



Susan Elizabeth Hubbard

October 3, 1960 - September 19, 2025

Susan Elizabeth Hubbard , 64, passed away peacefully on Friday, September 19, 2025, in Bradenton, Florida, surrounded by her loving family.

Born on October 3, 1960, in Barberton, Ohio, Susan was the beloved daughter of Monica Hubbard of Sarasota, FL, and the late William Hubbard. She is survived by her mother, Monica; her sisters, Kathryn McKenna (Plainfield, IL); and Laurie Stayer (Keith) of Jacksonville, FL; her brother, Bill Hubbard (Joni) of Annapolis, MD, eight cherished nephews, Jason (Veronica) McKenna, Shane McKenna, Kyle Stayer, Liam Hubbard, Jake Stayer, Duncan Hubbard, Keenan Hubbard, and Sean Hubbard; great-nephews, Jackson and Nicholas McKenna; and great-niece, Charlotte McKenna.

Susan grew up in Akron, Ohio, and Naperville, Illinois, and graduated from Naperville North High School in 1979. She went on to earn a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Science from the University of Florida in 1984 and a Master of Science degree also in Computer Science from the University of Texas in 1987.

Her professional career began with Bell Communications in New Jersey, where she worked on pioneering projects in telecommunications. She later joined Princeton Telecom, contributing to some of the first internet-based credit card payment platforms—innovations that helped shape the digital

landscape we know today. In 2002, Susan moved to Florida and joined Guardian Solutions, specializing in IT security.

Susan's lifelong passion for creativity eventually led her to pursue a second career in the arts. A gifted artist from childhood, she studied botanical art at the Ringling College of Art and Design and later shared her talent as a teacher, inspiring students with her artistry and encouragement.

Susan's life was enriched by many passions—her love of music, her devotion to cats, her joy in travel, and her quick sense of humor. She had an unshakable faith in God and a boundless love for her family. Her nephews and niece were blessed to know her as both a doting aunt and a steadfast cheerleader in their lives. Susan also built strong connections with her cousins from as far away as Washington State and Canada over the past several years and she cherished their relationship.

In her passing, Susan continued her legacy of generosity by giving the gift of life through organ donation, touching the lives of several recipients.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, October 8, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. at St. Thomas More Catholic Church, 2506 Gulf Gate Drive, Sarasota, FL 34231, with a Celebration of Life reception to follow immediately at the church.

The live-stream link to Susan Hubbard's service will be available at 9:50 a.m. on 10/8/25. (<https://www.stthomasmoresrq.org/>)

The family suggests that memorial gifts be made in Susan's honor to: The Sarasota Humane Society, <https://www.hssc.org/donate-now> LifeLink Legacy Fund,(organ donor) <https://lifelinkfoundation.org/contribute/> or Ringling Art and Design School, <https://giving.ringling.edu/>. Thank you in advance for your precious gifts.

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

OCT 8. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Thomas More Catholic Church
2506 Gulf Gate Dr
Sarasota, FL 34231-5731
(941) 923-1691

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Tribute Wall

DG

“ Dion G. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Susan Elizabeth Hubbard.

Dion G. - October 12, 2025 at 08:03 PM

SH

“ 2 files added to the album Celebrating Aunt Sue



Shane - October 09, 2025 at 05:31 PM

DJ

“ Dawn J. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Susan Elizabeth Hubbard.

Dawn J. - October 08, 2025 at 09:02 AM

KM

“ When my brother Mike shared the very sad news of Sue passing my mind immediately went to memories of lots of laughing. Sue was wicked smart and that came through in her humor. We went to high school together in Naperville. Sue was the first in our friend group to get her license - we would all cram into her small car - Mustang? - more of us than actual seats. I remember sleepovers at her house. Sue was at WIU freshman year of college with me and our friend Barb (Behan). She loved dressing up and going out to find the best parties. The 3 of us decided to try cigarettes for the first time - very late one night in the dorm shared bathroom. Laughing through our coughing - thought we looked cool for a hot minute. We decided to try out for Little Sisters to frat houses. Laughed the whole way back to the dorms at the ridiculousness of it all. I remember Sue was game for anything. I remember thinking damn she's so freakin smart AND so artistic. I knew she'd go on to explore and create and make an impact. My heart breaks for the entire extended Hubbard family. I am smiling at the thought of her laughter and sending you all my love and condolences.

Kerry (O'Connor) Malone

Kerry Malone - October 08, 2025 at 03:08 AM

CM

“ Carol (Mermon) Menapace purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Susan Elizabeth Hubbard.



Carol (Mermon) Menapace - October 07, 2025 at 10:40 AM

CM

“ I was so saddened to hear of Susan's passing. This one is hitting me hard. I pray for her beloved family to find peace and comfort knowing she touched so many lives. Her spirit lives on in her many friends and family.

