



## Susan Karnack

September 24, 1939 - September 24, 2010

Susan Mary Karnack, 71, died peacefully Sept. 24, 2010 at her home in Crystal Falls after a courageous battle with cancer.

She was born June 7, 1939, in Evanston, IL and was the daughter of the late William "Bud" and Elise (Oberauch) McKinzie. Sue moved with her family to Crystal Falls in 1945 and attended Crystal Falls schools, graduating in 1957. She went on to attend Evanston Hospital School of Nursing at Northwestern University prior to her marriage and lived for a short period of time in Ogden, Utah and Northville, Michigan before returning to Crystal Falls. Sue was employed for five years as a correspondent for the Iron Mountain News until 1970, when she then took a position as the elementary secretary with the Forest Park Schools, a job she held until her retirement in 1999. Sue was a member of the Crystal Falls Musicale and was an active member of St. Mark's Episcopal Church. She held offices with the Episcopal Church Women of the Diocese of Northern Michigan and also served the Diocese on various committees. Sue also volunteered at the Northwoods Animal Shelter in Iron River for many years.

She leaves two daughters, Sharon (Gary) Lato and Sandi (Scott) McGregor of Crystal Falls; four grandchildren, Kimberly, Eric and Kristin Lato and Cody McGregor.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her sister, Ann Rudesill and her aunt, Clara Scott.

Visitation will be from 4:00 until 8:00pm Monday, September 27, 2010 at the Nash Funeral Home of Crystal Falls.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday, September 28, at 11:00 a.m. at St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Crystal Falls. Rev. Manuel Padilla will officiate.

Burial will be in Evergreen Memorial Cemetery in Crystal Falls.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made in her memory to St. Mark's Episcopal Church or the Northwoods Animal Shelter.

Condolences to the family of Susan Karnack may be made online at [www.nashfuneralhome.net](http://www.nashfuneralhome.net)

The family has entrusted the Nash Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Crystal Falls with the arrangements.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **27**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Nash Funeral Home  
104 North Third St.  
Crystal Falls, MI 49920

## Funeral Service

SEP **28**. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Mark's Episcopal Church  
809 Crystal Ave.  
Crystal Falls, MI 49920

# Tribute Wall

TM

“ Your mom was the greatest when we were little. I still remember fondly how she knew all of us and was always there to support or scold depending on what you were doing. (We all deserved the "scoldings" that she gave. ) She helped form many of our young lives and will always be remembered as the "mom" of elementary school.

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**Tina (Shoup) Martinson** - October 19, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RN

“ Aunt Sue was my close friend, mentor, confidante my entire adult life, and after my Mom's death, she became my "Mom." I don't know what I'm going to do without her. Earlier this year, when I was going through some life troubles; she was always there reassuring me to not give up, try harder and things would work out. I'm so glad I was able to tell I was okay and things had worked out so she didn't have to worry about me....

*She was a wonderful, loving lady. A very giving person and I admired her very much. I love her and will miss her forever and ever....*

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**Ruth Rudesill - Kenwood, CA - niece** - September 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ She will be sadly missed by soooo many in the community. She was a special lady and touched the hearts of many. God took her right to heaven she was such an angel. God bless!

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**Laura Kauffman - student** - September 29, 2010 at 12:00 AM

EA

“ Dearest Family,  
Our greatest memory of Aunt Sue would be of her soothing, lovnng nature. The sound of her voice could heal your heart in a second. Will greatly miss her and her annual turn your clocks back reminder calls.... We loved you Aunt Sue, but will miss you more. All of our love to all of you...  
Eric, Staci, Daniel and Michael

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**Eric & Staci Rudesill - Fort ick, CA - Aunt** - September 28, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you all as you gather to celebrate Sue's life. We will miss her humor, her smile and her wisdom. She was a gift to many of us in the Diocese of Northern Michigan.

Faithfully,  
Rayford

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**rayford Ray - rapid River, MI** - September 28, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KN

“ We will miss you... Sue was the best Aunt ever! Love to you all.

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**Karin, Casey & Molly Day - Washougal, WA - Niece** - September 28, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ She was your mother at School when you needed her, she knew everyone by their name. Even after we were no longer in elementary she still remembered us. I have lots of memories of her. Sharon and Sandy you had the best mom ever. She will be missed by many.

