



Susan Hicks Cooksey

July 13, 1964 - April 4, 2024

Susan Marie Hicks Cooksey, beloved wife, mother, Gigi, sister, aunt, and friend of Ridgely, Maryland, passed away at the age of 59 on Thursday, April 4, 2024. She leaves behind a legacy of love, laughter, and cherished memories that will forever live on in the hearts of those who love her.

Born on July 13, 1964 in Washington, D.C., Susan was the daughter of Joseph Albert Hicks and Margaret Blandford Hicks Stinchcomb. She graduated from LaReine High School in Suitland, MD.

Susan's greatest joy in life was her family. She married the love of her life, William "Billy" Cooksey Jr., and together they built a beautiful life. Susan was a devoted mother to her girls, Marissa, Ashlyn, Elizabeth, and Tayler, and she took immense pride in their accomplishments and cherished every moment spent with them.

Susan was a Kindergarten Instructional Assistant at Ridgely Elementary School in Ridgely, MD where she loved her students. Her duties extended far beyond the classroom walls as she took the time to listen, to offer words of encouragement, and to celebrate the unique talents and achievements of each child.

Susan found joy in simple pleasures. She loved reading and tending to her

garden, and cherished the company of her beloved cats and dogs, Butch and River. Music and laughter always brightened her days, and she enjoyed planning celebrations for friends and family. Whether at the beach or by the pool, she savored soaking up the sun's warmth whenever she could.

She is survived by her loving husband Billy, her children, Elizabeth Cooksey, Tayler Shinnamon, and husband Mark, Marissa Cooksey, and Ashlyn Clifford, and husband Jimmy, her adored grandsons Canaan Cooksey and Maddox Shinnamon, her favorite niece Kristen Darlington, her siblings, Lynn Townsend, Anne Hicks Windsor, and Michael Hicks, and her mother Margaret Stinchcomb. She was preceded in death by her father, Joseph Albert Hicks.

A memorial visitation will take place on Thursday, April 11, 2024 from 6 - 8 pm at Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home in Chester, MD.

Though Susan may no longer be with us in person, her spirit will continue to live on in the hearts of those who loved her. May she rest in peace, knowing that she was cherished beyond measure and that her legacy of love will endure.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

APR 11. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Fellows, Helfenbein, & Newnam Funeral Home, P.A.
106 Shamrock Road
Chester, MD 21619

Tribute Wall

MF

“ *Murphy-Bittner Family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Susan Hicks Cooksey.*



Murphy-Bittner Family - April 10, 2024 at 06:38 PM



“ *Pink Potpourri Bouquet was purchased for the family of Susan Hicks Cooksey.*



April 10, 2024 at 12:35 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Susan Hicks Cooksey.*



April 10, 2024 at 06:34 AM

AF

“ *Angela DeCesaris D'Antonio & family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Susan Hicks Cooksey.*

Angela DeCesaris D'Antonio & family - April 10, 2024 at 06:34 AM

SJ

“ Shannon, Shanita, & Jodi purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Susan Hicks Cooksey.



Shannon, Shanita, & Jodi - April 09, 2024 at 10:48 AM

SJ

“ Shannon, Shanita, & Jodi planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Susan Hicks Cooksey.

Shannon, Shanita, & Jodi - April 09, 2024 at 10:48 AM

AJ

“ I will always remember Susan from our grade school days at St. Johns. Just the sweetest, kindest person. Rest in peace Susan. Prayers for peace and comfort for all who love her ❤️

Aimee Johnson - April 08, 2024 at 10:49 PM

AD

My deepest condolences to all Susan's family and friends. I have so many wonderful and happy memories of our childhood friendship. I'll always think of her smile and beautiful eyes.

Angela D'Antonio - April 10, 2024 at 06:44 AM

FN

“ Flo, Laurie, Shelly, Kari, Chris, Nick planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Susan Hicks Cooksey.

Flo, Laurie, Shelly, Kari, Chris, Nick - April 08, 2024 at 07:03 PM

FN

“ Flo, Laurie, Shelly, Kari, Chris, Nick purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Susan Hicks Cooksey.



Flo, Laurie, Shelly, Kari, Chris, Nick - April 08, 2024 at 07:03 PM

BW

“ Barbara Cooksey & Andy Walker purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Susan Hicks Cooksey.



Barbara Cooksey & Andy Walker - April 08, 2024 at 02:26 PM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Susan Hicks Cooksey.



April 08, 2024 at 01:08 PM

RP

“ Ridgely Elementary School PTA planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Susan Hicks Cooksey.

Ridgely Elementary School PTA - April 08, 2024 at 01:08 PM

JD

“ *Jimmy & Doris Darlington purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Susan Hicks Cooksey.*



Jimmy & Doris Darlington - April 07, 2024 at 08:29 PM