

Susan King

November 15, 2021

Susan died in Tucson, AZ. She is survived by her daughter, Katie, son Jonathan, and their families, also of Tucson. Susan was HP of Porter and a good friend over the years. Anne Fry sent this information for us:

Susan, a Zoology major, graduated Magna Cum Laude and Phi Beta Kappa. She was also H P of Porter. Having spent two summers as an undergraduate at the Bureau of Commercial Fisheries Lab in Beaufort, NC, adjacent to the Duke University Marine Lab, Susan then earned an M A in Zoology from Duke. Following her marriage, and with a growing family, she worked, as time permitted, as a medical technologist and also as a research assistant, including for our classmate, Nancy Barnes Clark, when Nancy spent a sabbatical at the University of Arizona in Tucson.

After her divorce in 1984, Susan moved to Seattle and began a career in medical records administration, working for various organizations including the state of Washington. In 1993, she retired and moved to Whidbey Island, WA. Here, she became heavily involved in Beach Watchers, volunteering over 4,000 hours over the next fourteen years. I visited her here twice and felt she was truly in her element – using her extensive knowledge of plants and animals while helping to protect the environment, which she cared about deeply throughout her life.

In 2016, Susan returned to Tucson to be closer to her daughter, Katie Tash, and son, Jonathan Tash. At about the same time she developed Progressive Supranuclear Palsy, a rare, Parkinson-like disease, which she accepted with grace and dignity. Throughout her life, Susan had a deep concern for others and an infectious laugh. She knew the US well, having lived in nineteen communities in fourteen states.

Other classmates also sent some tributes to Susan:

Sue King was my house president in Porter senior year. I remember her as being open, warm, and grounded. She was an excellent house president: the vibe in Porter was great and there were no major issues, as I recall (except for the cat!) I

lost touch with her after graduation unfortunately. I hope she had a life filled with love and kindness (knowing Sue I am sure it was) and I hope her death was peaceful. Pat sent this yearbook photo.

Patricia Ure Petersen

I remember being on a canoe team with Sue...I think, at the end of our senior year. We practiced early in the morning on Upper Lake and it was FREEZING! My memory says we won the race but I have no idea who we were racing. Sue was a very comfortable person to be with and contributed in a large part to this happy memory.

Sue W Carr

Susan's yearbook photo:



From Holyoke: January 31 2022 Colleague Advancement AA Deceasing Report

0164632 Ms. Susan F. King

Birth Name: Susan F King

Deceased Date: 11/15/21

Reunion Class(es): 1961

Relations...:

Tash, Jonathan K. - Son

- Source: RLA

Tash, Katharine M. - Daughter

- Source: RLA

Employment

Employer

Start Date End Date Position

US Army

06/01/87 12/31/87 Medical Record Administr

Volunteer

Organization	Start Date	End Date	Role
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Education

Institution	Degree	Date Rcvd
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Mount Holyoke College	AB	06/01/61
Seattle University	RRA	05/01/85
Duke University	MA	06/01/63

Awards

Description	Type	MHC	Date
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MHC Academic Awards	Phi Beta Kappa	Y	01/01/61
MHC Academic Awards	Bernice Maclean Awards	Y	01/01/61
MHC Academic Awards	Mary Lyon Scholar	Y	01/01/61

Clippings

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Text: Date of death verified by death certificate provided by Nancy's daughter.