



## Susan D. Kehl

March 23, 1941 - October 23, 2022

Sparta - Susan D. Kehl, age 81, passed away on Sunday, October 23, 2022 at Newton Medical Center. Born in Hanover, New Hampshire to the late Henry L. Duncombe, Jr. and Mary Ellen (Graham) Duncombe, Sue had been a resident of Sparta Township for the past 50 years. She was a licensed hairdresser and formally owned and operated Sunshine Beauty Supply in Sparta. After her retirement from her store, Sue continued her hairdressing skills and was well known in the area for her ability and knowledge in designing and customizing wigs for people. Her business, Alternative Hair gave her the ability to help people who lost their hair due to cancer or other sickness. Sue was also very community minded and was involved with the Sparta Woman's Club as well as a local book club. Sue is survived by her husband, Roy E. Kehl; her daughter, Linda Kehl and her son Michael; her son, Christopher Kehl and his children, Douglas and Bree; and her sisters, Elizabeth "Beth" Nehls, Nancy Eder, and Patty Williams. A Celebration of Susan's life will be held at 4 p.m. on Sunday, November 6, 2022 at the Pinkel Funeral Home, 31 Bank Street (Route 23), Sussex. Friends may pay their respects to the family prior to the service from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, please consider a memorial donation in Susan D. Kehl's memory to the Presbyterian Church of the Mountain, 106 Church Lane, Delaware Water Gap, PA 18327. Online condolences may be offered to the family at [www.pinkelfuneralhome.com](http://www.pinkelfuneralhome.com)



# Cemetery Details

## Private Cremation Services

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 6. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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## Celebration of Life Service

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# Tribute Wall

KS

“ Sue was a friend of my mother's going back to high school, or maybe even earlier, from the Washington DC area. When my mother spoke of her, it was evident what a profound love she held for her -- simply one of the warmest and most caring friends my mother ever had. Sue lived for a brief time at my grandparents' house in Bethesda, to finish her sophomore year of high school uninterrupted, if I remember the details correctly, because her parents were moving out of the area -- and my grandparents were, as it seems everyone was, incredibly fond of her. My mother's path diverged and re-crossed with Sue's over the years, but there was no one else quite like Sue to her. In the later '60s my mother left DC due to my father's job transfer to northern NJ, and she ended up finding the town of Sparta to settle in, where, she later learned to everyone's surprise, Sue had also moved, a sheer coincidence that put them back in touch. Sue made the trek to Rhode Island to visit my mother in her last days, which was a source of comfort to her for which our family will always be grateful. Such a sweet soul -- rest in peace.

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**Kurt Snyder** - November 21, 2022 at 11:42 PM

DR

“ When I moved to Sparta 36 years ago , Susan Kehl was the first Sparra resident I met that made a lasting , life long impression . I'd go into her beauty supply shop with my 2 girls , ages 3 and 5 to waste some time and check out the latest make up and hair pieces ,which Sue put on their heads for a few giggles . Sue was always fun to chat with , always had a big smile and enjoyed interacting with the 2 little girls . As years went by , I met Sue's husband Roy and their 2 kids Chris and Linda. Kind of a small town experience , where 1 relationship grows and spreads to the whole family . My deepest condolences to Sue's family . We will all miss her presence but I will always remember her happy nature and big smile !

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**Darlene Randazzo** - November 10, 2022 at 05:25 PM

KT

“ My condolences to the Kehl Family upon the passing of Sue. As a former cancer patient and client, I spent a lot of quality time with her. She was the perfect person for that profession. Her compassion and kindness made a tough situation more bearable. The Lord now has a special angel for sure.

Sincerely,  
Kathy Trexler

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**Kathy Trexler** - November 07, 2022 at 10:39 AM

JR

“ I met Sue about 25 years ago when I used to shop at Sunshine Beauty as a young preteen. As a result of her warm and caring demeanor, we quickly developed a friendship. I was fortunate enough to work for her throughout high school. She was someone I admired and respected, as all who knew her did. While I sadly lost touch with her after I moved away, I thought of her often. She will always have a special place in my heart. My condolences to Roy and family.

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**Jennifer (Miller) Reeve** - November 05, 2022 at 05:20 PM

SG

“ Steve and Marge Graham purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Susan D. Kehl.



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**Steve and Marge Graham** - November 04, 2022 at 12:15 AM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Susan D. Kehl.



