



Susan M. Koenig

September 1, 1956 - February 3, 2022

Susan M. Koenig, 65, of Grand Island passed on February 3, 2022, surrounded by her family, after a four-year battle with cancer.

Celebration of Life Services will be at 11 AM Saturday, February 19th at the First Presbyterian Church, and will also be livestreamed on the church's Facebook page. Reverend Kevin Geurink will officiate. Entombment of ashes will be in the church's columbarium. Family will greet friends at the church. All Faiths Funeral Home is entrusted with arrangements. In lieu of flowers, her family suggests memorials to First Presbyterian Church of Grand Island, the Grand Island YWCA, or CASA of the Heartland.

Susan was born to Paul F. Koenig and Barbara A. (Kämpf) Koenig on September 1st, 1956 and grew up on a farm near Lindsay, Nebraska speaking mostly Swiss German. Her childhood was filled with sisters, animals and farm chores. After spending her junior year living with family in Switzerland, she graduated from Newman Grove High School in 1974. After receiving her B.A. From Wayne State College, she attended law school at the University of Nebraska and received her J.D. degree in 1982.

Susan was admitted to the Bar in 1982 and began to practice law. She served her community as a Deputy Hall County Attorney. As interim Hall County Attorney she was the first woman to serve in that capacity. Susan found a second family when she joined the firm of Mayer, Burns, Ahlschwede; now Burns, Koenig, and Ericksen. She engaged in the general practice of law until

shortly before her death.

Susan loved being a lawyer and was a friend and mentor to three generations of lawyers. Her passion for protecting children, victims of domestic violence and other underrepresented people remained undimmed throughout her career and was recognized by several awards, including the Robert Spire award from the Nebraska State Bar Association. Susan was also a fellow of the Nebraska State Bar Foundation.

On November 26th, 1983 during a record setting blizzard, Susan married Mark Young. They are the proud parents of one daughter Elizabeth Young, who was the center of life and her proudest accomplishment.

She was an active member of First Presbyterian Church and she and her family received tremendous support from the church during her illness. Susan gave of her time and talents by serving as an active board member on numerous non-profit boards. She was a member St. Francis Hospital Board when it facilitated the decision to build the new hospital tower, where she later received excellent care. She was the kind of person who always took on the most difficult tasks at any event.

Susan was an accomplished cook and a world class baker. She especially treasured cooking and baking with Liz and her friends, especially Samantha Stump. She also enjoyed sewing, knitting, and gardening.

Susan is survived by her husband Mark Young of Grand Island; daughter Elizabeth of Alamosa, Colorado; sisters Dr. Heidi Koenig (Bill Holt) of Louisville, KY and Linda Koenig of Jerseyville, Illinois and nephews Paul (Khulan) and Sam Holt. Her memory will live on in the hearts of her friends and in the lives she touched. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Service

FEB **19**. 11:00 AM (CT)

First Presbyterian Church
2103 W Anna St
Grand Island, NE 68803

Tribute Wall

MM

“ I worked with Susan in Columbus at the Platte County Attorneys office. She became my dearest friend and lived with me and my husband Bruce for a time. Sure wish that somehow I could have learned of her death. I was thinking of her and did a Google search. Rest in peace, sweet friend

Marilyn Kay Motley - October 25, 2025 at 02:42 AM

DR

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Danny Rodenbaugh - June 03, 2024 at 03:06 AM



“ Susan M. Koenig

October 08, 2023 at 11:02 PM

KV

“ Susan walked softly and may have carried a big stick! I only knew her from the Grand Island Library book club. We did have the occasional legal question regarding something which came up in a book. I could not believe she liked a book with grammar as the subject. Yuck! I enjoyed being a member of the same group she attended! No more pain Susan! She was a gain for me! Karen L. Vivian

Karen L. Vivian - February 18, 2022 at 12:10 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Susan M. Koenig.*



February 18, 2022 at 07:10 AM



“ *Susan was one of the first people to make me feel welcome and befriend me when I started working for Hall County Court, and we remained friends throughout. She was such a kind, hardworking, and giving woman. Susan and I shared a love of gardening and flowers. My deepest sympathy to Mark and Liz, and the entire family.*

Pam Ballard-Roberts

Pam Ballard-Roberts - February 17, 2022 at 04:05 PM



“ *Our deepest sympathy to you and Elizabeth in your loss. Susan was an amazing woman and she will be terribly missed. Cherish all the memories that you made with her and know that she is in a better place. I have known you and Susan for a long time with working for Hall County. Please know that you & your daughter are in our thoughts and prayers. We would love to come to visitation but we are wintering in Arizona.*

Gene & Peg Pesek

Gene & Peg Pesek - February 11, 2022 at 03:31 PM

BM

“ Susan was the most honest and truly helpful women. She was generous and caring in her professional life as well. She will be missed.



