



## Susan Haines Ruchie

September 9, 1964 - June 6, 2022

Susan "Susi" Haines Ruchie, age 57, passed away June 7th, 2022, in Edina, Minnesota, following a long battle with LGL Leukemia.

A Celebration of Life service will be held on Monday, June 20, 2022 at 11am at Normandale Lutheran Church in Edina. Visitation will be held on Monday, Jun 20, 2022 from 10-11am at Normandale Lutheran Church in Edina. A private interment will be held in Willmar later. In lieu of flowers, memorials to Lymphoma Research Foundation, American Swedish Institute, Willmar Public Schools Foundation, or Normandale Lutheran Church are preferred.

Susan Haines Ruchie was born September 9, 1964 in Willmar, Minnesota, the daughter of John and Donna (Meline) Haines. She grew up in Willmar, was baptized and confirmed at Calvary Lutheran Church. Susi attended Lafayette Elementary School and graduated from Willmar High School in 1982. She attended Ridgewater Community College and then the University of Arizona in Tucson, Arizona. Susi was a Registered Dietician who worked many years at Hennepin County Medical Center and Abbot Northwestern Hospital.

In 1995 she met the love of her life, Mark Ruchie, at an all-school reunion in Willmar. Both were a bit "shy" and had the secret weapon of both mothers who helped them maintain contact until they married on March 24, 2001. Her "clinching" line to her husband was "I enjoy knitting, family and travel." This union resulted in their biggest accomplishment in this world, their daughter Elvy. Susi loved to read to Elvy, play games with her and help her learn about the world.

Susi was a baton twirler for the "U" of Arizona Wildcat Marching Band. She grew up competing in baton twirling contests throughout the Midwest and three times in Hawaii. She was also a Talent Show winner at the MN State Fair, Minneapolis Aquatennial, and on Discoverama TV. She started teaching twirling in high school and some of her students also became champions. She also taught twirling lessons in Sweden. Susi spoke Swedish and enjoyed activities at the American Swedish Institute. Susi loved genealogy and her travels to Sweden and Norway to meet relatives.

Susi was a member of Normandale Lutheran Church in Edina where she was a Stephen Minister.

Susi is survived by her husband, Mark, daughter, Elvy of Edina; mother, Donna, brother, Bob (Dona) Haines of Willmar, Aunts Helen Sullivan of Willmar and Marilyn Meline of Stanton. She was preceded in death by her father, John Haines, Aunt Avis (Meline) Johnson and Uncle Harry Meline.

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Edina Chapel 952-920-3996

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN **20**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Normandale Lutheran Church  
6100 Normandale Road  
Edina, MN 55436

## Memorial Service

JUN **20**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

CS

“ Our deepest sympathy to Susi's family. She was one of the loveliest young women we had the pleasure to know for many baton twirling years. She instilled grace, confidence and integrity, giving her students an incredible start to their future endeavors. Notre Dame memories will last a lifetime. Rest in peace sweet Susi.  
Colleen, Ron and Kristie (Thomas) Van Slooten

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**Colleen Van Slooten** - June 19, 2022 at 03:20 PM

SF

“ I will never forget the many competitions and years we twirled together. I am so sorry I will not be able to attend the service, we are on vacation. My heart goes out to the whole family.  
Sally (Dahlke) Fiddler.



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**Sally (Dahlke) Fiddler** - June 18, 2022 at 01:19 PM

AP

“ Anfinson Thompson & Company, P.A. purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Susan Haines Ruchie.



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**Anfinson Thompson & Company, P.A.** - June 16, 2022 at 09:54 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Susan Haines Ruchie.*



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June 15, 2022 at 12:58 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Susan Haines Ruchie.*



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June 13, 2022 at 10:01 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss. Susi was so sweet and kind and talented. My memories go to baton twirling and her talent and her ability to teach Amy and Ann. She was so patient and encouraging. I always think of baton contests when I hear the John Philip Sousa March. Sending love and prayers to all of you.*

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**Nancy Norbie** - June 13, 2022 at 09:16 AM

DK

“ My memories of Susi go way back to when she and Bob were just babies in Willmar on Oak Lane! Babysitting those two sweet, adorable children was a unique gift to me as I started when I was only 9 years old. Living across the street made it easy and very safe. I always looked forward to being at their house and playing games with them both. Growing up across the street allowed me to watch in awe at her ability to twirl the baton and make it look so easy. My thoughts and prayers go out to her family.

*Dawn (Bissett) Karon*

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**Dawn Karon** - June 09, 2022 at 06:14 PM

MH

“ My sympathy to Susi’s family and friends. I first saw Suzi do a baton show at a Cardinal basketball game when she was 5. I was continually amazed as I watched her over the years seeing not only her talent but her humble loving kindness.

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**Mary Hovland** - June 09, 2022 at 04:49 PM

AW

“ My deepest condolences and sympathies to Mark and family for your loss. Wishing you peace, comfort and courage during this most difficult time.

*Amanda Walt*

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**Amanda Walt** - June 09, 2022 at 09:20 AM

JR

“ Susi was also a singing coach to Elvy, they both played musical instruments. She was a sometimes editor of some of Elvy's writing. I know Elvy got her love of reading and studying from both parents. I still remember Susi listening as Elvy rehearsed for singing at my mother's funeral.

*Susi was amazing, and I was so lucky to have gotten to know her*

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**Janice Ruchie** - June 08, 2022 at 08:31 PM