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November 02, 2022 at 06:17 PM

SK

“ Sue,

*You were an exemplary human being and an example to us all of how to live. I am grateful for your help getting around over the last year and, moreso, for the many hours we spent together. I always looked forward to seeing your smiling face and I loved your constant positiveness, your practical advice, your ability to consistently treat others with kindness and respect, and your unflagging desire to do good in this world. Like many others whose hearts you have touched, I will miss you and always think of you with fondness. If was truly my privilege to know you.*

*Stan*

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**Stan Kelly** - November 02, 2022 at 11:39 AM

EN

“*"Sunshine" is truly what Sue brought to all, not just in the form of her business, but to everyone who was lucky to meet her. When I see yellow flowers or big yellow bows, I will think of Sue.*

*As a child, I was in awe of Sue, my older sister, who was and is a role model, teacher, great listener, adviser and always lots of fun to be with. Sue was an excellent student, loved to read, write poetry and even taught her pet parakeet French. I will never forget the time she made frog legs for dinner one night.*

*As children living in New Hampshire, Maryland, and New York, we learned to love each season. I will think of Sue always as I remember her enthusiastic descriptions each season, a walk in The Glen with beautiful fall colors, fresh air and leaves crunching underfoot, a fresh snowfall clinging to tree branches against blue skies, the new buds appearing in spring, or a swim in Glen Lake reminding her of Stores Pond in Hanover.*

*Making Christmas cookies with her grandchildren was one of her favorite holiday traditions. Her macaroni salad and chocolate chip cookies were always requested for family gatherings wherever we were. The best thing Sue brought was herself, her caring warm and beautiful smile. My family adored Aunt Sue and we all have so many fond memories of times together.*

*I have always been inspired by Sue's determination for living and pushing through all difficulties while keeping a positive attitude. One saying she gave me will stay with me forever, "Gods pure healing energy is flowing through me now, I am whole in body, mind and spirit" You will forever be in my heart dear sister Sue. I love you.*

*Roy, Linda, Chris, Doug, Bree and Michael, you are in my thoughts and prayers always. Love, Beth*

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**Elizabeth Nehls** - November 02, 2022 at 07:20 AM

NE

“ Roy,  
*Pat Costello sent this and I thought it would bring a smile to your  
face,  
those were happy, carefree, summer days! Love you, Nancy*

*'I think of our days at Jones Beach with Roy and Sue and the  
children,  
Such wonderful happy memories.'  
I am so sorry,*

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**Nancy Eder** - November 01, 2022 at 01:30 PM

NE

“ Sue, I cannot believe you have left this world. A world you made more beautiful and a world you loved. We miss you SO!  
I have so many wonderful memories of you, our childhood, you older and the leader of the pack. You loved Hanover, NH and the life there, especially the snow, You loved dressing up and wearing beautiful clothes-I especially remember your yellow senior prom dress, you looked so beautiful.  
Always a sister who was there for me and supported me, never judgmental. When I got married you continued that support to Ed and me and you have been a very special Aunt Sue to our children, Leslie, Lindsay and Stephanie. They have loved you. When they married you welcomed Adam and Jason, our sons in law and when they had children you became Aunt Sue to Alec and Devyn, Macaela, Natalie and Willow.  
I will never forget when Lindsay was in school in New Jersey and the laws changed and we needed a New Jersey resident to be an advocate for her to continue there you immediately said yes. And when she calls you, which she can do often you always answered her calls joyfully.  
We will miss you everyday, heaven has a new angel.  
I love you,  
Nancy

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**Nancy Eder** - November 01, 2022 at 01:21 PM

SW

“ Sue, you are one of the kindest, caring, wonderful person I know. What am I going to do without you and your friendship and your ability to find just the right wig for my small head. I just saw you a month ago when I finished radiation and we had coffee. I will miss coming to your house and being teased by Roy.  
You are in my prayers and will always be missed by me. We had a very special friendship. Love you ❤️🙏😭

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**Stephanie Woods** - October 31, 2022 at 07:11 PM

DI

“ My dear friend, Linda, and family. We were saddened to hear of the passing of your Mom. She is at peace with our Lord now. May you find comfort when thinking of your fond memories of her. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this most difficult time. God Bless, Diane and Danny

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**Diane** - October 26, 2022 at 10:07 PM

DD

Dear Sue, in the past year I have had the pleasure to get to know you. I have always enjoyed our talks together while ordering my hairpieces. You were always so patient and truly wanted me to be happy with my choices! I will miss our talks about life, family etc. I told you just recently you were one the nicest people I had ever met! Your smile and sincerity will always remain with me. I will miss you, and feel very blessed I had the pleasure of getting to know you. Sincerely, Deb DenHollander

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**Deborah DenHollander** - November 06, 2022 at 06:58 AM