



Susan Hayes

April 22, 2020

Susan Carlisle Hayes, wife of Skip Hayes, passed away on Wednesday, April 22, 2020, at the hospital with her loving husband by her side after a courageous battle with cancer. Susan was born in Bronxville, New York, and was the daughter of the late Mary Jane and William Donald Bender.

Susan was a graduate of Henry Clay High School in Lexington, Kentucky. Following, she completed her preparation for her vocation at Fugazzi College of Business. Once she completed business school, she obtained a position as office manager at the practice of Lexington physician, Dr. Simmons. When Dr. Simmons moved from Lexington, Susan continued to work in the medical office management field in various doctor and dental practices in Frankfort. Susan then began working as a medical transcriptionist and later retired to become a full-time homemaker – making their Frankfort, Kentucky home that she loved a special and “cozy” place to live. Susan loved creating a warm, fun home for her and her husband to enjoy. She loved to cook and was very good at it as Skip would attest. She would often prepare, or she and Skip would work as a “team” to prepare special or elegant meals that required no special occasion. There were often lighted candles to accompany their meals.

Susan loved visiting the beach. She and Skip visited many beach destinations in the Caribbean Islands, Mexico, and the U.S. Her favorite beach stays were at Gulf Shores, Alabama, where they stayed in a beach front house with an unobstructed view of the Gulf of Mexico and just steps from the water.

Susan was a wonderful family participant. She loved picking out and sending

the perfect greeting cards for any occasion, of which she never forgot. She would select the perfect gift for someone and would fix the perfect recipe that she would bring to family get togethers. "Aunt Suzie" enjoyed keeping up with her sister's and brother-in-law's children and grandchildren and their activities. Susan became "best buddies" with Skip's mother, enjoying outings such as going to the movies together, sewing, and craft projects. She was a true animal lover, especially when it came to her "children," Katie (her loving dog) and Bandit (her sweet kitty), both of which lived exceptionally long lives due to the care and love she gave them. Susan loved feeding the birds and watching them flock to her backyard.

Susan is survived by her loving husband of 39 years, Skip Hayes; her loving sister, Missy Hitt (Dr. Owen Hitt); her niece and nephews, Kelly Gant (Lenny), Michael Hitt, David Hitt (Amy), and Kirk Hitt (Sarah); grand niece and nephews; and her special forever friends.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her grand-nephew, Charles Whitaker Gant and her "children," Katie (a loving border collie dog) and Bandit (a sweet black and white kitty).

Susan will be sorrowfully and dearly missed by her husband, Skip, sister, Missy and family, and by the special friends and acquaintances she met through life with friendly words and a warm smile.

The family will hold private services in remembrance of Susan at a later date. In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may be made to the Franklin County Humane Society, LIFE House for Animals, Bluegrass Hospice Care or a charity of one's choice.

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

Tribute Wall



“ *Susan Hayes*

October 06, 2023 at 03:15 PM



“ *61 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Harrod Brothers Funeral Home - November 17, 2020 at 09:44 AM



“ *Susan was truly a beautiful person and friend from the heart. We met in 1973 and became friends. Everyone who met her enjoyed her spirit and kindness. Her love for Skip, family and friends was always shared and is truly a loss for everyone us. Our memories hold all the blessings we had from having her in our lives. My prayers are with Skip, family and friends that we can cherish them all, grateful for each one we have with her. Many prayers for you Skip for peace and comfort through this heartbreaking loss Of your beautiful wife and best friend. I know she cherished and loved you so very much. You blessed each other every day.*

Lee New - May 25, 2020 at 03:19 PM

SH

Thank you Nancy for these wonderful sentiments. She was such a sweet person and my love. I often now think we weren't done with the things we wanted to do. I think of this often.

Skip Hayes - May 25, 2020 at 10:42 PM

SH

Lee, excuse me, I did not realize this not was from you since it fell under a comment from Nancy, I will repeat for you She was such a sweet person and my love. I often now think we weren't done with the things we wanted to do. I think of this often. I surely hope you will reach out to me if you want to talk.

Skip Hayes - May 25, 2020 at 10:56 PM

JS

“ Skip

Sorry for your loss. Eddy Cook From Engineering had told me last year that his wife passed away too. He also has family here to help like you do.

It is nice that you have so many friends during these times. I hope your Dad Raymond B is doing well.

God Bless You,

John S PE

john sauter - May 06, 2020 at 08:27 PM

SH

Thanks for your note John

Skip Hayes - May 07, 2020 at 09:56 AM



Ronnie and I send love and light. I just now found that she had passed. RIP Susan.

