



Susan "Sioux" Handschiegel

May 30, 1976 - March 7, 2025

Frankfort - Susan "Sioux" Handschiegel, 48, passed away on Friday, March 7, 2025. A memorial service will be held at Harrod Brothers Funeral Home at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 13, 2025. A gathering of family and friends will be held from 10:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 13, 2025, at Harrod Brothers Funeral Home.

Susan "Sioux" Handschiegel was born in Park Ridge, Illinois on May 30, 1976, to Tom and Linda Handschiegel. She graduated Summa Cum Laude from Ramapo College of New Jersey with a bachelor's degree. Sioux worked at Harrods Creek Auto where she was employed as an administrative assistant. She will be remembered for her love of reading, writing, gardening, and knitting. Sioux will be remembered most of all for the love she held for her dogs and family.

In addition to her parents, she is survived by her significant other of 13 years, Brian Collins; brother, Thomas Albert Handschiegel (Julianna Miller); granddaughter, Eva Lenn Collins; niece, Olive Liebe Handschiegel; and many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

She is preceded in death by her maternal grandparents, Edward A. Nowik and Geraldine C. Nowik; paternal grandparents, Albert H. Handschiegel and Lucille Handschiegel; father and mother in laws, Rufus H. Collins, Gladys Mae

Collins, and Dorothy P. Collins.

Arrangements are under the direction of Harrod Brothers Funeral Home & Crematory.

Previous Events

Gathering of Family & Friends

MAR 13. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Harrod Brothers Funeral Home
312 Washington Street
Frankfort, KY 40601
(502) 227-4526
hbfh@harrodbrothers.com
<https://www.harrodbrothers.com>

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall

EB

“ Erik B. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Susan "Sioux" Handschiegel.

Erik B. - May 30, 2025 at 11:25 AM

ER

“ Sioux... I am shattered... There has always been a part... a piece of me bound to you... There are just no words that I can say... You were always the invariable wordsmith... Until we meet again... E

Erik - May 30, 2025 at 11:21 AM

PG

“ Mike and I send our condolences to the entire family. Sioux will be missed by everyone who knew and loved her.

Pat and Mike Gavin - March 21, 2025 at 08:31 PM

KG

“ Sioux was one of the kindest and caring people I have ever met. From the day I met her she welcomed me with open arms to the family. Her light and heart will be greatly missed

Kristin Gavin - March 18, 2025 at 09:10 AM

JB

“ Hey Sioux,

It took me a few days to think about what I could possibly put into words to honor you. Losing you is such a tremendous loss. We were just talking about how brightly you shone and how much of a star you were in each and every room. Every single person that met you even ONCE remembers that meeting and has a story to share. That's how much of an impact you left on this world in your very short 48 years.

I remember swimming in your pool in Mahwah with you when I was TINY--maybe three. The one memory I have of that visit is of you holding me so tight on a raft to make sure I felt safe. I don't know if you knew I remembered that, but I do.

*Later, we had more time together. Through many visits, we talked and laughed. I was so in awe of how cool and grown up you were. I have been singing "Talkin to the Dogs" in my head non-stop for a week. You showed us NYC and all it had to offer, including random performance waiters hitting on you (while he had a wife at home). And the real vagrants of Central Park (plus...Bolivian Pipe Bands!). Nothing will compare to setting a GI Joe aflame and afloat on a funeral pyre of hairspray at 4am. I'd really like to know if Tommy's guitar is still covered in gum wrapper foil. There were no other bands for you except the Rolling Stones--you didn't care for my Dave Matthews too much (especially Don't Drink the Water, which you found extra f*cked up). I was so happy you agreed to do an entrance walk at my wedding...your smile was the biggest I think I'd seen you have. I will treasure that. And I will always think of you when I hear Dr. Rockzo the Rock and Roll Clown (in Heaven I can hear you completing the second part of that introduction but it's probably not appropriate for the funeral home missive...).*

My greatest hope is that you find peace and know how much you were, and are, loved. You loved so hard in your life and I hope you felt some measure of that come back your way before you said

goodbye to us. My friend--I will miss you every day and I WILL see you on the other side. Grab a drink with Grandpa up there. Tell grandma all about Gerry's Kids. Love you always.

