



Susan Marie Fucinari-Stranges

March 1, 1956 - October 16, 2024

ADRIAN- Susan Marie Fucinari-Stranges, age 68, of Adrian, MI, left this world on Wednesday, October 16, 2024, at home surrounded by the love of her family and under the care of Arbor Hospice.

Susan was born on March 1, 1956, in East Detroit, MI, the third child of Peter and Evelyn (Milkiewicz) Fucinari's five children.

After graduating from high school, Susan went on to attend Eastern Michigan University where she earned her bachelor's degree in education and master's in special education. Susan started her teaching career at Deerfield Public Schools before moving on to Springbrook Middle School in Adrian. Susan loved working with the students and made an impression on all who knew her. She retired from teaching after 30 years of commitment and dedication.

On June 26, 1981, Susan married Robert Stranges in East Detroit, and for the next 43 years they shared many hopes and dreams as their story evolved.

They were blessed when their son, Antonio, came along and made their family complete. There was always a reason for celebrating, at least twice a month, with their large extended family. Over the years, there were memorable cruises taken with "30 of their closest relatives" and trips out to California to visit Antonio.

Susan was naturally gifted in design and whatever project she was working on was presented beautifully; this included the Victorian style theme of the family home or even when she was preparing food for dinner. Susan always gave it her all and made everything feel like a celebration. She enjoyed making

beaded and metal jewelry and spending time outside gardening.

In addition to her loving husband, Robert, Susan will be missed by her son, Antonio; siblings, Carl (Cathy) Fucinari, Claudia More, David (Yvonne) Fucinari and James (Sheri) Fucinari; many wonderful friends that she treasured; and her beloved cat, Luigi. Susan was preceded in death by her parents

Visitation will take place on Wednesday, October 23, 2024, Noon to 1:00 PM at Wagley Funeral Home, Adrian. Funeral services will begin at 1:00 PM with Pastor Dan Crist officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to Arbor Hospice (arborhospice.org), the Lenawee Humane Society (lenhumanesoc.org) or the Leukemia Foundation. Online condolences and memories may be shared at www.WagleyFuneralHomes.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **23**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Wagley Funeral Home (Adrian)
1501 W. Maumee St.
Adrian, MI 49221
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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

JB

“ She was my Special Education Teacher at Springbrook she got me into there after 5th Grade at Alexander in 2003 and a great lady. She will be missed.

Jimmy W. Black - November 08, 2024 at 10:02 PM

AF

“ Adam Luis Cantu and Family. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Susan Marie Fucinari-Stranges.

Adam Luis Cantu and Family. - October 24, 2024 at 07:14 PM

AF

“ Adam Luis Cantu and Family. purchased the Joyful Memory for the family of Susan Marie Fucinari-Stranges.



Adam Luis Cantu and Family. - October 24, 2024 at 07:14 PM

DC

“ When I think of Susan, the word “splendor” comes to mind. From her incredible beauty, to her clothes, to her hair, to her makeup, to her jewelry...Susan was splendid...a queen in all her awe-inspiring splendor! And as with a queen, her home was her castle. Everything in her home was lovingly placed in its special spot. I loved the drop-down secretary desk...the chair was pulled out and turned ready for someone to sit down...the paper, quilled pen, book, and spectacles were right where someone left them...waiting to be used again.

Susan was kind, compassionate, and respectful to everyone she meant! She was splendid....and had a way of making everyone want to straighten their crowns and go into the world knowing they could make an impact. And in the end, all were deeply touched by her courage, determination, bravery, and desire to protect those she loved! She fought the fight, ran the race that was before her, and did it with grace and splendor! There's something so wonderful about knowing she has a new mansion and is walking streets of gold! Susan, do some redecorating up there...until we meet again, know you were so loved and admired! Dee

Dee Crane - October 23, 2024 at 01:10 PM

RJ

“ I knew Susan from our days at Springbrook Middle School. She always had a beautiful smile on her face and was such a joy to be around, Her students were very fortunate to have her. So sorry to hear of her passing. Ron June

Ron June - October 22, 2024 at 09:23 AM

MB

“ I’m so sorry to hear of Susan’s passing. I was fortunate to have her as a mentor when I first started teaching. She was caring, supportive, full of creative ideas, and always made everyone feel welcome. She will be missed.

Michael Brink - October 21, 2024 at 10:26 PM

MB

“ Michael Brink purchased the Simply Elegant Spat hiphyllum for the family of Susan Marie Fucinari-Stranges.



Michael Brink - October 21, 2024 at 09:46 PM

GH

“ I was a neighbor of Susan and Rob on Bent Oak for over 20 years. No one could ask for better neighbors! Always enjoyed a cold beverage in their beautiful gardens. Susan always had the most pleasant smile and a great sense of humor. And if you ever were invited to one of their Halloween parties, you were sure to be surprised and amazed by the way they decorated their garage! I will miss you Susan. Rest my friend pain free at last.



Gayle Haines - October 21, 2024 at 07:17 PM

CM

I was so fortunate to know Susan. She was a beautiful person inside and out. She had the kindest and most loving soul. I will miss her and her beautiful flowers she would bring me.

