



## Susan Walker DeTemple

October 26, 1947 - March 14, 2026

On March 14, 2026, Susan DeTemple passed away in Huntington, WV. She was born on October 26, 1947, in Pittsburgh, PA. She attended Southside High School in Hookstown, PA, where she was the class Valedictorian, graduating in 1965. She went on to attend Marshall University, where she earned a BA in Elementary Education and met her husband, Ron DeTemple.

Susan taught elementary school for several years and subsequently joined Ron in their family business. Later in life, she honored her family's lineage of caregivers by returning to Marshall University to earn a B.S.N. and worked as a registered nurse.

She was married to Ron DeTemple for just shy of 60 years and lovingly raised their two daughters, Jill DeTemple and Karen DeTemple, who are married to Gordon O'Brien and Chris Haegglund, respectively. She is survived by her sister, Karen Eastman; brothers Scott Walker and Bruce Walker; her grandchildren Kate O'Brien and Ali O'Brien; and several nieces and nephews.

Susan was a selfless servant to others, always generously offering her talents and nurturing spirit without need for credit or acclaim. She rocked premature babies at the hospital, knitted hats for newborns in the NICU, and sewed whimsical pillowcases for sick children to give them respite from their illness. Her dedication to children extended to advocacy work as a CASA volunteer,

and she was honored with the CASA Volunteer of the Year Award in 2002.

Susan created a warm and welcoming home for her family and was a respected matriarch embodying love and kindness and was an always-available listener. Following in the footsteps of her mother and grandmother, she loved quilting and needlework and was celebrated for her thoughtful and clever gift giving and her creative care packages.

Susan was a woman of strong faith, finding joy in her Bible study group, and was a cherished friend to many through her quilting and knitting groups, Bunko group, and the Florida Newcomer Club.

Susan and Ron had a shared love for following The Herd all over the country and attended all home and away football games for a 17- year period and watched MU win 2 national championships in football and become the winningest football team in America in the 90's.

Susan always felt called to give back — and to give forward — the many blessings she had received. She and Ron donated a home to Habitat for Humanity, and inspired by their shared love of Marshall University athletics, established an endowment with the Big Green Scholarship Foundation. In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions to the Big Green Scholarship Foundation in honor of the "Ron and Susan DeTemple Endowed Scholarship for Men's Basketball."

The family will receive friends at Henson and Kitchen Mortuary and Cremation Services, 1592 E. Pea Ridge Rd., Huntington, WV 25705 near Barboursville, on Wednesday, March 18th, from 6–8 PM.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at Our Lady of Fatima Church, 545 Norway Ave., Huntington, WV 25705, on Thursday, March 19th, at 10 AM with Fr. Martin Smay officiating.

Online condolences and memories may be shared with the family by visiting [www.hensonandkitchen.com](http://www.hensonandkitchen.com) .

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 18. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Henson and Kitchen Mortuary and Cremation Services  
1592 East Pea Ridge Road  
Huntington, WV 25705  
(304) 736-8986  
fredkitchen@hensonmortuary.com  
<https://www.hensonandkitchen.com>

## Mass of Christian Burial

MAR 19. 10:00 AM (ET)

Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church  
545 Norway Avenue  
Huntington, WV 25705

# Tribute Wall



“ *Henson & Kitchen Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Susan Walker DeTemple*



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**Henson and Kitchen Mortuary and Cremation Services** - March 16 at 03:39 PM

VC

“ *Susan was a very special woman to so many. She was loving, intelligent and had a great sense of humor. She used her talents to bless others, especially her beautiful sewing pieces. You really can't put into words her life-,it would take books, not a simple paragraph. Susan, I can't believe you are gone, but I know your faith in Jesus has you in the promised perfect place. Ron, our prayers annd friendship are with you!*

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**Valari Canonico** - March 19 at 09:46 AM

DS

“ *Ron and girls, my condolences to you and the family. Susan was such a lovely person, and I had the privilege of knowing her for a short time.*



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**Debbie Smith** - March 19 at 09:10 AM

KB

“ I remember Susan so well. As an adult student of mine while at Marshall University Susan set the bar for her younger colleagues. As a student to me, she was mom to them she led by example. Her education background was evident in her work. Her kindness and compassion for patients was exemplary. The world was a better place with Susan in it. I pray others will carry on with her example of kindness, compassion and excellence. Rest in peace Susan, you have earned it. Karen Bailey, NP, former nursing professor, Marshall University.

karen Bailey - March 18 at 05:47 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Susan Walker DeTemple.



March 18 at 01:45 PM

SL

“ Ron. Just informed of your loss by my daughter. No words can comfort right now. Just hope family and friends can help you, Jill and Karen through this moment of your lives. I'm privileged to have shared time here with Susan and your family. She was truly a wonderful caring person and was so happy to of had the opportunity to speak with you and Susan in Boone a while back. May God bless you and your family.  
Stephen Lester

Stephen K Lester - March 18 at 01:31 PM

KG

She was special, and will be missed by all who knew her. Ken and Jerri

ken and Jerri Gainer - March 22 at 09:24 PM

JK

“ *Judy&Neil, Ryan&Morgan, Katelyn&Robert purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Susan Walker DeTemple.*



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**Judy&Neil, Ryan&Morgan, Katelyn&Robert** - March 18 at 03:09 AM



“ *Forever Our Angel Bouquet was purchased for the family of Susan Walker DeTemple.*



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March 17 at 12:05 PM



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

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March 17 at 12:05 PM

CR

“ To Ron, Jill, & Karen and all of your loving families...

