



Susan Annette Smoke

March 30, 1959 - January 4, 2023

Susan Annette Smoke, age 63, went to her heavenly home January 4, 2023 surrounded by her family. She is now with the love of her life, Jesus Christ. She was born March 30, 1959 in Malvern, Arkansas. Her younger years she lived in Magnet Cove until moving to Hot Springs. She was preceded in death by her parents. John L. Smoke and Hester Smoke Furr; sister, Dana Furr Hampton; niece, Kristeen King and nephew, Eric Furr.

Susan is survived by one son, Jonathon Smoke of Hot Springs; one daughter, Nikki Grauds of Huntsville, Texas; two grandsons, Kolt Bacon of Huntsville, Texas and Jared Durden of Bismarck, Arkansas; three brothers, Ricky (Glenda) Smoke of Bismarck, Arkansas, Jimmy Smoke of Hot Springs, Arkansas and David (Brenda) Furr of Kirby, Arkansas; two sisters, Joyce (Jim) Shelor and Carolyn Ellison both of Hot Springs, Arkansas; numerous loving nieces, nephews, cousins who will miss her. Susan had numerous friends but her "other sisters to her" were Beverly Green, Lisa Brown, Kathy Wilkie, Trenda Gossett Starr, Kimberly Sexton-Hodgson, Alicia Mason and her sisters at Hot Springs The Assemblies. Susan always bonded and considered her nursing team as her close family which are too numerous to name all. Just know if you worked with Susan you loved her as she loved you.

Susan graduated in 1977 high school class at Hot Springs, Arkansas. She remained close to many of her graduating class and had recently attended

their class reunion. She graduated in 1978 from Vo-Tech at Garland County Community College with her LPN license. She was a passionate, smart, excellent nurse for many years. She returned to school and graduated from Garland Co Community College with her RN degree in class of 2000. She graduated from SUM Bible College and Theological Seminary with a Bachelor's degree in 2020 while she was receiving treatment for Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma.

Susan worked at the Ouachita Memorial Hospital and National Park Medical Center as Med/Surg nurse, Renal (ORDC), Cardiac and most of her career in the Operating Room. Her last duty at NMPC was on Dr. Warren's heart team. Most of her career was as a surgical RN. She later did travel nurse assignments and was able to see many different states, where she met and continued many close friendships. She, also, worked at the Garland County Health Department and Odessa Hospice. Many cards and letters to her are what a compassionate, loving, fun to work with, excellent, smart nurse she was. She, also, volunteered for the Christian Charitable Clinic and had received a special letter of recognition for her service and it meant so much to her. She recently joined the Hot Springs chapter of the Arkansas Nurse Honor Guard.

Susan received many awards, including, Employee of the Month, Dean's List and has multiple letters of recognitions for her contributions for supporting missions, needs and providing such wonderful nursing care.

Susan loved her children, grandchildren, siblings, and family. Her greatest heritage is sharing about Jesus. She was able to visit Israel, The Holy Land twice and loved to share of her experiences. Susan served on the mission field through SUMS Bible College and church in spreading the Word of God and organizing prayer groups as this was a passion for her. She loved to worship her Savior.

Susan's memorial service will be Tuesday, January 10, 2023 at The Assemblies Church, 2375 East Grand, Hot Springs, Arkansas. Visitation at 1:30 PM followed by services at 2:00 PM. Burial will be at a later date with family only. Pastors Mike and Alicia Mason will officiate her service and the Hot Springs Chapter of the Arkansas Nurse Honor Guard will pay tribute to Susan for her years as a nurse and retire her from nursing duty. All are invited.

A special thanks to Dr. Scott Erwin for years as her doctor, Dr. Timothy Webb, Arkansas Hospice, Blossom's Rehab, and CHI. Thanks for all the calls, prayers, support to the family during this time.

In lieu of flowers, we are asking for donations to Arkansas Children's Hospital or St. Jude's Hospital in honor of her 5 year old loved nephew, Bryson Ballentine.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JAN 10. 2:00 PM.

Assemblies Church

Tribute Wall

BC

“ Susan and I had many adventures over the years. We did many travel nursing assignments together, usually setting up new open heart operating rooms, this was our passion. We spent our free time hiking, walking a beach or at Pappadeaux eating oysters. She and I bonded at first sight. I know she isn't hurting anymore and I look forward to dancing with her in heaven. Susan you are loved and will forever be in my heart.

Beverly Green, MSN, RN, CNE - January 09, 2023 at 07:20 PM

NM

“ Susan and I worked together at NPMC but more importantly she was my friend. She was an excellent nurse, always putting her patients first. She was a strong team player. Kind and caring. She was a good friend and we had fun outside of work all those years ago. She will be missed but she is now in a place free of pain and suffering, probably having a good laugh with my husband! Rest in peace Susan, until we meet again.

Nancy Meeker - January 09, 2023 at 06:45 PM

CE

“ My favorite memories of Susan were the time she hosted a football watching party about 4 yrs ago. We all had a blast and got better acquainted. Susan got to cook for everyone, which she really enjoyed. She promised me some deer meat chili but never got around to it, lol. Another memory is one Wed a few years ago, I picked her up from Chemo in Little Rock and on way home God led me to go put out some gospel tracts on the cars in a parking lot. I told her what God said and she said "lets go!".

