



Susan Wright Beard

May 1, 1948 - April 25, 2018

Susan Wright Beard, 69, of Salisbury, died Wednesday, April 25, 2018, at her home after an extended illness.

She was born on May 1, 1948, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana to Edgar Wright and Louise Patten Wright. She graduated from Louisiana College with a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology and from Louisiana State University with a Master of Social Work. Susan also received a Master of Religious Education from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Her Christian faith was important to her and she was most recently an active member of Thyatira Presbyterian Church.

Susan spent her career helping others through social work and counseling, from the MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, Texas to the Suicide Prevention and Education Center in Louisville, Kentucky to 22 years as a school counselor in Rowan-Salisbury Schools. She was also the author of two books, *You Can't Be That* and *Savvy Seniors*.

Susan was preceded in death by her parents and her sister, Faye Wright Soileau.

Surviving are her husband, James Beard; son David Beard of Washington, D.C.; son Landon Beard and wife Ktlyn Beard of Salisbury; step-children Kristin Dil of Fremont, California, Amy Baty of Purcellville, Virginia, Brian Beard of Hayward, California, and Kelly Berry of Purcellville, Virginia; brothers Louis Wright of Athens, Ohio and Roger Wise of Augusta, Georgia; eleven living grandchildren; 30 living first cousins; five nieces and two nephews; and

her best friend of 43 years, Kathy Hagenow of Kokomo, Indiana.

Service: A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. on Monday, April 30, 2018 at Thyatira Presbyterian Church, 220 White Road. Rev. Stacy Stack will conduct the service. All are welcome to attend and celebrate Susan's life.

Memorials: In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to The Trevor Project, www.thetrevorproject.org.

Summersett Funeral Home is serving the Beard family. Online condolences may be made at www.summersettfuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

APR **30**. 1:00 PM (ET)

Thyatira Presbyterian Church
220 White Road
Salisbury, NC 28147

Tribute Wall

BS

“ Dear Jim, I was so saddened and, frankly, shocked to hear of Susan's passing. I remember seeing you both at the Lewis Preaching Series, and she seemed fine. Obviously, I was not attentive. I will be praying for you during this unimaginably difficult time. If you just want someone to walk or talk with, please do call me. It would be a blessing just to help. May God help you find joy in the many memories you have of this dear, dear woman.
In the Christ,
Barry and Kathy Sang

Barry R. Sang - April 30, 2018 at 09:04 PM



Maegen
Worley

“ Susan was one of the kindest, sweetest souls I have ever met. She was such a generous person, giving of herself and her talents, which included a wonderful, beautiful talent in writing. It was a honor knowing her.

Maegen Worley - April 30, 2018 at 09:14 AM

CL

“ Memories .. my Aunt SuSu we called her .. She was always so kind , understanding, and nonjudgmental .. She was very kind and compassionate .. so many memories as I was growing up and as an adult with my own children .. she was a beautiful woman inside and out .. loved her smile ..

Christine Luquette - April 29, 2018 at 08:48 PM

AH

“ Dear Jim, David, and Landon,
I now live in Marion, NC and had no idea Susan had been ill. Susan was such a special person, and we shared many good days working together at North Rowan High School. I know she will be greatly missed by many. Our loss was Heaven's gain. You all will certainly be in my thoughts and prayers during these difficult days ahead. I pray the Lord will give you strength and peace. God bless you all.
Love,
Ann T Heard

Ann T Heard - April 28, 2018 at 10:02 PM

CR

“ So sorry for you loss . Susan was a special lady and loved by many . Will keep you all in our thoughts and prayers.
Hayes and Cindy Russell



Cindy Russell - April 28, 2018 at 10:29 AM

BM

“ Betty, John, Brian, and Phil McIntee purchased the Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses for the family of Susan Wright Beard.



Betty, John, Brian, and Phil McIntee - April 28, 2018 at 08:23 AM

BM

“ I was shocked and saddened to hear of Susan's passing. I treasured the friendship we began at Southern Seminary in 1973. We became apartment mates for a year before she moved to the Portland Neighborhood. We had many good times, laughs, honest conversations, and shared many of the same values and convictions. She lived a full life, loving family, serving others, and living her life in the way of Christ. I will miss attending her memorial service which I am sure will be a celebration of a passionate woman. I am glad we met Jim and Susan for lunch in September 1916. I wished I had seen her during the last few months as she endured losing her strength. I am sending her my love and prayers for the family. She will celebrate her 70th birthday among the saints. Peace to Jim and family and rest in peace dear, dear, Susan.



Betty McIntee

Betty McIntee - April 27, 2018 at 09:01 PM