



## Susan K. Collins

January 31, 1957 - March 2, 2019

Susan K. Collins, age 62 of Marion, passed away on Saturday, March 2, 2019 at Marion General Hospital. On January 31, 1957, she was born to the late Stanley Meridy and Viola Jeanne (Clark) McKee, and on August 1, 2003, she married her true love Lonnie R. "Duke" Collins, who preceded her in death on July 3, 2004.

Susan graduated from Ridgedale High School in 1976, and she worked in several positions throughout her life. She was a waitress, a bartender, a cook, a commercial and residential cleaner, and a correctional officer, eventually spending 13 years as an employee crew trainer at McDonald's.

She was an avid Trekkie, gathering quite the collection of Star Trek memorabilia during her lifetime, and she also collected angel figurines. Tweety Bird was her favorite character, and she was known to root for him during his bouts with Sylvester. She was also a fan of the Buckeyes, and she attended countless games with her brother Mike over the years. She enjoyed gardening, having grown some of the most beautiful lilies one could ever hope to see, and she spent much of her time on crosswords, Sudoku, and word searches. One of her crowning achievements was putting together a 750-piece puzzle in an hour and a half.

She also enjoyed traveling to coastal beaches, and her favorite to visit was Emerald Isle, North Carolina. Homecooked meals were another staple in Susan's household, as she adored cooking and had quite a knack for it.

She loved her two dogs as well, the ornery beagle Buster and the dog she shared with her husband before his passing, her 17-year companion Cracker.

She is survived by her daughters Tina (Larry) Garnow and Kim (James) Hessler; her brothers Michael J. McKee and Lawrence J. (Sharon) McKee; her grandchildren Dustin Garnow, Devin Hessler, and Bryce Hessler; her great-granddaughter Miranda Garnow; her nephew and niece Steven Clay McKee and Bonnie Jean Wilson, as well as their children; numerous cousins; and a dear friend of the family, Lynn Lane.

She was preceded in death by her parents Stanley and Viola McKee.

Calling hours will be held on Wednesday, March 6, 2019 from 6 pm to 8 pm at the Boyd-Born Funeral Home. Services will take place on Thursday, March 7, 2019 at 10 am at the funeral home with James Bright officiating. Burial will follow at Grand Prairie Cemetery.

If sending flowers in Susan's memory, the family requests that you order them from the Marion Flower Shop, 1045 E. Church St., Marion, Ohio, 740-389-2323.

# Cemetery

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## Grand Prairie Cemetery

4964 Brush Ridge Dr., N.  
Marion, OH, 43302

# Events

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**MAR 6** **Calling Hours** 06:00PM - 08:00PM

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Boyd-Born Funeral Home  
122 West Columbia Street, Marion, OH, US, 43302

**MAR 7** **Service** 10:00AM

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# Comments

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“ 9 files added to the album Floral Tributes



**Boyd-Born Funeral Home** - March 11 at 09:25 AM

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“ The Collins and Mckee families would like to thank Boyd Born funeral home for their loving and gracious care they provided our dear loved one Susan K Collins. You went above and beyond our every request and also our expectations of Susan's viewing and services. Your professionalism is to be commended. You were able to give our family's last memorial of Susie a beautiful outcome. Our entire family thanks you from the bottom of our hearts. God Bless you. Mike Mckee.

**michael j mckee** - March 09 at 03:12 AM

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“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Susan K. Collins.



March 06 at 09:13 AM

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“ My deepest condolences to Mike and all other family and friends of Susan you are all in my thoughts and prayers while going through this great loss.

**Tammy kelly** - March 05 at 01:47 PM



“ Thank you Tammy.. you are are great supporting friend and co-worker at Whirlpool. My sister will be greatly missed by me. She was one of my lifetime loves. Mike

**michael j mckee** - March 05 at 06:00 PM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



**michael j mckee** - March 04 at 09:38 PM



“ Susie and Mike at the Ohio State football Game. A buckeye fan for Life !!! Go Buck!! See my tribute to my sister in the comments post. Love you Soupy. Love your little brother Mike.

