



Susan Anne "Sue" Mullen

November 15, 1948 - March 16, 2023

Susan Anne Mullen (Sue), 74, of Peoria, IL, passed away on March 16, 2023.

Sue was born Nov 15, 1948, in Indianapolis, IN, to Doris and Almon Conrath. The family moved several times prior to Sue attending high school, and she developed an ease for making new friends and welcoming others. After graduating from Moline High School in 1966, Sue pursued her love of literature at Denison University in Granville, Ohio. She joined Kappa Alpha Theta Sorority, and graduated in 1970 with a major in English. Sue earned her MS in Curriculum and Instruction at the University of Wisconsin, and then taught elementary school in the Albany, NY area for many years. Her love for education also led her to work in sales for Childcraft / World Book Encyclopedia, where she rose to Division Manager prior to the technology shifts that made knowledge available online.

After moving to Peoria, Sue worked for Children's Home as a prevention specialist and community liaison. Sue had a lifelong love for learning, reading, and mentoring children, especially those who were from underprivileged circumstances. During her retirement years, that passion led her to volunteering.

She volunteered with the Goodwill GoodGuides Youth Mentoring Program, Peoria Reads, and Kiwanis Club programs for over a decade. In 2016, Goodwill Industries International named Sue as the Volunteer Leader of the

Year. She was chosen from 164 nominees across the United States in recognition of her outstanding leadership and dedication to mentoring teens.

Sue also served on the Board of Directors for Kiwanis, was a member of Grace Presbyterian Church and the Peoria Theta Alumnae chapter, and never missed a show of Jeopardy.

Sue was predeceased by her parents, Doris and Al Conrath, of Peoria, and her husband Ricky Mullen, of Peoria, IL. She is survived by her sister, Heidi Conrath, of Georgetown, TX. Per her request, Sue was cremated and her ashes will be scattered in the Adirondack Mountains of New York.