



## Susan Marguerite Ryan

June 10, 1946 - March 24, 2025

Susan M. Ryan (Crowley)

Age 78 of Shoreview

Died on March 24th, 2025

Survived by sister, Dolores Appel; in-laws, Larry Bakke, Doris and Mitzi Crowley, Richard and Kathy Ryan; many special nieces, nephews, and friends. Preceded in death by beloved husband, James; brothers, David, Forest, and John Crowley; sisters, Kathleen Bakke and Maureen Crowley; sister-in-law Lynn Crowley.

Susan was a 1964 graduate of St. Joseph's Academy and received a teaching degree from the University of MN-Twin Cities and a Masters from St. Cloud State University. She met her husband, Jim, on a blind date which was the start of a nearly forty-six-year marriage. They enjoyed hosting holidays, bridge club, and houseboat vacations with Kate and Larry. Susan spent her 35-year teaching career at Groveland Park Elementary, mentoring hundreds of third grade students. Many of her fellow teachers became lifelong friends who often gathered and laughed over classroom stories and life experiences. Susan had a love of old movies, music, and spending time with her siblings. She was a loving Aunt, not only to nieces and nephews, but to great-nieces and nephews

as well.

Susan was faithful and generous. Her kind heart and sense of humor will be greatly missed by family and friends.

Mass of Christian burial Tuesday, April 8th at 11:00 AM (visitation 10:00-11:00 AM) at ST. JOSEPH OF THE LAKES, 171 Elm Street, Lino Lakes, MN.  
Interment Calvary Cemetery.

Memorials preferred to Little Sisters of the Poor or Twin Cities PBS.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 8. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Joseph of the Lakes Catholic Church (Lino Lakes)  
171 Elm Street  
Lino Lakes, MN 55014

## Mass of Christian Burial

APR 8. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

St. Joseph of the Lakes Catholic Church (Lino Lakes)  
171 Elm Street  
Lino Lakes, MN 55014

## Reception

APR 8. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

St. Joseph of the Lakes Catholic Church (Lino Lakes)  
171 Elm Street  
Lino Lakes, MN 55014

## Graveside Service

APR 8. 2:30 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Calvary Cemetery (St. Paul)  
753 Front Avenue  
Saint Paul, MN 55103

# Tribute Wall

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“ So sorry to hear of Susan's passing, almost seven months later. Though we live in Arizona, I had hoped to contact her since my last visit to Minnesota, which was for my longtime friend Jim's funeral. I pray for her eternal life with our Lord Jesus Christ, and comfort for all her family and friends.

Jim and I were at St. Thomas Academy together, hung around later, both joined Armed Services (Jim the Army, me the Air Force), served in Vietnam. After that we dated a series of ladies until Jim met an absolute gem, beautiful and charming Susan. I was so happy for him!

A year after I moved to California, I came back to Minnesota for their wedding, and was honored to be in their wedding party. I still have their group picture on my computer.

Three years later Jim and Sue came to California for my wedding to Janis, my absolute gem, and Jim was in our wedding party, a great honor for me.

Susan was the best thing that could have happened to Jim. She was so friendly and cheerful. Did I mention beautiful? It was great when we visited Minnesota to see the two of them and go out to a restaurant and visit. In later years Jim would meet us at The Green Mill pizza restaurant.

I cannot know the mind of God any more fully than what He has revealed in His holy scriptures, but I must believe that God set them up together and He has a beautiful eternal home for that beautiful lady - and my good friend Jim.

May God bless you all.

Tom Van Keuren

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Tom Van Keuren - October 11, 2025 at 08:14 PM