Susan was a country girl but a thinker. I think her relationship with God was cemented in Him as Father and Creator. She liked animals and the farm, with the things God had made.

She earned her degree from the School of Urban Ministry even while very sick. It was hard anyway and was a lot of book work. She would have like more hands on work outside, like when she went on missionary trip to New Orleans with SUM.

Susan kept to herself a lot over these last years but she liked to talk and had an opinion on lots of topics. And in those times she wouldn't laugh as easily as usual so I loved to poke at her for fun and make her laugh.

She cared about her family, and it was those relationships she'd usually ask us all to pray about.

Carl Erickson - January 09, 2023 at 02:14 PM

DW

“ Susan and I were cousins. Since I was just a baby, recently born, Susan came with her mom, dad and family to visit my family. I remember from silent 8mm movies of us having a Smoke family reunion picnic close to the school at Magnet Cove. As we got older, we lost touch with each other. But there were other parties that my family, mom and dad attended in Arkansas and I am sure that Susan was there too Well for now, Susan is up in Heaven saying hello to my dad, who recently got there and my brother who went to Heaven two years ago. They are having a family reunion in Heaven. It's sad to be apart from them now, but it will be great that I will be seeing them again when it becomes time for me to go.

Dan Winger - January 09, 2023 at 10:40 AM



“ Susan and I had a very special relationship dating back to Junior High. We were always close no matter the circumstances. When she was first diagnosed with Non-Hodgkins, I asked her if she was ok in her heart. She told me she was not afraid to go meet Jesus because she knows that is where she will be. Susan was the best nurse I have ever known. I always trusted her more than doctors. She will always have a special place in my heart. My Prayers are for the family and friends. I will miss her telling and teaching me about Jesus. God Bless and Rest in Peace.

Bill Lockett - January 08, 2023 at 04:23 PM

 Jerry
Lewter

“ Susie was everyone's baby when we lived up on the hill...and she kinda let us know it...

Jerry Lewter - January 08, 2023 at 01:35 PM

HB

“ Susan was funny, down to earth and a great nurse, she also was a good patient the few times I got her ready for procedures. We worked together for many years and her knowledge will be missed . Rest peacefully sweet girl xx

Helen Blowers - January 08, 2023 at 12:33 PM

GK

“ I remember working with Susan & Carolyn while I lived in Hot Springs back in 2010ish. Susan was very knowledgeable & fun to work with. Continuing to pray for her family as they grieve this loss.

Gerida Kennedy - January 08, 2023 at 11:58 AM

LE

“ When everyone left from visiting my auntie at CHI hospital, I actually crawled in the bed beside her and snapped some photos. We loved SnapChat! I had to tell her to OPEN those eyes and smile for the camera. And then I said, Look! We have makeup on & masks! She giggled at me and told me I was silly. Lol.



Lisa Evans - January 08, 2023 at 07:26 AM

LE

“ Oh how you'll be so missed. Some moments this just doesn't seem real. Just like that, in the blink of an eye, my Aunt is with Jesus.

Some memories I have that stick out: My Aunt Susan taught me how to drive a stick shift at 16yo AND she even taught me how to ride a horse 🐎! That was fun UNTIL the horse took off on a run that I didn't initiate. I was scared! But, Aunt Susan got me through it. When I was 19 she was by my side coaching me in labor when I had my first born child until time for delivery. When I was 30yo, she was there when I had my tubes tied after my fourth child. She was literally able to stay in the OR room with me until anesthesia took over my body and I passed out. Throughout my life I have called her numerous times RE: needing answers to medical questions. She was swift to answer.

She was an excellent nurse her entire life. I took her to church years back to a church I really thought she'd like, The Assemblies here in Hot Springs, AR. The Holy Ghost took hold of her that day and she was never the same. She lived her life fully for Jesus. At the end of her life, her liver cancer came back & one of the main things she told us all is that she's so tired of the pain she's lived in for so many years and just wants to go home. She is with Jesus now, the biggest love of her life.

*Rest in Peace. No more pain. No more worries.
I love you.*

Lisa Evans - January 08, 2023 at 07:13 AM

PB

“ Carolyn and family,
We send our sympathy and prayers for your comfort.

Paul and Pat Bond - January 07, 2023 at 04:08 PM

ER

I know that there's Joy in Heaven. I met Susan and Tony while working at The Ouachita Memorial Hospital. She was a LPN then, but you knew she was destined for greater duties.

Susan and her family became Friends with my wife and children. We all stayed friends for all this time. They were with me when I lost my wife and I stood with Susan and the children at the loss of Tony. We followed each other Career but I was never more happy and proud when Susan surrendered to Study and Teach the Gospel. Even as she struggled with her health she still held tight to her Lord and Family. She Called me about 2 weeks ago to say Goodbye.

*I have not lost a friend because I will worship with her again.
Love You Susan.*

Ed Downen RN Ret - January 09, 2023 at 12:56 PM

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