



Sue Hurst

April 8, 1955 - May 8, 2024

Sue Ann Hurst, 69, passed away peacefully in her sleep on May 8th, 2024. Born on April 8th, 1955, Sue lived a full and creative life from beginning to end and touched the lives of many people as she continually shared her creativity and faith with others.

Sue so enjoyed growing up in the little town of Ridgeville Corners where she attended school until she joined Archbold High School her freshman year. She graduated from AHS in 1973. She went on to attend Adrian College for a short period of time. She completed a degree in Art Education from Defiance College in 1989.

One summer a young man was farming across from her house, and she caught his eye. Steve and Sue were a match like no other and they married on April 23rd, 1976. They enjoyed 48 years of marriage and 50 years together. This team was an example to others on what love is. They enjoyed raising their three kids on the family dairy farm and working together on many projects.

Sue started her career in education at Tinora and then moved on as an art educator at Archbold Area Schools for 26 years. She worked with students of all ages and left a positive impact on many of their lives. While working on her master's degree and helping with creative planning of the construction of her new church, Sue was drawn to the art of stain glass. This was just the beginning of the amazing legacy she left for the St. John Lutheran churches of Stryker and Freedom township.

Sue loved her family, flowers and gardening, the farm, children story books, hosting cousin sleep overs with the grandkids, and Tuesday Tea with mom and sisters. Teaching others how to be creative and honing in on the best of their abilities was a gift for Sue and she was still doing this even on her last days. But most importantly she loved sharing her faith with others, remembering each is a child of God.

She is survived by her husband Steve, her three children, Laura (Joe) Bickel, Andrew (Brittany), and Daniel (Ashley), grandchildren, Alli, Mason, Makenna, Brynn, Aubree, Gabe, Isaac, Zeb, Kaylee, and Macy. Her mother, Phyllis Hesterman and her siblings Vicki, Linda (Randy) Ridley, Bob (Ann), Tom (Carol). In-laws Susan Hurst, Marsha (Lynn) Bostelman, Becky Hurst, Carl (Pam) Hurst and many beloved nieces and nephews. Sue was preceded in death by her father, Vernon Hesterman and parent in-laws Ray and Dorothy Hurst, and brothers-in-law, Mike, Roger, and Robert Hurst.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, May 14th, 2024 at St. John Lutheran Church, ST RTE 6 & 66. Interment will follow in the church cemetery.

Visitation will be held on Monday from 2-8 p.m. and Tuesday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials to St. John Lutheran Church, 23120 US Highway 6. Stryker, Ohio 43557, to benefit the arts /Christian education or to the Ridgeville Park.

Cemetery Details

St. John Lutheran Cemetery, Stryker

23120 US Highway 6
Stryker, OH 43557

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 13. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

St. John Lutheran Church - Stryker
23120 US Highway 6
Stryker, OH 43557

Visitation

MAY 14. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. John Lutheran Cemetery, Stryker
23120 US Highway 6
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Funeral Service

MAY 14. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

VH

“ We thank God for the 69 years He gave Sue to touch the lives of others. We so enjoyed the interactions we had with her as we purchased beautiful stained glass items that were made in the incredible studio she and Steve operated on their farm. We especially enjoy the Martin Luther Seal in our home and using others for gifts.
It was clear she was a woman of faith and she lived her life for others. Our sincere condolences to her entire family. What a woman to have for a wife, a mother or a grandmother! She so loved you all. Lord have mercy!
Victor (Sue's cousin) and Norma (I am Vic's wife) Hesterman

Victor Hesterman - July 04, 2024 at 06:16 PM

CA

“ Carma Bischoff. Praying that the Lord will comfort all yee who mourn.
Sue was allways pleasent and a joy to talk to. She never said a bad word about anyone.
MY brother LeRoy worked with Roger at Snyders. And my Mother Eleonore was fortunate to at times baby-sit the girls; they all had such. good Times. Oh how Eleonore loved them.

Carma - May 14, 2024 at 03:15 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Sue Hurst.



May 14, 2024 at 08:14 AM

CC

“ *What a beautiful ‘living stone’ Sue has been to her local churches. My husband Jeff and I were privileged to meet Steve and Sue at St. John’s and it was wonderful to see all the work they had put into the windows that Sue had designed. My favorite part of the visit was seeing parents pointing out the various ‘hidden pictures’ in each window and explaining the deeper meaning to their children. Sue has left behind an eternal legacy in her work and in the hearts of those who knew her. Jeff and I are both saddened by the news of her passing. Our prayers and deepest condolences are with her family and church today. Jeff and Christina Crook*

Christina Crook - May 13, 2024 at 09:56 AM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Sue Hurst.*



May 13, 2024 at 09:01 AM

TE

“ *TRULAND Equipment purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Sue Hurst.*



TRULAND Equipment - May 13, 2024 at 07:53 AM

EM

“ Eddie, Rachelle, Keaton and Makenna purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Sue Hurst.



Eddie, Rachelle, Keaton and Makenna - May 12, 2024 at 08:51 PM

DM

“ Mrs. Hurst will forever have a place in my heart. Always supportive, always kind, always encouraging. I'm thankful to have had the pleasure of knowing her.
-Derek

Derek Meyer - May 11, 2024 at 05:48 PM

WF

“ With love from The Tyner Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Sue Hurst.



With love from The Tyner Family - May 11, 2024 at 03:50 PM

WF

“ With love from The Tyner Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sue Hurst.

With love from The Tyner Family - May 11, 2024 at 03:50 PM

YF

“ *Your St.Annes Progressive Family purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Sue Hurst.*



Your St.Annes Progressive Family - May 11, 2024 at 12:41 PM



“ *Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Sue Hurst.*



May 11, 2024 at 08:03 AM

ST

“ *Sue left a legacy that will stand many many years into the future. The artwork that she made for St John Stryker and St John freedom is amazing. And we will remember her every time we look at those projects. My sympathies to the family*

Sue Thayer - May 10, 2024 at 08:44 PM



“ *Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Sue Hurst.*



May 10, 2024 at 04:28 PM



“ Ridgeville Elevator Inc. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sue Hurst.

Ridgeville Elevator Inc. - May 10, 2024 at 04:28 PM