**Cuzzin Julie*

Julie Bates - March 17, 2025 at 12:21 PM

LG

“ *Sioux - a very special person a very special niece. You lit up a room, while we all waited for what you would say next. You cared for all of God's creatures, no matter how big or small. You wanted to use embroidery thread to sew GMa's cut leg. You truly love everyone & every thing & we love you ❤️*

laura gavin - March 16, 2025 at 04:52 PM

BC

“ *The most remarkable person I have ever known. How fortunate I am for the time we had together. Always entertaining, loving and ever so humble. She never believed she that important, but obviously she touched many lives. Words will never convey my feelings of loss. I love you, Sioux. Always have. Always will. Until we meet again, in the clearing at the end of the path...*



Brian collins - March 16, 2025 at 11:39 AM

KM

“ Karen M. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Susan "Sioux" Handschiegel.

Karen M. - March 16, 2025 at 09:38 AM

TS

“ Tammie Smith lit a candle in memory of Susan "Sioux" Handschiegel



Tammie Smith - March 15, 2025 at 08:44 AM

RL

“ Susan was quirky, weird, funny and interesting and will be missed by all of us more than we can imagine and will always be a part of our lives!!!

Russ Lowen - March 12, 2025 at 09:14 PM

JW

“ Oh Sioux, I can't believe it. She was one in a million and such an amazing and creative person. One of my favorite people in high school and I always hoped we would reconnect again.



Joellen Welch - March 12, 2025 at 08:10 PM

LB

“ Love, Scott, Kristin and the boys purchased the Garden Bench - "Gone yet not forgotten..." for the family of Susan "Sioux" Handschiegel.



Love, Scott, Kristin and the boys - March 12, 2025 at 03:30 PM

EC

“ Elizabeth C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Susan "Sioux" Handschiegel.

Elizabeth C. - March 12, 2025 at 03:04 PM



“ 61 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Harrod Brothers Funeral Home - March 12, 2025 at 09:18 AM



“ *I'll always remember Sioux for her sharp sense of humor, her creativity, and the kindness she showed to my daughter, Olive. She was a true artist—a writer, a singer, and a rebel in the best way. Her spirit lives on in everyone who loved her. Thinking of you all.*

Danielle Lieberman - March 12, 2025 at 08:58 AM



“ *I've attempted to write this several times, but can't get succinct enough to not be a book. So....
You made me feel important, when all I felt was despair. You made me see from different points of view. You made me laugh when no one else could. Every reasonably good thing about me originated from you. You saved my life, and I'll love you forever.*

Donald Hawksby - March 11, 2025 at 02:29 PM



Don this made me cry. She truly was an amazing person.

Joellen Welch - March 12, 2025 at 08:04 PM

TE

“ I will miss seeing your beautiful face every day. You were always so sweet and kind and had great style! You will be greatly missed by everyone who's lives you've touched.



Teri - March 11, 2025 at 11:57 AM

VW

“ Vivian Wilson purchased the Garden Accent Stone - "I thought of you" for the family of Susan "Sioux" Handschiegel.



Vivian Wilson - March 11, 2025 at 09:01 AM

VW

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Vivian Wilson - March 11, 2025 at 09:01 AM

TH

“ My beautiful little sister, I remember when you would hold my hand when I was scared and tell me everything would be ok. I remember us speeding down Route 17 with The Smashing Pumpkins blasting out of a cheap speaker. I remember watching crappy movies with you late at night as we microwaved Ellio's pizzas. I wish I did a better job of protecting you. If you need me, I'm here to hold your hand.

Thomas Handschiegel - March 11, 2025 at 08:22 AM

BC



Brian collins - March 16, 2025 at 11:19 AM

DH

“ A truly special person Sioux was one of my favorite people. Smart, strong and loving. Wish I could have spent more time with her. She will be missed. Our love and prayers are with her family.

Diane& Brad Harrigan - March 10, 2025 at 09:48 PM

CC

“ Some things in life are so difficult to accept, and Sioux' passing is one of them. Linda and I were pregnant at the same time. Her with Sioux and me with our son. Needless to say, living next door to them when the kids were little was a blessing. Our children became fast friends and were constantly together. She was such a sweetheart and we were so happy that her and Tommy were such good friends with our two. She will be terribly missed by everyone who knew her. She was a beautiful and sensitive soul who brought happiness to all who knew her. We will miss you "Goo-Goo". ❤️
Our love, Carm and Dennis

Carm and Dennis Casaletto - March 10, 2025 at 07:36 PM

CA

“ Sioux was one of the most unique, talented, and loving women I have ever known. Her love ran deep and was not thrown out recklessly. Dave and I were so flattered to be a part of her caring circle. Prayers are with her and she will never be forgotten.
"Aunt Carol and Uncle Dave"

Carol - March 10, 2025 at 06:59 PM

CP

“ *Forever on my heart and mind soosann* ”



Cara Pate - March 10, 2025 at 06:18 PM