



# Susan Heppler

April 20, 1946 - May 12, 2022

## SUSAN L. (NORMAN) HEPPLER

Susan L. Heppler, age 77, of Osage Beach, Missouri, passed away peacefully Thursday, May 12, 2022, at Ozark Rehabilitation and Health Care Center in Osage Beach. She was born April 20, 1946, at Providence Hospital in Kansas City, Kansas, the daughter of the late John J. Norman and Susie A. Sessions.

Susan graduated from Bishop Ward High School where she played basketball, baseball and worked in the office. She was active in Speech and debate team, drama class, and bookkeeping.

She was united in marriage to the late Joseph C. Heppler on February 2, 1966, at the Southern Baptist Church in Kansas City, Kansas. They divorced in 1983.

Susan worked as a cook for many years at many restaurants in Sunrise Beach, Missouri. She moved on to become a reporter for the Reveille-Lake Sun Newspaper. She owned and operated the Lake Express Newspaper, and went to work as a switchboard operator at Marriott's Tan-Tar-A Resort. She retired from Tan-Tar-A in 2000 due to a debilitating back injury received during her time as a fire fighter.

For many years, she served on the Sunrise Beach Volunteer Fire Department. She was a firefighter and also served on the board as secretary and treasurer. Susan also spent a great deal of time being involved with her kids' school activities and extra-curricular activities.

She enjoyed traveling with family and making memories, spending time with family and friends and of course, spending time with her grandchildren whenever she could.

She is survived by sister, Yvonne N. Norman; a brother, John E. Norman; her son, James J. Heppler and wife Sandy, of Montreal, Missouri; her daughter, Cynthia "Cindy" A. and

husband Richard Switzer of Laquey, Missouri; her grandchildren, Drew Heppler and wife Ronda of Bolivar, Missouri, James J. Heppler Jr. of Osage Beach, Missouri, Coleigh Walker and husband Joe of Independence, Missouri, Paul Janes and wife McKenzie also of Independence, Missouri Christopher L. Switzer of Elsberry, Missouri and Elizabeth N. Switzer of Bolivar, Missouri; numerous nieces, nephews, great grandchildren and many other kids she “adopted” over the years.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her sister Emma L. Martz; and her brother Leonard Sharp.

The family will hold a small celebration of life gathering at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested made to Ozark Rehabilitation and Health Care Center in Osage Beach. They have become family and have been an essential and loving part of Susan’s life for the past 10 years. We would like to give back to them for all they have done for Susan and the family.

Arrangements are under the care and direction of Kidwell-Garber Laurie/Sunrise Beach Chapel.

# Tribute Wall

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“ Jimmy and Cindy...many hugs and prayers to you and your families. We will all cherish the memories of your Momma. She was fun and funny. I am blessed she was a part of my childhood.  
Peace to your Hearts...  
Shana Emery

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**Shana Emery** - May 19 at 09:24 AM

MJ

“ Jimmy and Cindy, my thoughts are with you. Your beautiful momma was quite an amazing woman. Our families share roots, that's a good thing. I will be at her memorial gathering if it includes people outside the family. Please let me know.  
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**Mary Lu Jenkins** - May 18 at 10:30 AM