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**Michelle Smokevitch-Graves** - September 28, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ She was a part of my whole life. Sorry for all your suffering and loss. I remember my special time working in the "office" with her and how much she comforted me when I would return to school after a dental appointment. Felt like my own mother was there. May your fond memories of her, bring you peace.

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**Sheree Graham - Friend** - September 28, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ My sympathy and thoughts go out to you's know she i realy watching over everybody she touched my prayers go out to all of you.

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**John Alexa - Freind** - September 28, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LL

“ Sandi, Scott, Cody, Sharron, Gary, Kim, Eric and Kristin~

*My thoughts are with each and every one of you. I know this has been a long and difficult journey and having to say goodbye is just about impossible. It sounds cliché, but time really is a friend to grief of this magnitude and it won't always ache as badly as it does today. Sue was such a brave and intelligent lady. When I was blessed enough to bump into her, she left me in awe of her strength in the face of such uncertainty. What a wonderful legacy she left for each of you in that strength. I pray for your peace during this time of letting go, lean on one another and always, always on her memory too.*

*In love and friendship.  
The Lesandrini Family*

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**Lisa Lesandrini** - September 28, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LA

“ Dear Sandi, Sharon, and Families, Sue fought the good fight until the end, teaching us all how to live life one day at a time. She had infinite compassion and regard for all of God's children, sharing His love through her friendship and service to others, including her beloved animal friends. May her presence in memory help guide you through this challenging time. In Christ, Lorna and John Anderson.

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**Lorna Anderson** - September 27, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ To the family of Sue Karnack,

*My heartfelt thoughts and prayers are with during the loss of your mother and grandmother. Sue was an inspiration to those of us whose lives she touched.*

*With special thoughts and prayers,  
Ruth "Bootsie" Makuck*

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**Ruth "Bootsie" Makuck** - September 27, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SK

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family

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**Susan Stein Daughter of Joanne Krueger** - September 27, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ Sharon, Sandi and Family -

*Your Mom was a great lady and friend. So glad I was able to spend time with her in July. I will always remember Sue for her humor, kindness, willingness to help anyone and her friendship.*

*Prayers for your family.*

*Carol Pretto Shefky*

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**Carol Pretto Shefky - Waukesha, WI - Friend** - September 27, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ *I have nothing but happy, fun, fond memories of Aunt Sue. I'm so very happy that Claire and I were able to see her in July while we were home. It brought happiness to me to see her still her happy, positive self as she has always been with everything that she was going through. She will forever be in my heart and will be so sadly missed. My love to all of you. RIP Aunt Sue, I love you.*

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**Julie Karnack Hanrahan - Hartford, WI - Aunt** - September 27, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ Sharon & Sandi,

*I am saddened for your loss.. She was the best neighbor, we had a lot in common! She will be missed. You are right she is in a good place.*

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**Mary (Rossi) Robinsion - Friend** - September 27, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ Sandy & Scott, Sharon & Gary - heartfelt sympathy thoughts and wishes are sent out your way - your mom was the greatest - i remember going to her in my elementary years whenever I needed someone to talk to - she was always compassionate and full of hugs - she was the greatest! I know she will be missed by many. She is in a place where there is no more pain and she is at peace. Remember all the love she shared with you all.

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**Susie (Alexa) Clearwater - Pinckney, MI - friend** - September 27, 2010 at 12:00 AM

EF

“ Hi, I don't know you, daughters, but I got to know your mom through church events, since I am attending St John's in Iron River. I remember her as a very kind, gentle woman who taught me a lot, and we had always fun together. I'll miss her, but I am happy for her.

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**Elke Rafferty - friend** - September 27, 2010 at 12:00 AM

GF

“ Dear Sharon, Sandi and Families,

*The ladies at the animal shelter lost a great friend, and the animals lost the greatest cat cuddler there ever was! We will all miss your Mom and Grandmother's presence at the shelter, but she will always be in our hearts and in our memories.*

*Gerry Berezik, President of the Northwoods Animal Shelter Board*

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**Gerry Berezik, NOrthwoods Animal Shelter - Iron River, MI - friend** - September 27, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you.* ”

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**Cindy Tesar - Joanne Krueger's daughter** - September 27, 2010 at 12:00 AM