

Susan Sondag, 52 ✓

March 26, 1960 - Nov. 21, 2012

AVOCA — Susan Rita Sondag, daughter of Theodore and Joan (Mumm) Sondag was gifted to this world on March 26, 1960 in Harlan. The sixth of nine children, Susan was baptized, received her first communion and confirmed at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Portsmouth. She attended school at both St. Mary's Catholic Schools in Portsmouth and Panama and later graduated from Harlan Community High School with the class of 1978.

Susan was married three times and the mother of one daughter, Carrie, but no one was strong enough to tame her wild spirit. She spent many of her years living around the Des Moines and Ankeny area. But restless in the comforts of Iowa, she moved to California. Although she eventually returned to her home state, she spent the rest of her years yearning to return to the Golden State. Before multiple sclerosis took away her independence, Susie enjoyed camping, fishing, gardening and cooking. She was a do-it-yourself kind of gal who took on life's curve balls with an adventurous, carefree attitude. Besides lighting up the lives of all that knew her, Susie's greatest accomplishment was that of being a mother. She poured her heart and soul into raising Carrie and paved the way for her to raise three boys of her own. On November 21, 2012, Susie's long battle with MS finally came to an end. She was called away from this earth at the Avoca Nursing and Rehab Center in Avoca having attained the age of fifty-two years, seven months and twenty-six days.

In addition to her father, Theodore, Susie was preceded in death by her grandparents. Susie is survived by her daughter Carrie and her husband Steve Pundzak of Des Moines; three grandchildren: Zane, Ian, and Calvin; her mother Joan Sondag of Harlan; brothers and sisters: Jim Sondag and his wife Sandy of Lathrop, MO, Linda and her husband Tom Brannan of Erie, CO, Jeanne and her husband Bob Rust of LeMars, Joe Sondag and his wife Cathie of Harlan, Kathy and her husband Steve Smit of Billings, MT, Jerry Sondag and his wife Nyra of Persia, Donald Sondag of Portsmouth, and Bill Sondag and his wife Lisa of Portsmouth; nieces and nephews; other relatives and many friends.

Rev. John Dorton celebrated the 11:00 a.m. Mass of Christian Burial on Monday, November 26, 2012 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Portsmouth. Serving as casket bearers were Jim Sondag, Donald Sondag, Joe Sondag, Jerry Sondag, Bill Sondag, Linda Brannan, Jeanne Rust, and Kathy Smit. Inurnment will be held at a later date.



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