



Susan N. Pekios

October 9, 1951 - February 24, 2025

Susan Neal Pekios, 73, of Cape Girardeau, Missouri died Monday, February 24, 2025 at Ratliff Care Center.

She was born October 9, 1951 in Cape Girardeau, Missouri to James and Yvonne Bienert Neal.

Susan graduated from Cape Central High School in 1970. She received her bachelors of science degree in sociology in 1973 and masters in psychology counseling in 1987 both from Southeast Missouri State University. She then graduated from St. Louis University with a masters in social work in 2006. She also received a certificate in Thanatology.

She was a social worker at BJC Hospice, Pathways Hospice, Southeast Hospice, West Brook Dialysis Center and Southeast Hospital.

She was raised in the catholic faith and attended La Croix Church.

Survivors include daughter, Jamie (Jordan Masters) Hazard of Cape Girardeau, Missouri; son, Ryan (Elizabeth) Pekios of Cape Girardeau, Missouri; four brothers, Michael (Ruth) Neal of Ferrum, Virginia, Kevin (Edith) Neal of Cape Girardeau, Missouri, James Neal of Topeka, Kansas and Shawn Neal of Overland Park, Kansas; grandchildren, Miles and Lilly Pekios, Joseph

and Thomas Hazard, Vincent Masters.

She was preceded in death by her parents; son-in-law; one brother and one nephew.

Memorial service will be at 10:00 am Friday, February 28, 2025 at LaCroix Church in Cape Girardeau.

Interment at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be given to SEMO Food Bank.

Online condolences may be made at www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com.

Ford & Sons Funeral Home - Mt. Auburn is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Cape County Memorial Park Cemetery

2315 Highway 61 North
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701
(573) 334-1909
<https://www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com/>

Previous Events

Memorial Service

FEB **28**. 10:00 AM (CT)

La Croix Church
3102 Lexington Ave
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Tribute Wall

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“ *Marissa Neal lit a candle in memory of Susan N. Pekios*



marissa neal - March 08, 2025 at 07:38 PM

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“ *My prayers for strength for you all as you go through this time and may God bless you all as well. Ms. Pekios was such a sweet lady. We would always say, "HI" to each other when I saw her here at Ratliff Care Center.*

Julie Eby - February 28, 2025 at 09:29 AM

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“ *Susan and I attended SEMO together, finishing our degrees in 1973. She was a delightful friend, and we always thought that we were cousins. Lately I had thought of looking her up and let us look at the Neal connection. I am so shocked to see that she has passed away. Now she will be only a fond memory. So very sorry for your loss.*

Audrey Lea Crafton - February 27, 2025 at 12:28 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Susan N. Pekios.*

February 26, 2025 at 11:17 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Susan N. Pekios.*



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February 26, 2025 at 02:46 PM



“ *Susan was a powerful advocate for individuals living with AIDS in Southeast Missouri in the 1990s. I enjoyed working with her. May her memory be a blessing to all who loved her. Susan Smith.*

Susan Smith - February 26, 2025 at 11:37 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Susan N. Pekios.*

February 26, 2025 at 07:01 AM