



Susan Elizabeth Tarwater

April 29, 1952 - October 12, 2024

Susan Elizabeth Tarwater, 72, of Merriam, Kansas, passed away on October 12, 2024, at the University of Kansas Medical Center. Born on April 29, 1952, in Kansas City, Missouri, she was the beloved daughter of John and Erma (Vega) Lopez.

A graduate of Bishop Lillis High School, Susan dedicated her career to customer service at Gerson Contempo Fashions, Butternut Bread, and Napa Auto Parts. Along the way, she built meaningful friendships with colleagues and customers, always bringing her warm spirit and genuine care to every interaction. Her passions included trips to the casino, bowling, and cheering on the Kansas City Chiefs. Sunday family dinners at her parents' home were a cherished tradition, where her exceptional cooking and cookbook collection delighted everyone who gathered around her table. She had a remarkable gift for nurturing those around her, always ensuring that family and friends were well-fed and cared for.

Susan's greatest joy came from her grandchildren, whom she adored and cherished every moment spent with them. She often said, "To know me is to love me," a sentiment that reflects her warm and generous spirit.

She is preceded in death by her husband of 25 years, James O. Tarwater, Jr.; her nephew Alex Lopez; and her daughter-in-law Kierra Sayles. Susan is survived by her daughter, Jennifer Hansen and her husband Casey, along with their children Annalisa (Hunter) and Emily; her son, William "Billy" Fountain; and her son James O. "Jimmy" Tarwater III, who is the proud father

of Elycia, Olyvia, and Jimmy IV. She also leaves behind her siblings: John Lopez (Maureen), David Lopez, Sylvia Calleros (Louis), Linda Fuller (Ed), and Elizabeth "Liz" Aguilar (John), as well as numerous nieces and nephews. A visitation will be held from 9:00-10:00 AM with Memorial Services beginning at 10:00 AM Friday, October 18, 2024 at Maple Hill Funeral Home. Burial will follow at the Maple Hill Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Maple Hill Cemetery

2301 S 34th St
Kansas City, KS 66106
(913) 262-6610
info@maplehillfuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 18. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Maple Hill Funeral Home
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Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Maple Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery created a Tribute Video in memory of Susan Elizabeth Tarwater*



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“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Susan Elizabeth Tarwater.*



October 16, 2024 at 08:34 PM



“ *Heavenly Heights Bouquet was purchased for the family of Susan Elizabeth Tarwater.*



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“ *Love, Rita, Rosie, Valerie, Gina & Marie purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Susan Elizabeth Tarwater.*



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