I met Susan in May of 1984. I was just finishing my first year of college and she was graduating from UF. We were about to head off on the 'bookfield' for our summer job. We became fast friends and worked our tails off that summer. Our headquarters had 3 of the top first year salespeople out of thousands of students. We had a lot of fun, laughter and silliness due to the long hours. We nicknamed our team the TAFs - Totally Awesome Females. If that doesn't scream 1980's I don't know what.

After that our paths separated with her going to Texas, but we stayed in touch. We had many trips together to Cancun, Mexico and later I joined her in Europe a few years later.

I'm grateful to have know Susan for 41 years. She's truly been a lifelong friend. I will miss her dearly and the talks that we had. Picking up right where we left off like no time had passed.

Your loving friend,

Carol (Mermon) Menapace



Carol Menapace - October 07, 2025 at 10:33 AM

TF

“ *The Krill family purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Susan Elizabeth Hubbard.*



The Krill family - October 07, 2025 at 09:41 AM

TF

“ *The Krill family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Susan Elizabeth Hubbard.*

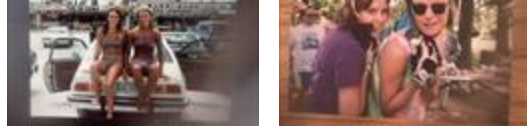
The Krill family - October 07, 2025 at 09:41 AM

EJ

“ Susan was one of my dearest friends, we met working as servers at a Chinese restaurant in 1980 in Gainesville, Florida where we were both in school at the University of Florida - Go Gators! We shared so much in the 2 years we both lived in town, including an overnight trip to Daytona Beach in 1982 that provided years of side-splitting laughter in the retelling of our crazy misadventures at the beach (see photo attached). After that I went to grad school in Virginia and she went off to grad school in Texas. She came to my wedding in Charlottesville, Virginia in 1987, I believe she was on her way to a job and new life in Princeton. Happily for both of us it was an easy day's drive, so we visited each other at least once a year, including the one time she joined me at The Great Peanut Bike Tour in Emporia, Virginia for 3 days in 1992 (see attached photo of us holding baby bunnies while on a break). After she moved to Sarasota, she would join my husband Kim and I for a day during our yearly vacations in Sanibel Island. We shared so many experiences, and sought each other's advice and support for challenges and heartbreaks. We both had early health crises, and provided the kind of guidance and honesty that only two really solid friends could offer. I was inspired by her courage and perseverance in all she had to face. And her beautiful light and spirit were always present. We also laughed a lot! Each time we talked we always got around to sending each other into gales of laughter with our unconventional take on current events, and especially about the crazy antics of our cats. Susan had great comedic timing and was the queen of hilarious irony.

I am most grateful for a most amazing friendship with Susan. I loved her stories about her family, she said I should consider myself adopted. Not sure she ever let her family in on this offer, but it gave me warm fuzzy's just the same. My heart goes out to her family and friends. Susan, I was so blessed to have your friendship for 45 years and thinking of you will always warm my heart. May God bless you and may you be at peace





Erin Johnson - October 06, 2025 at 05:50 PM

AW

“ I just read through the condolences online...they were awesome and that says so much about Sue and what a freaking force she was... I'll never forget the time she blew into town (Akron) and she and I stayed up all night talking. It was great relearning Sue, because before that I mostly remembered how I was so impressed by her drawings and her Kittles 🤪. I'm sorry to say, I don't remember the peonies that her cousin, Scott, talks about in their backyard but I do remember the treehouse Bill and his Dad built. I also remember giggling for frogs (we called it that but we caught them by hand and released them) and picking raspberries so Mrs Hubbard could make pies. Good memories with the sad news. You'll be missed, Sue.

Annie (Krill) Welty - October 06, 2025 at 05:34 PM

AW

Sorry, I think they were Kiddles (sp?) a collection of toy dolls and figurines? I was very young ;-)

Annie (Krill) Welty - October 06, 2025 at 05:36 PM

OM

“ O'Connor, Germeroth, Gieser, & Malone purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Susan Elizabeth Hubbard.



O'Connor, Germeroth, Gieser, & Malone - October 06, 2025 at 03:04 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Susan Elizabeth Hubbard.

October 05, 2025 at 08:15 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Susan Elizabeth Hubbard.



October 05, 2025 at 08:15 AM



“ Susan was my best friend of 40 years. We were in each others weddings and Susan was in the room when my son was born. Closest friend I have ever had in my life. She will be very missed. My prayers and love go out to her family !! ❤️🙏

Carol Neal - October 03, 2025 at 04:09 PM

“ Going to miss you Cuz.

Many years ago I asked my Uncle Bill, my mothers brother why he decided to move clear across the country and leave his roots here in Washington state. His reply was simple and the same reason family's have separated for generations. His reply to my question " I got a job offer I could not refuse "

A noble choice for his future and his new Bride Monica. But one I have personally regretted he made my whole life.

As such we saw our 5 Hubbard cousins rarely, maybe 6 or 8 times over our life times, so having a close relationship was impossible.