Barb McGowan - February 11, 2022 at 12:23 PM

SS

“ Susan was a woman of grace and integrity and wisdom. I was privileged to get to know her better as she was my attorney and I was the parish nurse when Susan started her cancer journey. She loved nature and flowers and was an excellent cook and baker. she had a love of reading and we exchanged books. My deep condolences to Mark and to Liz who was so loved by her parents

sonja simpson - February 10, 2022 at 12:19 PM

KO

“ I am grateful I got to know her, and her sense of humor. I'm saddened to hear of her passing, but I know the world is a brighter place for her being in it and her legacy lives on in all who knew her.

Katie Osborne - February 09, 2022 at 11:35 PM

CM

“ She was a very good attorney and a good friend. God bless. You will be missed

Cindy (Glinsmann) Miller - February 08, 2022 at 07:07 PM

DB

“ So very sorry to learn of Susan's passing. Susan, Mark, and my husband, Dave shared a love of the law and its intent and purpose of serving society through providing a foundation of laws. Am pretty sure that Dave and Susan are having some interesting discussions above and am expecting Dave to be a decent "tour guide" for Susan. My heartfelt sympathy is extended to Mark and Liz in the coming days.

Dori Bush - February 08, 2022 at 05:38 PM

BS

“ I worked with Susan when I was manager for the mobile home parks Kingwood Estates and West Park Plaza. I found her to be an honest attorney and very nice person

Barbara Schmidt - February 08, 2022 at 04:39 PM

BS

“ Barbara Schmidt lit a candle in memory of Susan M. Koenig



Barbara Schmidt - February 08, 2022 at 04:36 PM

TF

“ To Mark and Elizabeth my heart reaches out to you. Susan holds a very warm and enduring place in my heart. I met her 28years ago and in that short time period I learned so much and grew to love and respect Susan not only as the fantastic GAL who taught me so much through my trying time, but as the beautiful person I grew to know over the years,as I worked with her and learned from her. Most of all I will always remember her gentle voice and her smile. God bless you Mark and Elizabeth.

Terry L Felton - February 08, 2022 at 12:39 PM

MH

“ An excellent human being. It was a privilege knowing and working with her. Sad and surprised to learn of this. Condolences to her family and friends.

Michael Hein - February 08, 2022 at 11:12 AM

WN

Susan was such a help to me as I was working with First Presbyterian Church and so very thoughtful about how to help resolve some of the problems they were facing. But most of all I admired her for her faith, strength and courage as she wrestled with her illness. My sincere prayers for Mark and the family. Blessings.

William G. Nottage-Tacey - February 09, 2022 at 12:31 PM

LE

“ Susan was a rare soul. She had keen sense of fairness, was thorough in her pursuit of justice, and was quick to recognize a need for compassion. Moreover, she readily helped those in need. Her passing is a loss to us all.

Lee Elliott - February 07, 2022 at 10:56 PM

SH

“ I am so sad to hear of Susan’s death. I had the pleasure of working with her and she was a very strong advocate for children for many years. Rest in peace, good and faithful servant. My sincere condolences to Mark and her family.

Sherry Huffman - February 07, 2022 at 10:41 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Susan M. Koenig.



February 07, 2022 at 08:24 PM

JH

“ Susan and I were classmates at the University of Nebraska College of Law in the class of 1982. I am saddened to learn of her passing. Unfortunately, we did not stay in contact, but I do remember her cheerful attitude and collegial personality during those three years. I am impressed by her list of professional accomplishments, but given her talents and abilities, it is not surprising. My thoughts and prayers are with Susan's family, colleagues and friends. John R. Hughes, Sioux Falls, South Dakota

John R Hughes - February 07, 2022 at 04:15 PM

MS

“ Susan was indeed an avid baker, and she and I shared many stores of our love affair of baking. She was so supportive of me and my endeavors in being a better baker. I will miss her and her kindness. thank you Susan for being such a good friend.

Mitzi Stinson

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Mitzi Stinson - February 07, 2022 at 04:03 PM

RS

“ My condolences to Mark and Liz and to your family and friends. I did not know Susan well but I admired her and I am sorry she left so soon. Peace be with you. Love, Rae Ann Schmitz

Rae Ann Schmitz - February 07, 2022 at 03:52 PM

LB

“ What a terrible loss to both her family and the legal community....

Love and prayers to Mark and family.

Linda Bauer

Fairbury, NE

Linda Bauer - February 07, 2022 at 12:19 PM

CM

“ Susan was a wonderful caring person So sorry for your loss She will be greatly missed in the business of great attorney's.

Cleetis Lowalsi Miller - February 07, 2022 at 10:51 AM

CM

“ *Cleetis Lowalsi Miller lit a candle in memory of Susan M. Koenig*



Cleetis Lowalsi Miller - February 07, 2022 at 10:46 AM