrapbooks and has left many memories for friends and loved ones in her creations. Susan was a member of Oak Ridge Baptist Church in Salisbury, Maryland.

Sue is survived by her husband of 52 years, Robert (Deke) Cullen; her son, Jason Cullen (Nicole); grandchildren, Moriah Cullen (Ben), Jacob Cullen (Caroline), Abigail Cullen, Laine Dickerson, and Grant Dickerson; sisters, JoAnn Lehto, Joyce Calvano, Jeanne Cheney (Bill), and Jenny Arons; nieces Megan Davis, Lisa Trivits (Dave), Janelle Montgomery (Mark); nephews, Nyles Davis and his wife Amber and their children Sophie and Nora, Les Frisby, Jonathan Cheney, and Zachary Cheney (Jessie); her close friends, Ali and Mike Patterson and their sons Andy, Alex, Aidan, Avery, and Austin.

Susan was preceded in death by her parents, George and Doris Lehto; her husband's parents, Joe and Alice Cullen; her sister-in-law, Janice Snyder; and a sister, Jackie Lehto Sterette.

A celebration of life will be held at Oak Ridge Baptist Church, 361 Tilghman Road, Salisbury, MD on Saturday, April 22nd at 11AM with a visitation from 10-11AM. Susan's celebration of life service will be live streamed at 11AM at <https://www.facebook.com/susan.l.cullen>. In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to Coastal Hospice of Salisbury, in memory of Susan Cullen, P.O. Box 1733, Salisbury, MD 21802. The family would like to thank Coastal Hospice staff, Ruth and Ali for their amazing care during our time of need and all of our family and friends. Your love and support will be remembered always.

Arrangements are in the care of Short Funeral Home in Delmar. Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting [www.shortfh.com](http://www.shortfh.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR **22**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Oak Ridge Baptist Church  
361 Tilghman Rd  
Salisbury, MD 21804  
<https://www.orbc.net/>

## Celebration of Life

APR **22**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

KD

“ Dear Jason and Deke,  
I'm sorry that I'm sitting here writing this message of sympathy to you.  
I want you to know that even though we lost contact over the years I still thought of our friendship over the years as very special. I wasn't and am not a facebook person now.  
I am so saddened by Sue's passing. I know that your hearts are broken. Please know that am praying for you and all of the family.  
I'm sorry that I'm unable to attend her home going celebration due to my health issues. Sue will always be in my heart and you as well.  
With deepest sympathy and love ,  
Kay



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**Kay Daniels** - April 14, 2023 at 09:20 AM

RH

“ Susan was a sophisticated and classy lady. I will cherish the time we worked together in Worcester County Public Schools. She loved the children and staff she worked with in Pocomoke Middle School. When the state implemented the MSPAP testing, they needed teachers to be trained to score the tests. Well, somehow Susan and I were selected from Worcester County to attend the training for a week on the western shore of Maryland. The gentleman named Larry called Susan and I . When he spoke to me , he told me Susan agreed to go to the training if I would agree to go. When I spoke to Susan, he told her that I said yes if she would go. He pulled a fast one over on us. It was a tough training. If it had not been for the fact that I drove us up to Annapolis, I truly believe Susan would have left me because she was not happy the first two days after training. I talked her into staying. I believe Deke encouraged to stayed and work it out.

She was one special lady. May God grant her peace for her faithfulness .

Prayers and love for her family.

Rev. L. Eloise Henry-Gordy

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Rev. L. Eloise Henry-Gordy - April 10, 2023 at 07:51 PM

KW

“ She was truly a very special person, she was the type of person that never met a stranger, always had her hand out to help anyone, had a kind word for everyone, had a quick wit and a smile that would light up a room. She had such a beautiful soul and i am so sorry for her remaining family. I hope that her legacy is some comfort to the family in regard to all the people's lives she changed just by being there. May she rest in peace.

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Kachina Bishop Wells - April 05, 2023 at 12:08 PM

HA

*Love my Susan she was a beautiful woman-- Your Cousin, Hedy Hileman*

Hedy ahileman - April 22, 2023 at 10:25 AM

BF

“ *Mrs Cullen helped so many children I want to THANK YOU for the love you showed to my niece who lost her mother from breast cancer after a two year battle... I have been praying for her and keeping in touch with her on Facebook. Very sad an truly will miss you ... your love , encouragement, & steadfast Checking up on Patience and our family 🙏*

Barbara Mann & Family - April 01, 2023 at 05:08 PM

'B

“ *Sue was a wonderful person, was our neighbor for 10 years and a good friend . I have a lot of good memories. Loved her dearly . I just saw her not long ago, and she looked great. I thought she was better, Deke and family. I'm so sorry for your loss, hugs.*

'terri bartrug - April 01, 2023 at 04:34 PM

LK

“ *So many memories of fun and laughter with Sue, Deke and Jason. Sue was one of the kindest and sweetest ladies. She always was smiling too. I remember lots of parties we shared together. Sue was so patient teaching me to crochet and knit. Cineva and Jess always enjoyed being with her. She lived a life of service to her students and enriched their lives in her care. She will be truly missed, but I am thankful to have spent part of my life with her. She is definitely in heaven! Lynda (Kline) Koehler*

Lynda Koehler - April 01, 2023 at 02:14 PM