*We loved Sue ...she was a very genuine and sweet lady whose company we enjoyed over the years. We have many fun memories with her and Ron going on the cruise ...at the Safari rallies, enjoying time at ORO on the boat and countless dinners out just sharing and enjoying ourselves. She so loved her family and grandbabies ....she will be dearly missed. Our love and hugs and prayers to all of you at this very tender time God bless.*



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**Carol & Ron Roberge** - March 17 at 08:39 AM

RR

“ Two Ron and Family from Ron Roberge

*As I sit here and write this, I reminisce the fantastic times that we had with you and Susan. The travel in our rVs and all the rallies that we went to over the years wil stay in my mind forever. Those were precious times . God bless you and your family . love Ron*

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**Ron and Carol Roberge** - March 17 at 07:12 AM

DY

“ Donna Yonkin lit a candle in memory of Susan DeTemple



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**Donna Yonkin** - March 16 at 05:49 PM

VO

“ Vincent and Jacquie O’Neil purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Susan Walker DeTemple.



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**Vincent and Jacquie O’Neil** - March 16 at 05:19 PM

VO

“ Vincent and Jacquie O’Neil planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Susan Walker DeTemple.

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**Vincent and Jacquie O’Neil** - March 16 at 05:19 PM

FL

“ From the guys at Eby's Landscape purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Susan Walker DeTemple.



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**From the guys at Eby's Landscape** - March 16 at 05:15 PM

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“ From the guys at Eby's Landscape planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Susan Walker DeTemple.

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**From the guys at Eby's Landscape** - March 16 at 05:15 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Susan Walker De Temple.



March 16 at 04:53 PM



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

March 16 at 04:53 PM

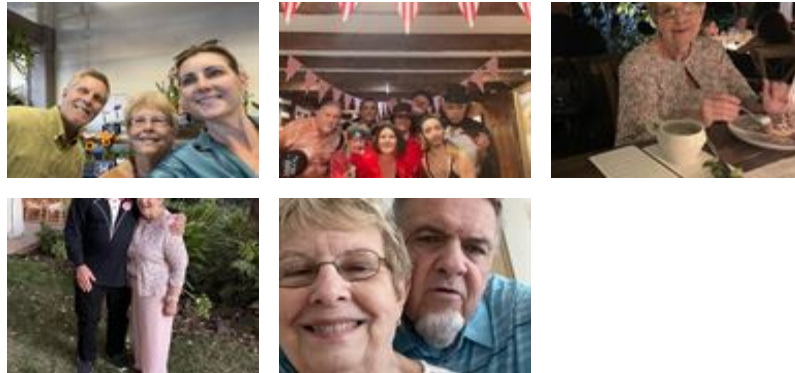


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March 16 at 04:11 PM



“ 68 files added to the album Life Tributes



Henson and Kitchen Mortuary and Cremation Services - March 16 at 03:33 PM

MB

“ Mel and Eleinne Basa purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Susan Walker DeTemple.



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**Mel and Eleinne Basa** - March 16 at 02:13 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Susan Walker DeTemple.



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March 16 at 11:51 AM



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MA

“ Michael A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Susan Walker DeTemple.

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**Michael A.** - March 16 at 11:37 AM

AW

“ I met Susan through my Newcomer’s Group of Central FL. We also had a lunch bunch group in FL with 3 other friends. Susan was a gentle, lovely lady. She will be certainly missed by all her friends. Until we meet again one fine day rest in the Lord’s arms. 🌹

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**Anne Wightman** - March 16 at 10:11 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Susan Walker DeTemple.



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March 15 at 08:55 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Susan Walker DeTemple.



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March 15 at 08:49 PM



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March 15 at 08:49 PM

SW

“ Susan was a member of the knitting group at Our Lady Of Fatima church. She was a lot of fun to knit with and to talk and laugh together. Also one time at a Marshall women’s basketball we spotted each other across the gym and waved and laughed about it. I will miss her very much. Prayers for her soul and her family.



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**Susan Wheatley** - March 15 at 02:07 PM

DY

Susan will be remember for her unbelievable faith and inspiring walk with our Lord. She was such a sweet soul, always there with a ear to listen, advice to share if asked, and such an example of a Godly woman. A wonderful, loving person. Susan will surely be missed by many. I am truly blessed to have been able to call her my friend and have her in my life. I love you Susan and am very grateful that you helped me in so many ways. My prayers are with Ron and the family during this time, I can see your lovely smile and know how peaceful you must be there in heaven with our Lord. Until we see each other again my dear friend.

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**Donna Yonkin** - March 16 at 03:05 PM