



Susan Carol McVay

January 2, 1957 - April 17, 2023

Susan Carol McVay, age 66, of Corvallis, Oregon died Monday, April 17, 2023 at Good Samaritan Regional Medical Center. Susan was born in Hollywood, California as the third of nine children to John and LaVerne McVay (nee Bohnstedt).

As evidenced by the things she created and the images she posted, Susan loved God and family easily and constantly. She was a gentle soul, a person who always believed things would get better, even in the most challenging times in her life. Her struggle with her failing health over the past two decades was the most difficult for her, but she kept trying even when it was painful and she had little energy. She was successful in seeing her children off on their own, and being at least a brief part of the lives of her six grandchildren.

In her life she strove to show love, patience, and kindness to all she knew. She made friends easily and had an abundance of compassion for others. She was generous with her time and, even though she never had much money, she would find a way to scrape together a few dollars to help her family whenever she could, along with her advice on how to keep going in hard times.

Susan held a variety of jobs throughout her life including food prep and carnival ride operator. But her favorite job was her fifteen years as a phone

operator for Western Union in St. Louis, Missouri. Because of her diverse family environment, she had a facility with language and was often tapped for taking telegrams from those who spoke Punjabi or Spanish.

Susan is preceded in death by her father, John McVay of Salem, Oregon and two of her brothers: James McVay of Montclair, California and David McVay of Reno, Nevada.

Susan is survived by her mother, Laverne McVay of Corvallis, Oregon; her daughter and son-in law Jennifer and James Moss of California; her son and daughter-in-law Armando and Joanna McVay of Missouri; and her son Amandeep Bhangu of Oregon and Missouri. She is also survived by her siblings: Maggie Lynch, Kathy Gomez, John McVay, Theresa McVay, Michael McVay, and Denise (Nisa) McVay, her aunt Joy Fraley and Uncle Don Bohnstedt, as well as six grandchildren and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and foster children who have remained a part of her extended family.

Susan will be deeply missed by all who survive her. We will miss her quirky sense of humor and her love of games, especially playing Bingo and Dominó Cubano (primarily known as Mexican Train in the U.S.). Most of all we will remember her faithfulness to all who loved her.

A public celebration of her life with family and friends will be held on May 10 at the United Methodist Church in Corvallis, Oregon, at 2:00pm in the small chapel in the basement. Later, in a private ceremony, her ashes will be scattered in Yachats, Oregon where her parents honeymooned seventy years ago.

Celebration of Life Service on Wednesday, May 10, 2023 at 2pm

The service will be held in the basement Chapel

United Methodist Church of Corvallis

1165 NW Monroe Ave

Corvallis, OR 97330

Church Office Phone: 541-752-2491

Church Parking lot is at the corner of 11th and Monroe.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAY 10. 2:00 PM (PT)

First United Methodist Church
1165 NW Monroe Ave
Corvallis, OR

Tribute Wall

KJ

“ We were blessed to have Susan as a resident here at The Regent. She always had a smile on her face and would ask how we were doing even when she was having an off day. It was hard not to smile after having a conversation with Susan. We are sad to see her life lost so young, but thankful to read about how she is survived through her wonderful family. Her mother, Laverne, is a wonderful woman as well and we are so blessed to know them both. -The Regent Staff

Kiersten Johnston - May 07, 2023 at 10:27 PM

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“ I worked with Sue and Laverne. It was always a pleasure to talk with Sue, she had a smile for everyone and a positive outlook. Never said a bad word about anybody just gave a mmm look. Sues smile would light up a room and I could never beat her at word puzzle. Very smart woman just like her mom. God rest in peace and in the arms of Jesus. Forever a friend, Becky Brown from Western Union

Rebecca Brown - April 30, 2023 at 09:56 PM