Peggy Thompson - July 13, 2020 at 04:16 PM

SE

“*Skip, we're so sorry to hear about Susan's passing. Robert and I have shared hugs and tears in trying to imagine the unimaginable pain you must be suffering at this time, and the fact that we are all unable to share in your grief with our physical presence makes it all the more painful and agonizing to endure.*

The camaraderie I shared with Susan as a "band wife" of the current Ray Byrd Trio is a badge I carried with humble regard for the model she set, especially when we had the occasion to tolerate endearing fans. :-) While I don't intend to appear verbose, I do want you to know that Susan radiated a regal presence and grace that I always admired. I will truly miss her.

And, my apologies for our late acknowledgement of your loss. We have had some emergent family issues that have distracted our time and energy in recent weeks ... no excuse, simply an explanation. Please accept our sincerest regret for allowing this tribute to slip past our attention.

*We are holding space in our hearts for your loss,
Sara & Robert Hebble*

Sara Ellis-Hebble - May 06, 2020 at 12:04 PM

SH

Sara, what a wonderful message you have left here in memory of Susan. Thank you very much. I enjoy reading these so much, I look at it several time a day and it is nice to see a new message left here.

Skip

Skip Hayes - May 06, 2020 at 04:29 PM

JD

“ Skip, so sorry to hear of your loss. May the happy memories give you strength in the hard days ahead.
“Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.”
- Matthew 5:4

Jeff Downey - May 05, 2020 at 06:13 PM

SH

Thank you for your note Jeff

Skip

Skip Hayes - May 06, 2020 at 04:30 PM

NO

“ Dear Skip💕💕 Deep condolences to you on the passing of Susan. She always was a joyful and considerate person whenever we were together. Gosh, flashing back to our early times together listening to your band rehearse. Such fun!

RIP Susan. Love, light and peace be with you dear friend. Nancy.

nancy osborne - May 03, 2020 at 12:25 PM

SH

Nancy, thank you for your note and remembrances.

Skip

Skip Hayes - May 04, 2020 at 12:53 PM

TB

“ Skip, Chuck and I were so sorry to hear of the loss of Susan. We always enjoyed her so much. She was always such a positive person and a delight to be around.

Theresa Bennett - May 03, 2020 at 11:20 AM

SH

*Theresa and Chuck, Thank you for writing.
Skip*

Skip Hayes - May 04, 2020 at 12:54 PM

MW

“ *Hello Skip-I am so sorry for your loss. Go speed to Susan, and peace to you. Love, Murray*

Murray Wood - May 02, 2020 at 01:42 PM

SH

*Thank you for you note Murry
Skip*

Skip Hayes - May 02, 2020 at 09:43 PM

CS

“ *Skip, Garth and I send our deepest condolences for the loss of your wife and soulmate. Carol Smith*

carol smith - May 02, 2020 at 07:39 AM

SH

*Thank you Carol and Garth
Skip*

Skip Hayes - May 02, 2020 at 09:59 AM

BG

“ *Skip, I send all of our loving thoughts your way as you mourn the loss of Susan. I enjoyed learning more about your lives together reading the obit. Take care, Ben Griffith*

Ben Griiffith - May 01, 2020 at 04:54 PM

SH

*Thank you Ben
Skip*

Skip Hayes - May 01, 2020 at 08:45 PM



“*Susan was a lady that I did chemo with and became really good friends in the last 2 years will talk on the phone at least twice the week to help each other through the journey that we are going through I am going to miss her she was so beautiful inside and out God's blessings and peace be with the family*

Melaine Foley Vest - May 01, 2020 at 02:54 PM

SH

*Thank you for writing Melaine. It was wonderful that she could find a friend that she could speak with and talk about things it was hard for others to understand. We both found a friend in you.
Skip*

Skip Hayes - May 01, 2020 at 08:46 PM

JL

Skip, I am so sorry to hear of Susan's death. Please take care and my thoughts are with you.

Janice Lunsford - May 02, 2020 at 08:58 AM

CA

Skip, my deepest sympathy, Susan was such a wonderful person, so many memories of laughter.

Christine Adrian - May 02, 2020 at 04:07 PM

LN

Susan a wonderful friend, who loved her husband Skip, family & friends so very much and brought joy into everyone's life. She was to each that had the honor to know her such a blessing. Many prayers for peace and comfort Skip

lee new - May 09, 2020 at 02:46 PM

SH

Lee, thank you for your note. I hope you do well and please reach out to others.

Skip Hayes - May 25, 2020 at 10:45 PM

BM

“ *Brent Merritt lit a candle in memory of Susan Hayes*



Brent Merritt - April 30, 2020 at 09:19 PM

BM

Susan was such a beautiful soul. We were neighbors on Ewing Street for 6 years...We were newlyweds and both Susan and Skip were so good to us. I'll never forget her kindness to us and to our sons over the years. I always enjoyed our visits even after we moved. She will be missed.

Brent Merritt - April 30, 2020 at 09:24 PM

SH

Thanks for writing Brent. She enjoyed you as neighbors so much.