Cynthia Modzel - October 22, 2024 at 10:33 AM

RJ

“ Susan was always a genuine person even when she genuinely didn't want to be. She's always been one of my favorite people and she's always been supportive of anything that I've ever warranted myself to do. And for that I'll always be grateful and always love that woman from the bottom of my heart..

Rev Anthony J - October 21, 2024 at 04:31 PM

JB

“ Jen and Ralph Bryant planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Susan Marie Fucinari-Stranges.

Jen and Ralph Bryant - October 20, 2024 at 05:00 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Susan Marie Fucinari-Stranges.



October 20, 2024 at 05:00 PM

TF

“ The Righi Family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Susan Marie Fucinari-Stranges.



The Righi Family - October 20, 2024 at 02:27 PM

LC

“ **Cosmic Dancer**

Sue was one of the most creative people I've ever known. She inspired many, including myself. We met in high school art class and had so much in common that we became friends immediately and kept in touch over the years.

I have fond memories of going to your house after school listening to T-Rex and David Bowie while making Mrs. Fucinari's recipe of nalesniki, a Polish crepe that was so yummy!

I will never forget your beautiful smile and laugh, Susie, and also your affection toward all who came into your world.

Rest in peace little one. I will see you on the other side someday.

Love to Tony, Rob and your family.

*Lisa Cliff
Palm Springs, California*

Lisa Cliff - October 20, 2024 at 10:03 AM

PC

“ *My sincere condolences to Susan's family, she had the greatest impact on my son's life. She will forever be missed. My prayers to all her family.*

Paula Reyna Chavez - October 19, 2024 at 07:54 PM

TS

“ Our deepest sympathy to Rob, Tony, and Susan's family. Susan and I shared many tables, the faculty table, the team table, the lunch table, and the beading table. She brought intelligence, creativity, laughter, joy, and really great food!

Teresa Turner Sharp - October 19, 2024 at 12:48 PM

JJ

“ Such a beautiful soul! Her beauty shined from within. Fifty years of friendship. We have all been so richly blessed to have had her in our lives. Susie, you were known by many, loved by all. Rest in peace my dear friend. 🕊️❤️

Joe & Judy - October 19, 2024 at 10:31 AM

LM

“ Dear Sweet Sue, I was so blessed to have you as a friend for so many years. I love and cherish the memories we all made. We listened to the latest music, did our nails and tried to copy the latest fashion trends. You were always the most stylish gal in school. I love that you followed your dreams and touched the lives of so many young souls. I will miss your smile and kindness forever Sue. Until we meet again Abbracci e Baci ❤️

Laura Dupuis Montecchi - October 18, 2024 at 10:07 PM

WB

“ My deepest sympathy to Sues family she was an extraordinary gifted person her smile and laughter warmed the soul. I met her in art class at EDHS. I was traveling in Michigan and ran into her and her husband at a market. That was maybe 25-30 years ago I'm grateful knowing that she got her wings and will be watching over us all. God Bless You Sue

William Bengel - October 18, 2024 at 09:47 PM

SW

I'm so sorry to hear of Sue's passing! She will always hold a special place in my heart! A truly gifted and compassionate person. I met her in art class at high school and she was so supportive while a gifted artist herself. She will be missed for sure!

Sandra Weinstein - October 21, 2024 at 08:02 PM

AC

“ Susan will be missed by many. Her smile would light up our neighborhood and her garden was always so beautiful and such a masterpiece built by both of you. We are going to miss her walks up and down the street with Luigi and Rob by her side. May God place his arms around all of you at this time and always. Dan & Angie Colf

Angela Colf - October 18, 2024 at 06:46 PM

DP

“ My friend! My very best friend! You are woven into my heart and my very soul. You have been a part of my life for over 60 years and I can't believe I have to live in this world without you. I will think of you and miss you everyday until we meet again. Sending my love and support to Rob, Tony, Luigi and all her family. Love you Sue! DebXO

Deb Paulson - October 18, 2024 at 04:13 PM

KL

“ Our lives were made so much richer because of your friendship Susie. Your creativity and compassion were unequaled and your laugh will echo in our thoughts for ever. For such a petite person, you will leave a big hole that can never be filled because there just isn't anyone quite like you. Our love always to you and your family, Kathy and John

Kathy and John Loftus - October 18, 2024 at 02:28 PM

CS

“ Dear Robert and Family, so sorry to hear of the passing of your beloved Susan. We will keep you in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time! Love, Nick and Cyndy Stranges

Cyndy Stranges - October 18, 2024 at 02:03 PM

JS

Robert and family, Our Condolences and Prayers are with you. Sharon and Joe.

Joseph Stranges - October 19, 2024 at 09:02 AM

TC

Bob and Tony - Please accept our sincere condolences at this difficult time. Know that our thoughts and prayers are with you both.
Tom and Sondra Clark

Tom C - October 23, 2024 at 07:42 PM

AA

Rob, I'm heartbroken to hear of Susan's passing. What a beautiful person she was inside and out. I'm sorry I couldn't be there but just know I will continue to keep you in prayer. Annita Aranda

Annita Aranda - October 25, 2024 at 11:35 PM