



Susan Holly Strunk

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Susan H. Strunk, 75, Winter Haven, Florida, formerly of Clinton, Iowa passed away on June 11, 2021, in Florida, with her children by her side.

Memorial Service will be 10:30 am, Friday, July 30, 2021, at the Zion Lutheran Church in Clinton. Burial will be at the Clinton Lawn Cemetery immediately following the service. Online condolences may be expressed by visiting her obituary at www.snellzornig.com.

Susan Holly Strunk was born December 17, 1945, in Chicago, the daughter of Paul Leopold and Marjorie (Adler) Strunk.

She was a 1964 graduate of Clinton High School. Susan's life was devoted to family and church. She attended Grandview College in Des Moines and completed her BA in Music at the University of Northern Iowa. Her profession as a Music Director/Organist and Piano Teacher in her own studio for over 40 years, allowed her to share her gifts with many. In her earlier years she served churches in Clinton, Cedar Falls, Waterloo, and Traer. Susan also appeared in plays at Timber Lake Playhouse. In 1990 she began as Minister of Music at Christ Church, an historical (1732) Episcopal Church in Redding, Connecticut. A church member had said, "It's like a preview to heaven when you and the choir perform." While living in Connecticut she enjoyed traveling to New York City and attending as many Broadway Musicals as possible. Another love was traveling to Europe. In 2015 she retired and moved to Florida. This allowed her time to play her Steinway piano for fun, rather than practice.

Most recently she was "drafted" to play the organ at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Winter Haven. She had commented that the organ is one of the biggest and most beautiful of her musical career. It made her feel good to know that she could still "crank" it out and make it sing!

Left to cherish her memory are her four children: Christian Heaford, Fargo, North



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Dakota; Amy Carey, Marion, Iowa; Drs. Andrew (Heather) Heaford, Ada, Michigan; and Elizabeth Chalise, St. Petersburg, Florida. Two step-daughters, Tabitha (Larry) Marshall, of Carmel, New York, and Linnea (Alan) Leclair of New Milford, Connecticut. Nine grandchildren; Boston Heaford, Calista Carey, Trot Carey, Piper Carey, Joey Carey, Oscar Heaford, James Heaford, Jazen Heaford, and Nicolas Chalise. Three step-grandchildren, Ivy and Willow Marshall and Emrin Leclair . One sister, Nancy (Kipp) Larsen of Waukee, Iowa; and 3 brothers, Joe (Marcia) Strunk of Clinton; Kim Strunk of Boone, Iowa; Kevin (Kathy) Strunk of Fort Campbell, Kentucky, and an aunt, Theo Smith of Asbury, Iowa, along with many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Preceding her in death were her parents, and her husband, Paul Pearson.






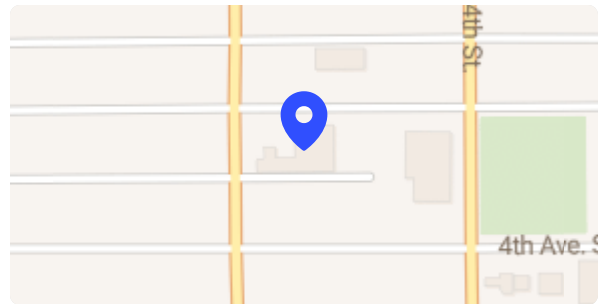
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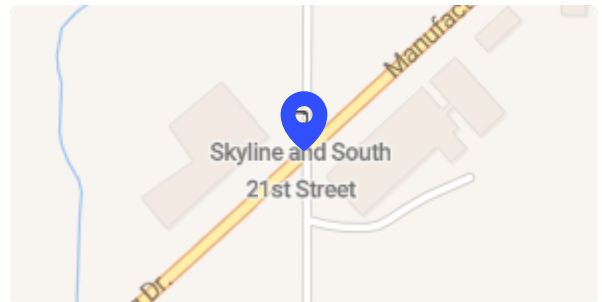
Service

-  **Friday**, July 30, 2021
-  10:30 AM CT
-  **Zion Lutheran Church**
439 3rd Avenue South, Clinton IA



Cemetery Details

-  **Clinton Lawn Cemetery**
2100 Manufacturing Drive, Clinton IA 52732





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Kay Manley posted:

How sad that this wonderful, talented, sweet person is no longer with us. Known her since Grade School at Roosevelt School in Clinton, Iowa. Always smiling, and willing to help with whatever! Talent that wouldn't stop, and willing to share. The Class of '64 and all of her friends will miss her so much. Remember the good times, and the sweet smile. Kay and Dan Manley S Thomaston, Maine

July 28 at 12:45 PM



Robert Cline July 28 at 2:19 PM

Oh my, you have no idea how much I miss you. You helped me through some tough medical times for me. I miss you deeply. Rest well ...Bella dama. Bob Cline. (don Beto, El viejo Gringo)



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Strunk family.



July 27 at 11:53 AM



Lynn Marie Jones posted:

Susan and I were the only two in Mr. Zabilka's class that wrote a song which was an assignment from him. I was in awe listening to Susies when she played hers and was too bashful to play mine, so he played it for me instead. We enjoyed last year IM'g on FB our favorite musicals, orchestra's, oldies, etc. Kinda got off key during the holidays and then heard of her becoming an angel a couple of weeks ago thru other classmates and my heart was merely broken for several days. God be with all of her family members. Lynn Marie "Kelley" Jones Augusta, Georgia

June 26 at 5:59 PM



Jane Gangi posted:

Susan taught my children to play piano. Such a kind, caring, patient, wonderful woman, I am so sorry. My condolences to her family.

June 23 at 1:56 PM



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Randi Melenbacker Pinkerton posted:

I came back to Iowa for Marge's birthday party a few years ago. Susie was there, playing the piano as Ellen Miller and I sang along. Suddenly I was in Mr. Zabilka's Washington Junior High chorus again and the cutest girl I'd ever seen was playing the piano for us. How fortunate we were to have known Susie. There was no one like her.

June 23 at 11:38 AM



Teri N Terry Young posted:

RIP susie you will be missed. Love teti

June 15 at 12:17 PM



Teri N Terry Young lit a candle in honor of Susan.



June 15 at 12:16 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Susan by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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