



Susan Pelfrey Russell

April 25, 1949 - July 25, 2022

Susan Pelfrey Russell, 73 of Tallahassee, Florida, passed away peacefully on July 25, 2022, with her loving family by her side. Susan was born in Fort Knox, Kentucky. She was a graduate of Rickards High School and Florida State University. Susan attended Deer Lake United Methodist Church where she became a member upon returning to the United States after living overseas. She was an esteemed special education teacher both in Tallahassee at Gretchen Everhart and then went on to teach in several countries as a member of DoDDS. An avid traveler, she loved exploring other countries and cultures. When not traveling she enjoyed reading, cooking, and hosting friends and family in her home.

Upon her return to Tallahassee in 2012, she became actively involved in several organizations and community groups. She was a member of the Women's Club of Tallahassee, Tallahassee Republican Women and Thursday Morning Bible Study where she made many treasured friendships. She is remembered as someone who was loved by everyone who met her. As a DoDDs teacher she was referred to as "Mamma Bear," a title she gained from working with teachers and military students from Asia to Europe.

She is preceded in death by her parents Frank Pelfrey and Margaret Winborne, a loving step-father Larry Winborne, her son Danny Russell and sister Nancy Smith.

Survivors include her son, Chris Russell (Valerie); sisters Susan Large (Jesse) and Terry Eckenrode (Scott); grandchildren, Danie Russell (Travis), Chellsey

Blanchard (Jordan), AnneMarie Russell and Abigail Russell; 6 great-grandchildren; and many cherished nieces, nephews and local college students whose parents were still serving in the military overseas.

The family will have a Celebration of Susan's Life at Deer Lake United Methodist Church on Saturday, August 13, 2022, at 2:00 pm with reception to follow. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Madison Youth Ranch, Florida United Methodist Children's Home.

Skip Young is assisting the family with their arrangements. Family Funeral Home at Harvey Young Chapel. 850-926-5919 Familyfhc.com

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

AUG 13. 2:00 PM (ET)

Deer Lake United Methodist Church
8013 Deer Lake E.
Tallahassee, FL 32312

Tribute Wall

PC

“ *Patti Claska purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Susan Pelfrey Russell.* ”



Patti Claska - August 25, 2022 at 06:26 PM

DH

“ *Susie was a dear friend! My mother and I loved visiting with her both in Florida and Arkansas. I loved the time she and Peggy visited England and stayed with me after she retired. I will miss her terribly.* ”

Debbie Hand - August 13, 2022 at 03:55 PM



“ *Delightful Dieffenbachia was purchased for the family of Susan Pelfrey Russell.* ”



August 12, 2022 at 12:35 PM

DH

“ *Debbie Hand and Mary Hand purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Susan Pelfrey Russell.* ”



Debbie Hand and Mary Hand - August 11, 2022 at 03:59 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Susan Pelfrey Russell.*



August 11, 2022 at 02:10 PM



“ *Louise Pelfrey Lewis sent a virtual gift in memory of Susan Pelfrey Russell*



Louise Pelfrey Lewis - August 07, 2022 at 03:01 PM



Gone but not forgotten!

Louise Pelfrey Lewis - August 07, 2022 at 03:02 PM



“ *We will miss Susie and her mom Peg. Always a joy to be with. The comfort of all this is the joy of knowing that both are together and with more peace than we can ever know on this earth. Love...Love. From all of us here in Ohio.*

Cathy Drumm - July 31, 2022 at 06:31 PM

LS

“ *Lezlie Shull sent a virtual gift in memory of Susan Pelfrey Russell*



Lezlie Shull - July 30, 2022 at 10:58 AM

LS

My deepest condolences to Susan's family and friends. I worked with her for a few years in England and always enjoyed doing so.

Lezlie Shull - July 30, 2022 at 11:01 AM