**michael j mckee** - March 04 at 10:16 PM

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“ To my Susie Q,

Let me start by saying i love you so much! & I am forever grateful first of all to have known you, and second of all, for everything you have ever done for me. From letting me set up an inflatable water slide in your back yard when I was a kid, because we didn't have enough room ( ), to literally getting me my first real job at McDonald's. You have always been there whenever I needed you and would give me the shirt off your back if I asked, no hesitation.

I remember all the times hanging out with my parents, you and "Dukey", sitting around your kitchen table just listening to music and having a good time. Coming over to see dukes new shrunken heads or your new vacation trinkets. Standing on our opposite sides of the fence after I would get off work or go over to moms and we would just get lost in conversation and the next thing I know an hour had passed.

You were nothing less than family.

I wish I hadn't grown up and got too busy to stop and talk more often when you were on your front porch. I wish I could have heard one last "see ya later babydoll!"

Thank you for being such a wonderful woman. I'm blessed to have known you.

Till we meet again..

-B.

**Brenna Hall** - March 04 at 07:47 PM

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“ My dear friend Susie... you and I have been thru so much together over the last 20 years. From watching my daughter grow up, thru all of our heartaches, you were so much more than my friend. I love you so much and hate the fact that I didn't say good bye. This picture is from the last time I got you to go have a beer with me. I love you my friend! Give Duke a big hug for me!



**Janet Pugsley** - March 04 at 07:14 PM



“ Thank you Janet for being a good Neighbor and friend and supporting Susie and her you in defining ways that you both agreed upon. You both had mutual respect and showed dignity to each other. Susie spoke of you so warmly when I'd go see her for no reason or when she invited me to dinner. You were one who was a staple in her life. Thank you for your unconditional love and respect for my sister Susie. I too want to thank you for your friendship to me with helping me seek legal advise for Susie and helping out in so many ways with other things I won't mention here. You are a wonderful lady. Thank you for being Susie's friend for so many years. Mike

**michael j mckee** - March 05 at 06:15 PM



“ So sorry for your loss Kim!!  
Thoughts and prayers



**Kathie Spears** - March 04 at 09:00 AM



“ To my beautiful sister Susie. You will be with me always. You'll be with me in my heart and mind and soul forever until I take my last breath. We've been so close our whole life and I'm going to miss you terribly. You were the loving sister to my brother joe and me. You were the second born between us two and you were the link of love that kept us going and the bond that will never be torn apart. The secret to life is LOVE for if there is no love then there is no life. Your beautiful smile and tenderness to me as your little brother wasn't taken for granted. You always were my protector and you would stand up for me before yourself. My heart aches for you Soupy. When we would say bye till the next time we'd see each other if always say... I kiss you on the next and I love you a bushel and a peck and the you'd give me that Susie smile and say ... I love you gobbers. Our parents taught us love

and to find forgiveness in our hearts if we were wronged by someone. Many people have said to me what a great spirited lady you were and a true friend you were to them. You always told things as they were and you never tried to be something your not. To my sister who knew me as well as I knew you, we were so close in birth we should have been twins. To a sister who knows by just looking into my eyes and knowing my thoughts and recalling the laughter and even the tears through 60 plus years. I love you my wonderful sister you will always be my second love under our mommy. My best friend who always knows who I am. The two most precious women in my life have been taken from me... you and mommy but only physically. My heart will carry you for all eternal time and my heart burst with loving beautiful memories of our childhood and adulthood. I was so blessed to have you as my sister and will deeply miss you. I still see your lovely smile the last time we spoke here or earth as living breathing souls. You are my sister forever and I'm glad that with the family love and guidance we had when we were little babies the bond we had lived a lifetime and will continue to be forevermore. I love you Susie and hope to see you again some day soon after the resurrection as you stand upon the earth again with hope and perfection in paradise. You are forever eternal in my heart. Family ties become even more important to me as the years went by and so does having a sister like you. Just knowing we've shared so much makes me feel even closer to you but more than that you will always be my special friend and I feel blessed that you will still go on living in my heart as part of my life carrying your memories with me. I so glad god gave me you as my sister. I'd always kiss you on the neck and say love you a bushel and a peck. I'm so glad we are family and will forever keep you close to my heart and soul forevermore. I love you with all my heart... even more now because your very life I've enclosed it there. I won't say goodbye this time Susie just... see you later. Your loving little brother. Mikey.

**michael j mckee** - March 04 at 06:07 PM