

SUSAN OAKMAN CRAMER



Passed away on February 15, 2024, in Austin, Texas. Susan was born in Brooklyn, New York on June 15, 1941. She spent her early childhood in Sunnyside, Queens before her family moved to Springfield and then Short Hills, New Jersey where she graduated from Jonathan Dayton Regional High School. She graduated with a degree in Mathematics and a minor in Chemistry from Goucher College. She earned a Master

of Arts in Teaching from Wesleyan University. Susan lived most of her life in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. She was married and raised three children.

Susan was a longtime member of the Shadyside Presbyterian Church, where she served in multiple leadership positions. She taught middle school and high school mathematics in the Pittsburgh Public Schools. She volunteered for and supported many local organizations, including Council Care Adult Day Services and the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra. She was President of the Twentieth Century Club and enjoyed many activities there both before and after serving her term. Susan loved being a mother and grandmother. Her lifelong mission was to help others; young children and animals especially brought her great joy. She enjoyed gardening, antiquing, and talking on the phone (and later texting) with friends and family. She was honest, generous, caring, principled, and had a remarkable sense of humor.

She is survived by her children, Natalie (Rebecca Dreke) of Austin, Texas, Daniel of Los Angeles, California, and Melinda of Boston, Massachusetts; and her granddaughter, Quincy. She was predeceased by her parents, Harold and Helen Oakman; and daughter-in-law, Valerie. Contributions in her memory may be sent to the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra.

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