



Sue M. Shew

October 29, 1930 - May 29, 2018

Sue M. Shew, 87, died peacefully on May 29, 2018 at her daughter Sarah's home in Toledo, Ohio. Susie was born October 29, 1930 in Bloomington, Illinois, the daughter of The Rev. Dr. Harold Martin and Alice Shonkweiler Martin. She was preceded in death by her brother, The Rev. Dr. James P. Martin of Arlington Heights.

After graduating from Maryville College in Tennessee, Susie married Johnny who was attending Princeton Theological Seminary. The family (including their newborn, Kathy) moved to Bloomington, Illinois where John, now ordained, served on the staff of Second Presbyterian Church with Susie's father, "Doc" Martin. A second child, David, joined the family in Bloomington and the family moved to Grand Forks, North Dakota where Tim and Sarah were born and where John Shew served as the Pastor of First Presbyterian Church. Vital years at First Pres in Cedar Rapids, Iowa preceded the move to Toledo where Johnny was Senior Pastor at the Collingwood Presbyterian Church until he died in 1989.

Many people who remember Susie applaud her vision for uniting and directing children's singing voices, her efforts in helping form the Women's Center and Women In Philanthropy at UT, her many musical and theatre ventures, and her voice as a conduit for bringing positive changes to families. Her vibrancy for life as well as her smile brought love and joy to all who knew her.

In Toledo Susie was a Licensed Professional Counselor in private practice after she received her M.A. in Counseling from the University of Toledo. For 25 years she was a counselor in Toledo's private Catholic schools, taught parenting and communication skills throughout metropolitan Toledo and loved showing off her expertise in hospitality by hosting those "famous" Shew parties.

Susie is survived by her children, Kathy Shew-Felchle and Sarah Shew of Toledo, The Rev. David Shew and his wife The. Rev. Debbie Shew of Durango, CO and Tim Shew and his wife Jane Brockman of Hershey, PA. She adored her 7 grandchildren and contributed in so many visible and invisible ways to their upbringing.

The Shews lived in Old Orchard, Toledo for more than 40 years. Family and friends were Susie's passion and delight. Many will miss the way she always was able to fill any room with hospitality, humor and cheer. She was an excellent listener.

The family wishes to thank all the caregivers during her final years, especially Parkcliffe Community and Ohio Living.

Susie Shew's Celebration of Life service with special music will be held in the sanctuary of Collingwood Presbyterian Church at 2:00 pm on Friday, June 22, 2018, Julian A. Davies, officiant. A reception will follow. Arrangements entrusted to the Ansberg-West Funeral Directors, 419-472-7633. To send her family online condolences, please visit www.ansberg-west.com.

Previous Events

Service

JUN **22**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Collingwood Presbyterian Church
2108 Collingwood Blvd.
Toledo, OH 43620

Tribute Wall

DE

“ To the Shew family from Denny Corathers. You were a wonderful person who made my life a happier place to be in. I'm praying for the famiy, that they find comfort in this housr of need.

Denny - June 16, 2018 at 08:26 AM

ER

“ Susie is Carol Dyer's half sister, and with her passing Carol Martin Dyer is the only surviving child of Doc and Alice Martin. (Aunt) Carol is now age 97 and unable to attend the funeral, but we (Steve and Elaine) hope to attend. Blessings to all the Shews, Martins and others in the family who are feeling Susie's absence in these days.

Elaine Rainey - June 12, 2018 at 11:15 AM


Elizabeth
Smith

“ I grew up living next door to the Shew's and Susie was an amazing woman! She had an impact on everyone she met. We are all blessed to have known her. Her children inherited so many gifts from this wonderful woman and carry them on to future generations.
-Elizabeth (Vogt) Smith

Elizabeth Smith - June 08, 2018 at 08:06 AM

JJ

“ What a wonderful life Susie Shew experienced. For several years I was privileged to accompany Susie when she sang with THE NEW NOTES which was sponsored by the Women's Committee of the Cedar Rapids Symphony. We all loved her. Sincere condolences to all the Shew family.

Judy Carmichael - West Okoboji, IA - June 07, 2018 at 02:43 PM

HS

“ My thoughts, prayers, and love go to all the Shew children and grandchildren I have so many wonderful memories of Susie and how kind she was to me and my husband Bill when we visited her in her home. Susie was such a joy to be around and I know she will be missed by all the people she helped.. God bless Susie Shew.

Marie Smith and all the Smith family from Monroe

H. Marie Smith - June 06, 2018 at 02:41 PM

TT

“ I celebrate the life of Susie Shew as I recall the impact she had on our everyday and spiritual lives. She brought such joy and inspiration to us and I recall her positive impact on my son, Ben, who is, himself now a dad. She was a great support when support was needed and she always had the right things to say. My first memory of her was on a blistering hot and humid August afternoon. as we were unpacking in our newly purchased Old Orchard home. The doorbell rang and there were Susie and John, to welcome us to the neighborhood, with a pound of coffee. From that time forward, Susie and the entire Shew family played very important roles in our family.

I will always remember her spirit and her smile and I send the entire Shew family my family's sympathy and condolences.

