



## Susan Lee Kerns

June 8, 1947 - March 29, 2021

Susan Kerns, 73, passed away on Monday, March 29, 2021. She was born on June 08, 1947 in New York, NY to Edward and Ethel (Parkin) Vowinkel. Susan was a dedicated Registered Nurse for many years and was a member of the Alumnae Association of the St. Luke's Hospital School of Nursing in New York City. She enjoyed animals, art, music and traveling.

She is survived by her daughter, Elizabeth (John) Parker; son, Christopher Kerns; grandsons, Daniel Parker, Noah (Adara) Parker and Samuel Parker; great-grandson, James; sister, Sheila Vowinkel; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; and brother, Stephen Vowinkel.

A memorial service will be held at 11AM on Tuesday, April 6, 2021 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Humane Society of Central Illinois.

Schmidt-Haller Burial and Cremation Services is in charge of arrangements.

### Cemetery Details

St. Paul's Episcopal Church Columbarium

3601 North North Street

Peoria, IL [Previous Events](#)

Memorial Service

APR 6. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

3601 North North Street

Peoria, IL

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Susan Lee Kerns*

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**Schmidt Haller Burial and Cremation Services** - August 13, 2024 at 01:19 PM

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“  *Susan was a dear childhood friend of mine. We sang in the church choir together. We had teenage adventures skating and swimming on the Navasink river. She was a bridesmaid for my wedding and threw a lovely bridal shower for me. When my first child was born at St.Luke’s hospital she helped me bring her home. She was a true friend. We had been speaking frequented during the past few years. She seemed happy to be living near her daughter and family and was very proud of them. I last spoke with her in March and did not realize it would be the last time. I know she is with God in heaven now in peace with no more physical struggles. The picture I posted of her was from my wedding when we were 22 years old. I will miss her.*

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**Betsy Cohen** - April 03, 2021 at 12:00 AM

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**Betsy Cohen** - April 01, 2021 at 12:00 AM

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“ I met Susan after she moved to Peoria to be near her daughter and her family. She was a devout Episcopalian and needed help learning her way to St. Paul’s Church. I drove her to church and to medical appointments until she learned her way around the community from her home. We stayed in contact by phone when I was dealing with my own health issues and offered each other support through our conversations and sharing. She was a devoted, caring, Christian that shared that with her nursing and communication with others. I will miss my friend. May light perpetual shine upon her. ”

Charlie Ziemer - April 01, 2021 at 12:00 AM

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“ I’m not sure how long I’ve know Susan but i started cutting her hair and than the end of Oct.i was at her apartment and cut her hair she said she needed and aide and i said can i do that she said Yes!! I started the first of Nov. We became very good friends we talked and shared our life we each other i took her to her appointments and cleaned her house did her laundry and took her shopping she got some new clothes and wanted some new make up!! She was my new best friend and i loved her.She loved her grilled cheese sandwich and most of all loved her little dog Annie❤️❤️i miss u and know your at peace and no more pain love you Susan!! Your care giver and good friend!! I love u!!❤️❤️❤️ ”

Susan Walters - April 01, 2021 at 12:00 AM