



Alice Susan Leddick

December 1, 1948 - December 22, 2021

At about 9am on 12/22/21 we lost Susan Leddick unexpectedly and abruptly. She is survived by her husband of 51 years, Jack and her son and daughter, Andrew and Emily. Her funeral will be held at 2pm on 1/8/22 at the Edina chapel of Washburn McReavy and will be laid to rest finally in Oak Grove cemetery in Montegue, Michigan. She was born Alice Susan Price, oldest daughter of Max and Bernice Price, in Doniphan, Missouri on 12/1/48. Her brother, Gary Price, preceded her in death in 1997. Her sister, Jan Wood lives near Springfield, Missouri.

After graduating at the top of her class in Doniphan, she earned her bachelors degree from the University of Missouri - Columbia, masters degree from the University of Missouri - St. Louis and doctorate of education from Western Michigan University. She was a consultant in organization design for over three decades. Susan founded her company, PKR on the principles of W. Edwards Deming, her friend and mentor. Over time, she learned the theory and methods of social system design from the late Russell Ackoff and Jamshid Gharajedaghi, applying these theories to drive improvement in the private and public sectors.

The lifelong friends she made growing up in a small town and during long workshops brought vibrant colors to her stories and real warmth to her life. Gatherings with her far-flung immediate and extended family was always

sparkling with her newest kitchen exploits and hilarious recounts-she had a way of remembering dialogue like no other. When you traveled with Susan, you met fabulous people doing wonderful, important work that she counted among her dearest friends.

If you were lucky enough to have known her, you'll remember her wit, her insight and you'll likely remember her forever.

Memorial service will be held at 2PM on Saturday, January 8th with visitation one hour prior, all at Washburn-McReavy Edina Chapel.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 8. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Edina Chapel
5000 West 50th & Highway 100
Edina, MN 55436
(952) 920-3996
info@washburn-mcreavy.com

Chapel Service

JAN 8. 2:00 PM - 2:45 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

BB

“ I just learned of Susan’s untimely death in the latest Mizzou Magazine. We were college friends and both members of the women’s leadership honorary LSV. I am sorry we did not continue our friendship over the years. She was a dynamic leader at MU and I have no doubt she continued that role her entire professional life. I send my sympathies to her family. *Betsey Barnette Bruce, St. Louis*

Betsey Bruce - June 19, 2022 at 11:32 PM



“ Susan made a powerful impact on many people and advanced education for the better. I considered her a mentor and friend who taught me so much about quality and systems and how to leverage my talents and what she taught to make things happen. She's a huge reason that Iowa BIG exists today as one beacon of what schools can and should look like. *What a beautiful soul!*

Trace Pickering - January 18, 2022 at 02:02 PM

DR

“ Dearest Jack, Andrew and Family,
It is difficult to find the words that express the profound grief and sorrow for your loss of such a dear loving Mom and partner. She filled a room and had such wisdom, focus, love of life, laughter, wit, humor, courage and her presence made people want to nourish themselves. Susan was an icon like no other and her legacy will be honored. Her life - a gift that will continue giving. May God wrap His arms around you and bring you peace and hope,
Diane Randell, Canada



Diane Randell - January 08, 2022 at 01:47 PM

LC

“ Jack, Andrew and family,
Love and light to you as you grieve the loss of your amazing wife
and mother. I will cherish my memories of our friendship, her wit
and humor and all that she graciously gave of herself as a leader,
teacher and mentor. Lynn Cromley

Lynn Cromley - January 07, 2022 at 11:23 PM

BM

“ Bill McKinney purchased the [Memorial Trees](https://www.washburn-mcreavy.com/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) for the family of Alice Susan Leddick.

Bill McKinney - January 07, 2022 at 01:25 PM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family
of Alice Susan Leddick.



January 07, 2022 at 10:25 AM

LF

“ Love, Jan and family purchased the Basket Full o
f Wishes for the family of Alice Susan Leddick.



Love, Jan and family - January 04, 2022 at 11:05 AM



“ *Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Alice Susan Leddick.*



January 03, 2022 at 03:46 PM



“ *Nancy Hutchinson & friends at KEDC - KY purchased the Vivid Recollections for the family of Alice Susan Leddick.*



Nancy Hutchinson & friends at KEDC - KY - January 03, 2022 at 12:10 PM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Alice Susan Leddick.*



January 03, 2022 at 12:08 PM

DD

“ With my deepest condolences to Susan's family. She was a wise and wonderful mentor and colleague. I cannot tell you how many times I recalled things she taught us while I worked at an ESA and then applied to my own work over the years. She was smart, kind, and someone I truly admired. Here is something that has carried me through many times, and maybe it will help you: "Those we have loved and lost are no longer where they once were. They are now wherever we are." May God bless you with His peace and love.

Dorreen Dembski
AESAs

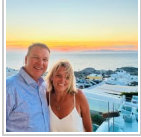
Dorreen Dembski - January 03, 2022 at 10:13 AM

JG

“ Susan had a profound impact on me, the ESA I lead, and the system of ESAs. She worked with my team and a group of stakeholders to revise and update our mission, vision, core values, and strategic priorities. That work is evident throughout the organization today. It truly transformed the organization and better positioned us to more effectively serve more educators. Susan was a good friend, mentor, and colleague. She will be missed by many. My prayers are with her husband and family during this difficult time.