Tom Tousley

Tom Tousley - June 05, 2018 at 02:50 PM

MA

“ *What a precious gift is Susie, she shaped my and so many other worlds, such a strong voice of hope and joy. Such a spiritual connection I was gifted when meeting her, she touched so many lives. She took every moment being present with us, and used every cell of energy to live fully. God bless you all. Mary Albritton.*

Mary Albritton - June 04, 2018 at 11:54 AM

JS

“ *We will be eternally grateful for the Shew Music Education Scholarship that Sue established over 20 years ago at the University of Toledo. Many of our students - current and future music educators - have benefited from her generosity and support. We are forever grateful.*

*Jason Stumbo
Chairman - UT Department of Music*

Jason Stumbo - June 04, 2018 at 09:54 AM

PV

“ *So many good choir memories with Susie at First Presbyterian in Grand Forks, ND. She was truly an inspiration to my music appreciation. I know we made her cry in a good way when we performed well. Always positive experience. You as family were fortunate to have her in your life.*

Penny Vangen - June 04, 2018 at 05:56 AM

RL

“ *What a wonderful woman who made everyone she encountered feel special. Janna and I feel blessed to have known her. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.*

Randy and Janna Lake

randy lake - June 03, 2018 at 02:49 PM

GK

“ *Miki and I send our sympathies, prayers and deep respect to the entire Shew family at Susie's death. She was a truly remarkable person in every respect. Certainly our lives were enriched by having known her. May you not only find comfort in sorrow, but also gladness and joy in your remembrances. Christ's peace be with you, each one. Gary and Miki Kornell*

Gary Kornell - June 02, 2018 at 09:19 PM

LL

“ *"Those were the days"...when Susie and family were here in Cedar Rapids, Iowa! "Our kids grew up together!" I know there was celebration in Heaven when Susie came singing Home! God's Peace to her family. Susie - thanks for EVERYTHING!*

Linda Laugen - June 02, 2018 at 05:17 PM

TP

“ Dear Tim and all the wonderful Shew family.
I am saddened to learn of Susie’s passing. I have such fond memories of sharing much fun in song with her in our New Notes gang. She had such a great laugh and fun spirit. Even the last years, her smile would beam at me through FB. You have been incredible supports for her. May that smile now light up heaven with rainbows.

Blessings and sympathies to you all.

Trish Palmer

Trish Palmer - June 02, 2018 at 02:44 PM

MT

“ I have very fond memories of Susie and other members of the Shew family. It was privilege to be able to share my gifts with this wonderful family. Susie's smile always brightened my day.
Mary Beth Tanner,LMT

Mary Beth Tanner - June 02, 2018 at 09:01 AM

DA

“ I was in the Inspiration choir at First Presbyterian which Susie directed. It was one of the highlights of my teen years and is a reason I am still an active church member. I often find myself singing the songs from those days (anyone else? "In the beginning, God created..." or "The Lord looked up and said, Zacchaeus come down"). I fondly remember our trip to Bloomington. I remember the Shalom necklaces we all wore (so seventies!). She had spunk and enthusiasm. I am sorry to hear of her passing. I know the Shew era one one of the best our church ever experienced with lots of youth and young families. I miss that time period.

My sympathies to all the Shew family,

DeEtta Hartunian Andersen

DeEtta Lorick Andersen - June 01, 2018 at 04:02 PM

AB

*Dear Sarah, Kathy, David, and Tim,
My sincerest sympathy on the loss of Susie: a truly amazing woman! I loved working with her at Ladyfield. Her wisdom and compassion helped countless children and families amidst their struggles. I valued her friendship and encouragement. I knew I was always welcome at the Shew cadtlenon Kenwood Blvd—the gazebo could tell many a story. I can only imagine the joy at her arrival Home. I like to think Dudley found his Aunt Susie immediately. Unfortunately I am out of town at the time of her service. I will be with all of you in spirit. Know that I spend these days remembering Susie, thanking Susie, truly celebrating Susie. Send you each much love ❤️ and my prayers!
Live,
Sister Ann-Marie Borgess, SND*

Ann-Marie Borgess - June 02, 2018 at 07:37 AM

CW

Dear Sarah, Kathy, David, Tim, Jane and Jonathan, Paul and I send our love and condolences to you all. Oh, how I remember so well being invited to the Shew's home in Toledo when we were playing a play at the Westgate Dinner Theatre. We were always made to feel welcome and special and we were treated with the respect young artists need to develop and thrive. Susie and John would attend every play and give everyone such encouragement; it felt as if members of your family were in the audience and happy to be present, glad to be part of your journey as an artist.

Thank you Susie for being part of my life. You were and remain special to me and I will be forever grateful to you and your family for making me feel part of yours.

Love,

Carl Whidden

Carl Whidden - June 02, 2018 at 09:48 PM

TS

To Tim , Sarah, Kathy David. ...Beginning with our Collingwood connection, Molly and I have shared many great memories with Susie and John over the years. .. We will never forget getting lost driving all over Belgium together. Always cheerful, helpful, gracious, Suiee was truly an uplifting spirit to be with.. Thank's for sharing your mom with us. May God Bless.

Our best , Tom and Molly Schnell. Manitou Beach Mi.

t schnell - June 04, 2018 at 11:36 AM

BB

Susie, was an angel!!! I lived in Bloomington until 5 th grade. Susie always treated me as one of her own!!! but that was who Susie was. she is with the angels now. rest with peace!!!

blake c. bischoff - June 04, 2018 at 02:23 PM

SW

We send our deepest condolences to the Shew family. We were blessed to have been guided to Collingwood Pres. after getting married in Susie's father's church in Bloomington, IL. Susie and John provided tremendous support as we began our lives in Toledo. Susie was such a positive, encouraging woman! We were lucky to experience her friendship.

Sheri and Doug Wilkins - June 07, 2018 at 08:35 PM

JC

To our dearest friends, Sarah, Tim, and Jonathan, our deepest condolences on the loss of your mother and grandmother. Susie Shew...a life well lived.

With love, Jane, Tom, T.J. and Mac Craig September 18, 2018

Jane Craig - September 17, 2018 at 08:28 PM