Skip Hayes - May 01, 2020 at 08:48 PM

CA

“ *Christine Adrian lit a candle in memory of Susan Hayes*



Christine Adrian - April 30, 2020 at 09:03 PM

CA

Many prayers for Skip and all of Susan's family.

Christine Adrian - April 30, 2020 at 09:07 PM

SH

*Thank you for your note Chris
Skip*

Skip Hayes - May 25, 2020 at 10:49 PM

ZE

“ *Zenas English lit a candle in memory of
Susan Hayes*



Zenas English - April 30, 2020 at 08:40 PM



“ *Melaine Foley Vest lit a candle in memory of
Susan Hayes*



Melaine Foley Vest - April 30, 2020 at 07:39 PM



*The journey you go through with cancer is not easy rest in peace my
sweet buddy*

Melaine Foley Vest - May 02, 2020 at 12:30 PM

SH

“ We will certainly miss you Aunt Susie! Loved our time with you. We looked forward to Christmas and special occasions with Susie and Skip. We have lots of great memories-Hilton Head vacations, lunch and dinners at Mojito’s(Susie loved the Mojito’s), Christmas’s in Louisville, special birthdays, and weddings just to mention a few. Susie always remembered birthdays and special occasions and without fail would mail the perfect card! She was the ultimate pen pal and I will miss receiving her fun notes and texts. We love and miss you Aunt Susie.....xxxooo, Say-Say

sarah hitt - April 30, 2020 at 05:58 PM

SH

Thank you for your thoughtful note SaySay. Such a sweet woman to always remember others.
Skip

Skip Hayes - May 01, 2020 at 11:43 PM

NF

“ Nancy Frederick purchased the Cheeseboard Co mplete for the family of Susan Hayes.



Nancy Frederick - April 30, 2020 at 03:32 PM

NF

“ Susan (Suzy) to me was my best friend since 4th grade. We have had a lifetime of fun together! I am forever blessed and grateful to have shared all that time with her and there really are no words to describe how much she will be missed! Thanks Skip, Missy and Woody for taking such great care of Susan! Love and prayers to all of your family.
Nancy Frederick

Nancy Frederick - April 30, 2020 at 03:10 PM

SH

Thank you for sharing this Nancy. Thanks for your love and prayers.
Skip

Skip Hayes - May 02, 2020 at 09:52 AM

SB

I am another one of Suzy's elementary school classmates and was so saddened to learn of her loss just this evening. She was always friendly, gentle, and so pretty, sweet, yet vivacious that all of the little boys in our class had big crushes on her. I am so sorry that she is gone from us now, and will be thinking of her family during this sad time.

Susan Booker - May 11, 2020 at 02:51 AM

SH

Thank you for your note Susan. I had hoped those persons like yourself would send such a note.
Skip

Skip Hayes - May 25, 2020 at 10:47 PM

CM

“ I'm very sorry to learn Susan passed away. She was a nice person and I hate that Skip and other family members have this sadness, especially at this time. Hang in there, Ray Byrd.

Ceci Mitchell - April 29, 2020 at 02:36 PM

SH

*Thanks for writing this note Ceci
Skip*

Skip Hayes - May 02, 2020 at 09:53 AM

SS

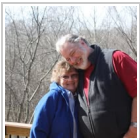
“*Susan was a wonderful friend of mine, and I was privileged to know her for nearly 45 years. Her smile could light up a room, and her big brown eyes were the most expressive eyes that I have ever known. I will always love Susan and I will always miss Susan. I pray Skip, Missy and all of Susan's family will have strength to sustain them in this sad time and that they will find comfort in their memories of our dear Susan. Good-bye sweet girl, until we meet again. Your friend, Sharon*

Sharon Smith - April 29, 2020 at 01:06 PM

SH

*Sharon, thank you for sharing your thoughts and prayers at this sad time.
Skip*

Skip Hayes - May 02, 2020 at 09:55 AM



“*Susan was a very sweet person with a smile for everyone! We enjoyed some good times together. May she rest peacefully. My prayers are with Skip and family*

Joy Vasser - April 29, 2020 at 08:34 AM

AJ

I did not know Susan, but I know Skip. Sending sincere condolences for his loss 😞

Ann Johnson - April 29, 2020 at 08:59 AM

SH

*Thank you for your note Joy.
Skip*

Skip Hayes - May 02, 2020 at 09:57 AM

DP

My heart goes out to Skip and Missy, along with all family members of Susan. I knew them both for at least 40 years. They were wonderful friends and a really dynamic couple. Sincerest sympathy to all who knew and loved Susan.

Diana Peters - May 03, 2020 at 08:15 PM

SH

*Thank you Diana, I appreciate your note.
Skip*

Skip Hayes - May 25, 2020 at 10:48 PM