Jeff Goldhorn, ESC-20 San Antonio, TX

Jeff Goldhorn - January 03, 2022 at 10:11 AM



“ *It is an absolute honor to have known and become friends with Susan. She was an inspiration to many. Her legacy will live in thousands of ESA staff, students, and friends. Her wisdom, wit, and thoughtfulness will be remembered but missed. So sorry for your loss.*

*Jeremy Kovash
Lakes Country Service Cooperative
Minnesota*

Jeremy Kovash - January 03, 2022 at 09:27 AM



“ *I was absolutely blessed to have known Susan. She was a huge influence in educational career. She made a positive impact on all she met. Kind, friendly, hilarious, wicked smart, and above all a good friend. She will be missed. A true difference maker.*
Candace Lynch, Cedar Rapids, IA

Candace Lynch - January 02, 2022 at 06:55 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Alice Susan Leddick.*



January 02, 2022 at 06:35 PM

AP

“ Andy & Nancy Pechacek purchased the *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* for the family of Alice Susan Leddick.



Andy & Nancy Pechacek - December 31, 2021 at 01:20 PM

JO

“ Rarely have I met someone so kind and incredibly wise! Whether captivating a room during a presentation or meeting one on one to discuss a particular problem. Susan would excel! I was blessed to work with her through AESA and was hopeful to do so much more in the years to come. She will be missed by her professional colleagues but my prayers go out to her husband and children who lost one of the finest people I knew!

God bless!

*John Kurelja
CSIU 16
Pennsylvania*

John - December 30, 2021 at 09:57 AM

CS

“ Carole and David Schwinn purchased the *Enchanted Cottage* for the family of Alice Susan Leddick.



Carole and David Schwinn - December 30, 2021 at 09:18 AM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Alice Susan Leddick.*



December 29, 2021 at 10:40 PM



“ *Susan was one of the most focused and accomplished people I've known. Whip-smart, one amazing raconteur. But,... but. Mostly, she caught fish like nobody else. For years and years, with guides and other guides and other guides, it was always fun to watch them realize the lady quietly doing her own thing in the back was getting the most and biggest fish. Always. Every time. Big rainbows in Alaska, big brookies in Ungava, bonefish in Yucatan, browns in Argentina, all kinds of trout in Montana, smallmouth in Lake St. Clair, or bass or sunnies in the local pond without guides. For all her amazing accomplishments, she was pretty proud of that smaller thing. She caught fish like nobody else. Born to it.*

William Steere - December 28, 2021 at 06:36 PM

JW

Bill, Susan's little sister here. Yep, you're right -- how she loved to fish! Our great Uncle Andy, long time river guide on the Current, had a funny quote -- failing to understand why we weren't catching more fish on dry days, Uncle Andy would say "Hell, we're all good..." Born to it is right.

Janet Gale Wood - January 04, 2022 at 10:58 AM



“ *Susan will be greatly missed! She was a highly empathetic, knowledgeable, and skilled educator. You knew when she was talking to you that she was fully present and listening. Yours was the most important conversation at that moment. She truly made a difference!*

David VanHorn - December 28, 2021 at 05:01 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Alice Susan Leddick.*



December 28, 2021 at 02:41 PM



“ *Susan is an educators educator. Her contribution to our community will have (and has had) a positive impact for generations. Susan challenged us to be better versions of ourselves. In her memory, let's continue that hard but import work. Mike Soules*

mike soules - December 28, 2021 at 01:42 PM

WR

“ My condolences to the Leddick family. I had the fortune of meeting Susan through the work my agency had done through AESA. Susan was not only a great colleague but a great friend and mentor. I had just seen her at the AESA conference and she gave me a big hug and asked how I was doing. She was a great lady and she will be missed.

*Rest In Peace
William Rice
Area Cooperative Educational Services*

William Rice - December 28, 2021 at 01:34 PM

ET

“ Condolences to Susan's family. I will remember Susan through her work with AESA. In all our interactions, Susan was always willing to share her expertise and to help out. I will remember her as joyful with a good sense of humor. May your memories comfort you at this time.



Ella Taylor - December 28, 2021 at 01:22 PM

GP

“ I am truly sorry to hear the loss of our dear friend from Doniphan High School. Susan was an outstanding student and was a delightful friend to many. Please accept my heartfelt condolences and I pray God gives you all peace and comfort in the coming days ahead.

Gwen Rowe Potts - December 28, 2021 at 09:13 AM

 Cindy Kalland

“ I was just getting to know Susan. She and Jack so kindly reached out to us after they moved 4 doors away. And her participation in our complex’s book club was delightful. I’m so very sad.

Cindy Kalland - December 27, 2021 at 03:51 PM

LT

“ Lori Tolonen purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Alice Susan Leddick.



Lori Tolonen - December 27, 2021 at 02:12 PM

MW

“ Condolences to the Leddick family from the Eden Prairie Community Foundation, where Susan was a highly valued friend and volunteer, offering her knowledge and advice to make the Foundation a better organization. We were lucky to gain her help, and she will be missed greatly.

Mark Weber - December 27, 2021 at 08:30 AM