



Susan Claire Petersen-Bell

October 10, 1957 - July 2, 2024

Susan Claire Petersen-Bell, born October 10, 1957, passed away peacefully in her home on July 2, 2024. She was surrounded by so much love from her children, grandchildren, siblings and friends until the end.

Susan was born and raised in Okanogan where she spent her childhood playing with her 6 siblings and riding any horse or burrow she could jump on. She has always been a true cowgirl. She found her true passion in her adult years when she became a mother to Tim and Thad. Her boys were her pride and joy. In 1994 she met her true love, Gene Bell, and they tied the knot in May of 1996. They spent many years adventuring, varying from trail rides on their horses to fishing and vacationing. When they became grandparents their worlds got a little brighter. Susan loved having the grandkids over and cherished every moment she got. To say she was a great grandmother would be an understatement as she gave every ounce of love she could possibly give. Susan was the most selfless person you could have the privilege of knowing and would give the shirt off her back to anyone who needed it. Her beloved husband got diagnosed with cancer in 2021 and she spent the last two years caring for him and continued to do so when she was diagnosed in 2023.

Susan continued to fight her battle of Ovarian cancer, even after losing Gene in December of 2023, but she unfortunately succumbed to it after a long hard

battle. She was preceded in death by her husband Gene Bell, father and mother Stanley & Phyllis Petersen, father and mother in-law, Al & Bonnie Bell, sister in-law Lisa Petersen and brother in-law Ross Hinshaw. She is survived by two her sons; Tim Brady-wife Rachel, Thad Brady-wife Korina. Grandchildren; Jameka, Kayla, Natayla, Jaedyn, Teagan, Braedyn, Isaiah, Liam, Natalie, Amaya and Owen. Siblings, Shirley (Jim Klein), Z Tony (Sandy Petersen), Peg Hinshaw, Marilou (Andy Baker), Patsy Rearden, George Petersen (Darci Hawkins), (John Goss). And many, many others who loved her. There are not enough words to explain how amazing Susan was and how deeply she will be missed.

A special thanks to Kelsey and Ed from Enhabit Home Health as they were tremendous help to Susan, as well as the family. We are extremely thankful for them.

If you feel the need to donate, please donate to Cancer Care and Bouncing for Boobies as they have provided tremendous support to Gene and Susan over the last three years.

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

JUL 12. 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (PT)

Our Lady Of The Valley Catholic Church
2511 Elmway
Okanogan, WA 98840

Graveside Service

JUL 12. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (PT)

Okanogan Valley Memorial Gardens
214 Conconully Road
Okanogan, WA 98840

Tribute Wall

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“ It saddens me greatly learning of Susan’s passing. I first met Susan when my husband was playing men’s slow pitch baseball. I got reacquainted with her when she started working for the school district. Susan was a joy to talk to & was always so kind & was there with a listening ear. Rest in peace Susan.

My condolences to the whole family. Love & prayers, Leslie Todd

Leslie Todd - July 12, 2024 at 03:29 AM

JB

“ The Petersens were a wonderful family. So sorry to read this.-Jim and Vicki Black

jim black - July 11, 2024 at 04:36 PM

SG

“ I got to be close friends with Sue in Jr/St high. She was one of the sweetest people you could ever come in contact with. Willing to share anything with you, whether a hug, kind words or water in a water fight. I’m sorry I lost contact through the last 10 years or so. But I will see you again. RIP Sue, you deserve it. ❤️

Stacy Fletcher Gibson - July 10, 2024 at 06:29 PM

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“ Oh, my heart! This hurts a lot. Sue was my best friend all through elementary school, and I have so many good memories of our times together. When we were in 4th or 5th grade we both had a crush on the same sixth-grade guy (who shall remain nameless), and the greatest thrill of our lives was to sneak up behind him when everyone was coming in from recess and touch the back of his shirt. We were so dorky! Probably my best memories, though, were of when the horses would be brought down from the flat and we would go riding on Ginger (and occasionally Firefly -- but not too often because she was way spicier than Ginger was!). My dear friend, I am glad you are free of pain and reunited with loved ones. Till we meet again!

Wendy Fayles (Millard) - July 10, 2024 at 04:56 PM

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thank you so much for sharing ❤️

Teagan Brady - July 10, 2024 at 07:22 PM



“ Sue was one of the best. I have very fond memories of her growing up. My first horse back ride was from her.

Sam Millard - July 10, 2024 at 04:46 PM