



Susan R. Braden

March 11, 1949 - August 2, 2019

Susan Renee' Braden, daughter of Bernard and Caroline (Bair) Braden, was born in Glendive, Montana on March 11, 1949. She died on August 2, 2019. Susan leaves behind a life of hard work, her love of family, and her times with great friends. Visitation will be held from 4:00 P.M. until 5:30 P.M. on Friday, August 9, 2019 at the Silha Funeral Home in Wibaux. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 A.M. on Saturday, August 10, 2019 at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Wibaux with Pastor Roger Dieterle officiating with a reception to follow. Interment will be held in the Wibaux Cemetery. Silha Funeral Home of Wibaux has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Susan was raised and educated in Wibaux, graduating in 1967. She attended Eastern Montana College in Billings where she sponsored keggers in order to help buy her mother a Mother's Ring. A year later she moved to Everett, Washington, going to work at Boeing Aircraft. In 1970, Susan began her 34-year career at Scott Paper, now called Kimberly Clark.

During her years in Everett, Susan made many good friends at work, playing softball, and bowling. She loved playing cards and board games. She managed a small mobile home court, caring for and befriending many of its elderly residents. She also tutored and donated to needy families during the holidays. She was an avid sports fan, taping all her games so she wouldn't have to watch commercials! "Don't tell me the score, I haven't watched it yet!" She loved the Seahawks and the Mariners and, of course, the Wibaux Longhorns.

Even though she lived and worked in Everett, Wibaux was always Susan's home. She didn't hesitate to return home when the family needed her help. In Wibaux she cared for her mother, mowed many lawns, and tended her property, Grandma Bair's old house. She always met with her good friends in Wibaux, maybe having a few rum and Cokes.

Susan retired from Kimberly Clark in 2004 amid much hoopla at the factory. She still maintained those friendships throughout her retirement years. Susan moved to Kalispell, Montana, making her home in the forest of Many Lakes which she tirelessly maintained for 14 years. Susan never met a stranger and soon had a wide circle of friends who liked to have a good time. They kayaked, had paint ball fights, and every Saturday night they met at someone's home for cards or board games. She was known for her fine cooking. She bowled in a league and volunteered at the food bank and the library. She loved to bring home the outdated books on tape!

Susan was preceded in death by her parents, sisters Barbara and Shelley, and her dog Sunshine. She is survived by Shirley (Doug) Dundas, Bill (Cindy) Braden, brother-in-law Paul Ammon, Brenda (Mike) Huston, Bernie Braden, Buck Braden, Sharon Braden, Brad Braden, Steve (Janelle) Braden, and Scott Braden. She had 16 nieces and nephews.

Susan's many friends and family will miss her very much, but know hers was a life well-lived.

Memorials in Susan's name may be made to the Wibaux Community Foundation.

Remembrances and condolences may be shared with the family at: www.silhafuneralhomes.com.

Cemetery Details

Wibaux Cemetery

Wibaux, MT 59353

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 9. 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM (MT)

Silha Funeral Homes - Wibaux, Montana
204 South Wibaux Street
Wibaux, MT 59353
(406) 796-2421
silha@midrivers.com

Funeral Service

AUG 10. 11:00 AM (MT)

Trinity Lutheran Church
123 E Street North
Wibaux, MT 59353

Tribute Wall



“ *Susan R. Braden*

December 07, 2022 at 04:10 PM



“ *I have so many wonderful memories of Susan! We were neighbors when she was a little girl & watched her grow into a strong, self confident young woman. After we married & had a family she spent one summer with us as babysitter for our girls. A lifelong friendship was forged & whenever she came “home” we got together, shared stories & had dinner, rum & coke at the Shamrock. She was one in a million & will always hold a special place in our hearts! Rest from your labors, dear friend - we will miss your humor, your laughter & your wit.....Our heartfelt sympathy to the entire Braden Clan as we share your loss.*

Diane & Darvin Nelson - August 09, 2019 at 02:44 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Susan R. Braden.*



August 07, 2019 at 11:03 PM

SP

“ I worked with Susan for, wow, at LEAST 10 years -probably more- when she was a volunteer down in the processing department at the library. That gal never missed her "day" & she felt bad if she missed it because she was sick (and sometimes she came even when she felt lousy!) or out of town having fun. We told her over & over - she's a volunteer she doesn't HAVE to come every time, but that was Susan. She was absolutely trustworthy, hardworking & dependable. But most of all - she was so much fun! Fun to harass, fun to talk to - she was always a good sport and it was so awesome when I could make her laugh! I have missed having Susan here every Wednesday; she made the week more exciting. I feel blessed to have had the opportunity to know her & I can only imagine how much she will be missed by her family & friends. Please know you are in my thoughts & prayers. Stephanie Peace, Imaginelf Libraries, Kalispell, MT

Stephanie Peace - August 07, 2019 at 07:41 PM

JM

“ I worked with Sue for years at Scott paper / Kimberly Clark ...I also bowled with her on our Scott Paper women's league ! Will sadly miss her coming to visit and having lunch with us old KC friends.....She never changed a bit and neither did her vocabulary 😂😂 So sorry for your family's loss but it was probably a blessing because we all know that deep down in Sue she was saying Get me the F- - - out of here !! RIP my dear friend ! Thoughts and Prayers to your family ! ❤️

Joanne Moore

Joanne Moore - August 07, 2019 at 12:25 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Susan R. Braden.*



August 06, 2019 at 11:47 PM



“ *Already was missing Susan and looked forward to her volunteering at the library each week. She would talk about making soup for the Creston fire hall and other gatherings of friends or try some new recipe and how she thought she messed it up. Her story of how she flattened her hand and many other stories... she had a lot of adventures and loved her family. She would talk of moving back to Wibaux ... I went to Wibaux once and saw her picture in the museum there from high school. May all your journeys with Susan and memories hold you in comfort and may you laugh when you think of things she said and may that fire for life press you forward.... Jennifer*

Jennifer Desch - August 06, 2019 at 06:33 PM



*Julie Hanna
Moorhead, Mn*

I met Susan through my son, Scott. It was not long & we had plans for her to come to my home for a visit. We shared a lot of laughs & our love for college basketball.

I will miss Susan so much. Not many people get the chance to have a true friend like Susan.

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Love you Susan! Hugs to her family! Julie

Julie Hanna - August 06, 2019 at 10:28 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Susan R. Braden.



August 06, 2019 at 03:46 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Susan R. Braden.



August 06, 2019 at 01:18 PM



“ Rita Causby & Faye Tatum purchased the Majestic Heart for the family of Susan R. Braden.



Rita Causby & Faye Tatum - August 05, 2019 at 08:11 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Susan R. Braden.



August 05, 2019 at 06:15 PM

AR

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you! Angie (Nix) Ross, Fargo, ND*

Angie Ross - August 05, 2019 at 01:28 PM

LM

“ *Lynn, Jane, Kirk, & Kelli McFadden purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Susan R. Braden.*



Lynn, Jane, Kirk, & Kelli McFadden - August 05, 2019 at 12:18 PM

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“ *Carol Hanson lit a candle in memory of Susan R. Braden*



Carol Hanson - August 04, 2019 at 03:17 PM