



Susan Y. Hegdal

October 16, 1959 - February 20, 2024

Susan Hegdal, 64, passed away February 20th, 2024 at home surrounded by loved ones after a seven year battle with lung cancer.

Susan was born Yong Cha Kim on October 16, 1959 in Daegu, South Korea to parents Bill Cheng Kyu Kim and Jung Hee Lee. After the passing of her mother, Susan and sister, Mary Hae Kyong Kim, lived in Seoul with Aunt Bohki Sung, where she studied violin and traditional Korean dance.

Susan moved to Detroit Michigan in 1971, where she graduated from Fitzgerald High School. Susan competed in local beauty pageants and was Detroit's Miss Korea 1976. She married her first husband, Michael Mayeda, in 1980, with whom she shares two children. Susan moved to Colorado in 1983. She married her second husband, Thomas Hegdal, in 1993, with whom she shares two children.

Susan worked in the restaurant industry most of her life, where she shared her gregarious nature with many. Susan loved to cook for her family, friends and those she cared about, but could never be bothered to follow a recipe. She enjoyed badminton, backgammon, and playing euchre with her card group for over 20 years. Susan loved the outdoors, hiking and enjoying nature with a special fondness for the Poudre, Arches National Park, and Saint John Island. Susan had a big heart, always welcoming people into her home and

giving back to the community by volunteering regularly at schools and shelters. Susan found the most joy spending time with her family and spoiling her granddaughters.

Susan was predeceased by her parents Bill Cheng Kyu Kim and Jung Hee Lee; sister Mary Hae Kyong Kim; and niece Ashley. She is survived by her husband, Thomas Hegdal; ex husband, Michael Mayeda; daughters Julia Halualani and Shelby Hegdal; sons Jeffrey Mayeda and Elliot Hegdal; nieces Lauren Kirkland, Rachel Kirkland and Grace Turner; nephew David Kirkland; and granddaughters Emi and Mei.

A memorial service will be held 2 pm, Friday, February 23, 2024 at Bohlender Funeral Chapel. Susan's favorite time of year was spring. To honor Susan, if possible, please wear floral prints or bright colors.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Homeward Alliance in her honor, a cause she cared deeply about. <https://secure.qgiv.com/for/homalldon>

Previous Events

Memorial Service

FEB **23**. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (MT)

Bohlender Funeral Chapel
121 W. Olive Street
Fort Collins, CO 80524

Tribute Wall

AG

“ Dear Tom, Julia, Jeffrey, Elliot, and Shelby,

We are so deeply saddened to hear about Sue's passing and the struggle she endured over the years. She was an amazingly strong woman and I'm sure she gave it her all.

We have many happy memories of seeing Sue and you all when we lived across the street on Silvertip Place. She was a beautiful and kind woman and mother. We also carpooled many years together and what I recall is her calm and happy nature. I never remember seeing her frazzled or anxious, just so open and smiling and very generous.

The world lost a very special person, we are keeping you all in our hearts.

Annie and Mark Groth

Annie Groth - March 08, 2024 at 03:54 PM

LN

“ Today sure is bittersweet... as my husband and I celebrate our anniversary we mourn the loss of our dear family friend. Although we knew the day would come for our sweet friend, neighbor, nanny, and “Asian grandmother” (what she called herself to our children) it never is easy! Bouts of tears fill my eyes as I think of our conversations drinking coffee in the backyard while the kids played on their swing set. All the marital advice she would give me while we juggled 2 kids, working full time, and trying to find time for “us” with no family in town. She would watch our kids so we could go out and have our time together. She would even ask if the kids could come and play when her grandchildren were visiting so I could get a break and head to the gym. But then spoil my workout with her delicious strawberry rhubarb cake. Her battle with cancer was rough but she stayed so strong and hid it well. As I try to stay happy and positive today I constantly think of you because you always had a way to pull me through some tough times!

Last night my little boy and I prayed and talked about Susan and heaven...he then asked if Susan could walk Buster up there for us



We love you so much and we know you are no longer in pain.

Laura Nehoda - February 22, 2024 at 11:22 AM

JA

“ Dear Tom and family,
I took a walk today, and as I was going by the lake at Troutman Park I thought of Susan. She would have loved the geese that flew overhead and landed in the water. I know she loved nature and beautiful sunshine.

I feel so blessed to have been her friend. We met years ago at Tortilla MARRISA's on a Friday night when my husband Bill and I had our weekly date night. Over the years we looked forward to seeing her each week. She had a warmth that radiated from head to toe. She knew what we usually ordered and would ask "The usual?" with a big smile. We loved hearing about her family. We often bought Girl Scout Cookies from her that daughter, Shelby was selling.

When Bill became ill, she was a great support for me. She was loving and kind. She came to visit us often. Sometimes she had a TM lunch in hand.

These last few years she and I would often walk at the Senior Center and have wonderful chats. We shared family tales as we made our laps. She always brought two cups with her so we could have hot chocolate or tea after our walks. I will miss her greatly!

My heart goes out to all of you. May you have your own wonderful memories to comfort you at this difficult time. I know she loved you very much.

Janie

Janie Arnold - February 21, 2024 at 05:20 PM

AS

*Tom,
Mark let us know about Susan's death. We are praying for you and your family.*

Susan was always such a friendly, kind person when we went to Tortilla Marisa's. After she retired it never felt the same without her.

Susan often told us about what you and your family were doing. She knew we were your friend, Mark's, parents. It was always quite obvious she loved you all very much.

Rod and Alene Starkey

Alene and Rod Starkey - February 22, 2024 at 01:32 PM