



## Susan Kaye Cecconi

April 23, 1953 - April 15, 2025

Susan Kaye (Torgerson) Cecconi, 71, of Spread Eagle, WI passed peacefully into the arms of angels on the morning of April 15, 2025. She was surrounded by those who loved her dearly. Born April 23, 1953, to John and Luella Torgerson, Susan often stated how fortunate she was to have wonderful, loving parents. The love and respect she had for her twin sister Debra Raye King was a constant throughout her life.

Susan grew up as a farm girl in Little Elk Creek just south of Menomonie, Wisconsin. Her father operated a successful dairy farm that had been in existence as a family enterprise for generations. Hard work was ingrained in her as a young child and persisted throughout her life. It certainly laid the foundation for future endeavors.

After graduating from Menomonie High School, Susan attended the University of Wisconsin - Stout completing her degree in early childhood education. She taught and counseled children of economically disadvantaged families in the Seymour, WI, area for 3 years and gathered the respect of parents as well as her students.

A career change saw her embark on a path that would shape her throughout her life. First working for H.C. Prange in Green Bay and Madison, Susan attained the position of Buyer-Acquisitions. Fashion and a sense of style

contributed to her becoming manager of the women's clothing store "Gantos" located in downtown Detroit at the Renaissance Center. Her ability for teaching proved to be an invaluable asset in guiding her sales staff to be productive and efficient with her store many times exceeding monthly sales expectations. Susan also had a passion for jewelry and gemstones. This interest was kindled during the time she worked at Anshus Jewelers for 4 years while attending college. Friends and family often sought her guidance concerning the realm of fashion.

Susan met her husband Richard David Cecconi in Madison, WI. After being married in Little Elk Creek Church on May 8, 1982, they moved to Detroit for David's surgeon residency. During that 5 year period, Susan worked at the aforementioned Gantos women's clothing stores and also worked in creating stained glass pieces for a local company that served clients wanting creations for offices and homes.

Completion of David's residency saw them move to the Iron Mountain - Spread Eagle area. Along with close friends, Susan worked at the Pine Mountain Ski Shop where she could satisfy her love of retail and fashion - shifting gears into the sports apparel realm.

Susan was involved with many local activities including Hospital League PEO, 100 Women, and personal endeavors concerning helping students with financial support for furthering their education. A passion for cancer research led her to involve herself in fundraising for the MACC Fund (Midwest Athletes Childhood Cancer) and St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis.

Susan enjoyed a myriad of activities throughout her life, enjoying time with family and friends, always offering positivity and encouragement when needed. Time with friends playing Mah-jong was a centerpiece of enjoyment. She became an accomplished cyclist and alpine skier. Traveling to Italy,

France, Colorado and California on bicycle treks, she enjoyed cycling throughout those regions. Her skiing ability was honed on the slopes of Telluride Colorado, having spent winter months in the mountains. Music and piano were constants in her life. Enjoying music, plays and personal pursuits involving the arts. She had a passion for dancing which she personally acknowledges was her greatest love. Choreographing dance gave her great pleasure.

Susan's zeal and positivity for life were evident in all her endeavors. She was a "Bright Light" - a statement reiterated by many who knew her. She loved people of all realms. God and spirituality were a foundation for all pursuits in her life.

Susan was preceded in death by her parents, John and Luella Torgerson.

She is survived by her husband of 43 years, David; twin sister, Debra; brothers-in-law, Daniel and Tom; sister-in-law, Rebecca; nephews, Noah, Nick, Adam, and Seth; and many other cousins, family, and a beautiful collection of dear friends including Ruthanne Selden who truly was a "Big Sister" and confidant.

Susan's life will be celebrated at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, 1210 S. Kimberly Ave. Iron Mountain, MI, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on Friday, June 27, 2025, followed by a tribute service at 11:00 a.m. and refreshments in the Church Hall after. A graveside service will be at Iron Mountain Cemetery Park at 12:00 p.m. A gathering of family and close friends will be held at the Chippewa Club from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

All memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude's Children's Cancer Hospital in Memphis, TN. <https://www.stjude.org/donate/donate-to-st-jude.htm>

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Condolences may be expressed to the family of Susan Kaye Cecconi online at [www.ernashfuneralhomes.com](http://www.ernashfuneralhomes.com).

The family has entrusted the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home of Iron Mountain with the arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## Cemetery Park

101 Cedar Ave.  
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 27. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church  
1210 S. Kimberly Ave.  
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

## Celebration of Life

JUN 27. 11:00 AM (CT)

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church  
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Iron Mountain, MI 49801

# Tribute Wall

JE

“ *A beautiful person and soul that made life brighter here on Earth. Thank you for coming into my life. Jerry Balistreri*

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**Jerry** - August 18, 2025 at 01:11 PM

SA

“ *I was saddened to learn of Susan's passing. I know this is a very hard journey for you and your family. I will pray for your strength and comfort. Sandi Adams*

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**Sandra Adams** - June 30, 2025 at 02:50 PM

SP

“ *It has been a gift from God to have known Susan. What a fun person who mastered the art of playing Mah Jongg with her AZ Mah Jongg friends! The joy of learning about "real" jewelry especially pearls! Having a fun old fashioned BBQ with Susan bringing the green jello! We enjoyed having high tea at the Tea House inCarefree.*

*We donated \$100 to AZ Poodle Rescue to honor Susan's love for Desi!*

*David, God wants you to continue doing His work. Be strong and know He is with you!*

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**Sue & Gary Purkat** - June 27, 2025 at 03:36 PM

LJ

“ Love, Catherine, Carlee, Paul & Joe purchased the *Your Light Shines for the family of Susan Kaye Cecconi*.