When we did connect, the first few days were always a bit awkward for young minds to navigate, Unlike seeing dear old friends as an adult where we can pick right up where we left off 5 years latter. Young minds change so rapidly we scarcely know who we are, let alone have the capacity to allow others room to change and grow and still recognize. No sooner then we would settle into a comfortable rhythm with each other off we or they would go again and communication stopped.

Unlike today with the advent of the internet and social media, we were hard pressed to finish our homework, let alone pen a letter and put a stamp on it.

It wasn't until then that Sue and I communicated at all for probably 20 years, both being busy in our careers, relationships and navigating live in our respective bubbles in general. Time is like that, it slips by us.

Sue and I became closer in the last 10 years then all 54 of her previous wondrous and precious life I missed out on combined. We chatted often on the internet. Sharing some memories pictures and pleasantry's. Talking about or folks and our siblings. And later our

health, aches and pains.

Our kindled friendship came way way to late. I even learned too late of her amazing drawing talent. As excited as she was at my request, with its Hubbard ties. She just did not have it in her any longer to complete a commission I requested of a drawing of our Grandfathers Scott Hubbard's last remaining Peony cultivar in existence. Ones he had personally developed and given to each of his 7 grand kids. Naming each original cultivar after each or our first names. Uncle bill had told me the regrettably had to leave all his kids peony's in the back yard of their Ohio home when they moved to Florida, knowing they would not survive without their needed winter dormant season. The thought of shipping them back out here did not cross his mind.

As close and comfortable we got at sharing things back and forth these last few years, I still don't know what her favorite color was. What was her favorite type of music or song. Was she ticklish at the knees. Did she like baseball or football better. Gosh I hope it wasn't basketball, I could have had fun with that.

Nope all those things we should have known about each other that we just cant really get around to finding out so many miles away.

I'm envious of her friend Heather, who's tribute to Susan is so full of a relationship obviously filled of laughter and good times. She got to know the real Susan.

What I do know is Susan was a giver. A kind and sensitive caring individual who will be miss by all the knew her.

If I make it up there with her, I'm going to bug the crap out of her leering and laughing about all the things I missed out learning about her here.

To the rest of my beloved Hubbard Cousins. And to my dear aunt

Monica whom Susan's caring giving heart came from. My heart is heavy sharing in your loss.

And

What's your favorite colors?

I love you all so very much

Scott

Scott Helm - October 02, 2025 at 09:48 AM

HH

Scott, these are beautiful sentiments and I'm glad you got to know Susan when you did! I was wondering about her favorite color, too! I know she liked University of Texas football! Hook 'em, Horns! And I have to laugh remembering having a drink and her saying something like 'Don't you love Dido?' That song that goes 'I want to thank you for giving me the best day of my life...' was too treacly for a girl like me so I said nothing. But it really speaks to what an incredible sweetheart she is. And honestly? It's about having someone like Sue in your life! Go look up the lyrics. Other than that, I'm pretty sure Sue will dance to anything. We used to jump rope to 'tunes'. I remember listening to Rock Lobster when that was out and she was at university and Laurie and I were still in HS. We all went to REO Speedwagon on that trip. And god knows we all love The Stones! Be well, Man!

Heather Dawn Hamann - October 02, 2025 at 12:06 PM

SC

I love Dido...Voice of an Angel...Several of her songs are in my favorite list on Spotify ..this makes me happy we had that in common .thank you Heather.

Scott - October 02, 2025 at 08:23 PM

HH

“ *But I always thought that I'd see you again, Sue...*

Sue was a freaking ray of sunshine!

I knew 'Suba' in so many forms - first as the glamorous older sister of my friend Laurie. When we were flat-chested squirts, those three years in age made a huge difference.

Later our paths crossed in Austin, Texas. Sue was getting an advanced degree and I guess was wasting my parents' money having a second sophomore year of college. We got a weird little apartment together with her cat, Chelsea and had a ball. She was so driven in everything, whether studying or working out. And what focus! She had a boyfriend in the Navy so we spent Spring Break in Corpus Christi. Sue really took me under her wing. Being from the midwest - yankees - we laughed when it snowed there and everyone flipped out.

As adults, Sue's career took her all over the world. Lucky for us both, it brought her to San Francisco, where I settled. We had so many great laughs and catch-ups over dinners and drinks at really wonderful restaurants.

In recent years, we kept up over email and texts...it was really fun and I just want more, more, more. I took some trips and showed her pictures and wanted to show her the place in real life. We'll go! I dreamed. She even called the week before she passed - what a treat to hear that voice and laugh!

I'm sure we all feel broken, shattered and ineloquent. How do you put into words what a stunner of a human Sue is, what a force, what a positive electron! Even in sadness or anger it was all heart or a searing want for justice.

And yes! She loved her family - she send me photos with details of exactly who every little niece and nephew is - such pride!

Susan, I will do my best to live a life in your honor but damn I wish you were going with me!!!

Heather 'Mae'



Heather Dawn Hamann - September 29, 2025 at 01:27 PM