



Susann "Susie" Hutchison

September 29, 1943 - February 24, 2017

Susann (Susie) Caudill Smith Hutchison passed away on February 24th, 2017.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Claude and Alma Smith and by her husband, Robert (Bob) Hutchison. She is survived by their beloved son, Raymond (Ramie) Caudill Hutchison, and beloved grandson, Evan Parker Hutchison.

Susie was born in Kingsport, TN, September 29, 1943 and was raised in Southern, IN. After graduation from Murray State University, she began teaching elementary in the Jefferson County Public School System in Louisville, KY. In 1988 and 1992 she received an "Outstanding Staff Award" for teaching organizational skills and music programs. She retired after 27 years.

She and Bob both loved music and the dulcimer was very special to them. They performed and taught at music festivals throughout the United States for 30 years. They have been honored with many awards, their favorite being the "Best Dulcimer Playing Family." Besides several dulcimer albums, they have a program in the PBS award winning educational television series, "Old Music for New Ears," and provided background music for many programs produced by Kentucky Educational Television (KET).

For the last 17 years, Susie was a tour guide at the Governor's Mansion in Frankfort, KY. She worked under Governors Paul Patton, Ernie Fletcher, Steve Beshear and Matt Bevin. She loved meeting visitors from all over the United States and across the globe. These years were special to her because Susie's pride for her state was immense.

She was an active member of the American Radio Theatre (Lexington Chapter). She enjoyed the challenge of playing different characters from vintage radio shows.

She was also a member of the Frankfort First United Methodist Church where her music talents and dulcimer teaching were utilized through years of attendance.

Susie lived a wonderful life. She dearly loved her family and her amazing friends.

She will be truly missed.

Services for Susie will be held at Harrod Brothers Funeral Home on Wednesday, March 1, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. with Rev. Tonya Kenner and Dr. Phil Hill officiating. Burial will follow at Frankfort Cemetery. The family will receive friends at Harrod Brothers Funeral Home from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 28, 2017.

Flowers are welcome and expressions of sympathy may be made to the Rebecca Caudill Public Library, 310 W. Main Street, Cumberland, Kentucky 40823.

Arrangements are under the direction of Harrod Brothers Funeral Home.

Tribute Wall



“ *Susann "Susie" Hutchison*

October 06, 2023 at 03:15 PM



“ *Susie is remembered here as a person who truly enriched the world. I can't help but think of her as special for Susie could only be one way - kind, thoughtful and generous. She and Bob were a great match and together, they sent a lot of joy into the universe. They were happy people and it showed. I spoke with Susie several times over the past year and came away from our talks with three key observations: Susie liked the life she had made; she felt blessed that Bob came into her heart; and, she was over-the-moon with love for Ramie and his family. Susie's gifts were considerable and across the state, thousands of people came to know and appreciate them. I once wondered if music was a ministry for Susie. For many years, Susie and Bob were part of The Lexington Folksingers and were enormously popular with every single one of us; we loved 'em. Ramie: I believe everyone who knew your mom hurts right now. Susie was that likable and lovable.*

Jim Deaton - March 01, 2017 at 05:43 PM



“ *Ramie - Please accept my deepest condolences on the passing of your momma. She will be dearly missed as a wonderful friend and neighbor. So sorry I couldn't be there. I'm sure Evan and Paige would have had a good time together.*

Love,

Lee

Lee Melton - March 01, 2017 at 03:43 PM

SB

“ Susie and Bob were much-loved members of the Lexington Folk Singers, and dear friends. They gave us so many wonderful memories - and such beautiful music! - to cherish, and we were blessed to share so many good times with them.

Susie's family will be in our thoughts and prayers.

Susan Booker - February 28, 2017 at 04:21 PM

SN

“ Fly high my friend !! Thanks for teaching about patience ... I will miss you truly forever !!!

SUE NORMAN - February 28, 2017 at 03:05 PM

BT

“ Dearest Ramie,

Susie was my cousin. Aunt Alma was my grandmother's sister. When Aunt Alma was finishing up her education at Butler University, she would drop Susann off at our house (we lived around the corner from Butler) and we would spend the day playing and swimming.

So very sorry for your loss. I know she loved her family dearly and such a talented lady. Our prayers and love are with you and your family.

Becky (Patton) Taylor, Charleston, SC

Becky Taylor - February 28, 2017 at 07:57 AM

SM

“ Susie was such a great friend to me over the years. She was also an inspiration in the way she dealt with her illness. We were so sorry to hear of her passing, but we know that she is at peace and no longer in pain. We hope & pray that she is with Bob and other loved ones in spirit in heaven. So glad you played "Southwind" for her on dulcimer, and that you have been here for her at this time and always. May family, friends, prayers and good memories help you through this difficult time. Love, Shayla, John, Joseph, Johnny & Jesse.

Shayla Mettille - February 27, 2017 at 08:58 AM

MC

“ So sorry to hear of Susie's passing. She befriended me the first year I went to ASU Dulcimer workshop in the early '80's. We stayed in touch and I dearly loved her. My prayers for you, Ramie, and your family.

Millie Chaplin - February 26, 2017 at 04:18 PM

KR

“ Please accept our sincere condolences, Ramie. Susie was a very special person and we will miss her. She loved you and Evan dearly and was so very proud of the both of you.

Karen Friley and Trent Ripley - February 26, 2017 at 01:18 PM

DE

“ Ramie I am so sorry. Your Mother was such a sweet person. My prayers are with you.

Diana Eads - February 25, 2017 at 11:46 PM