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**Love, Catherine, Carlee, Paul & Joe** - June 23, 2025 at 01:06 PM

RM

“ My wife Lynn and I did not spend a lot of time with Susan, but we were fortunate to attend her wedding to David, a longtime boyhood friend. Whenever we visited the Iron Mountain area, Susan was very welcoming, and treated us to many delicious meals and enjoyable evenings at their home. In addition to her culinary skills, we soon became aware that Susan was an accomplished photographer, who excelled at capturing the essence of her subjects in her photographs, many of which she was kind enough to share with us. Our sincere condolences to David and her Family for their loss. We will all miss her greatly. Rod Miller

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**Rod Miller** - June 22, 2025 at 11:27 AM

PP

“ Perry and Michelle Plonke purchased the *Garden Accent Stone - "If love could have saved you" for the family of Susan Kaye Cecconi*.



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**Perry and Michelle Plonke** - June 16, 2025 at 07:29 PM

PP

“ Perry and Michelle Plonke planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Susan Kaye Cecconi.

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**Perry and Michelle Plonke** - June 16, 2025 at 07:29 PM

KP

“ Dear Dave, We will cherish our memories of our conversations with Susan at our high school reunions. Her zest for life, positive energy, kindness & generous heart will stay with us Forever! A donation to St. Jude's has been made in her honor. Even now, Susan will continue to touch precious lives.  
You have Our Deepest Sympathy & Prayers, Karen (Gingras) and Mark Pedisich

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**Karen Pedisich** - June 13, 2025 at 06:37 PM

BE

“ Dr. Cecconi ~ Sincere thoughts and blessings go up to the heavenlies for your beloved wife. Know that you are being held in our hearts and hope you realize the many others that are holding you near during this sad time. God bless you with strength to see you through. Bonnie & David Edlebeck

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**Bonita Edlebeck** - June 13, 2025 at 04:21 PM

MF

“ I met Susan many years when she would accompany her mother-in-law Pat to office visits. She was loving, caring with a great sense of humor. I have not seen her for many years but I can only imagine the devastation her family is feeling right now. Many condolences

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**Marjorie Funtanilla** - June 11, 2025 at 03:17 PM

RH

“ *Rebecca Swanson & Joe Hendershot purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Susan Kaye Cecconi.*



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**Rebecca Swanson & Joe Hendershot** - June 11, 2025 at 09:36 AM

SM

“ *What can you say when you lose such a wonderful, beautiful friend? My husband and I met Susan and David when we ended up living in the same neighborhood in Arizona, where we'd do parties and get-togethers on a regular basis. Susan was always part of the decorating process with me, and she and I were in Clay class together where she excelled, naturally!! She told me not so long ago that she decided that I was her other twin sister because we had much in common!! We're both from a farm in the Midwest, have twin sisters, and love all art!! Susan will be so missed around here... her spirit and beautiful soul affected all of us in Trilogy!!*

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**Soni Metzger** - June 09, 2025 at 07:52 PM

BV

“ *Beverly V. purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Susan Kaye Cecconi.*



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**Beverly V.** - June 07, 2025 at 07:15 PM

BV

“ Beverly V. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Susan Kaye Cecconi.

Beverly V. - June 07, 2025 at 07:15 PM

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“ Love, Pete and Debbie Rostad (Cousin) purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Susan Kaye Cecconi.



Love, Pete and Debbie Rostad (Cousin) - June 07, 2025 at 10:43 AM

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“ Love, Pete and Debbie Rostad (Cousin) planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Susan Kaye Cecconi.

Love, Pete and Debbie Rostad (Cousin) - June 07, 2025 at 10:43 AM

JM

“ I will always remember Susan as a dear and kind friend who was always there for you. I will miss her beautiful smile and amazing energy when it came to dancing, skiing, and everything in between. Many blessings as you travel to the beyond. Love, Jan

Jan Manthey - June 06, 2025 at 01:05 PM

BT

“ To Dave and family i am sorry for your loss as i was taken off guard when i heard about Susan. She always treated me like family and never just drove by when she saw me outside as i was used to seeing that subaru. Always had alot to say about you Dave and i was lucky to meet her sister for the first time when i was working at the house last time.I was lucky to have known her and will certainly miss seeing her.Anyone that really knew her will miss her as well. praying for your family as this had to be very hard. Bryan Toedter

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**bryan toedter** - June 05, 2025 at 10:12 PM