



## Susan Lee Ruohomaki

April 26, 1948 - April 15, 2026

Susan Lee (Cox) Ruohomaki, 77, of Iron Mountain was called home on Wednesday, April 15, 2026, with her family at her side following a courageous 14 month battle with cancer.

Susan was born on April 26, 1948, to parents Lloyd and Helen Cox. She was the eldest of 4 children and grew up in National Mine, MI, where she graduated as the salutatorian of her class. She married Roy Ruohomaki on June 3, 1967, and they enjoyed 58 years together. Susan was the mother of two children.

Susan graduated from Northern Michigan University summa cum laude with a degree in teaching with majors in math and science. She worked for many years as a substitute teacher in the local schools before getting a permanent job as a 6th grade teacher at Kingsford Middle School where she taught for 28 years until her retirement. She enjoyed working with the gifted and talented cluster and was the coach for Odyssey of the Mind competitions. She received a Golden Apple teaching award for excellence in teaching and was a member of the Michigan math standards board.

Susan was a member of the Maranatha Assembly of God Church in Kingsford and volunteered at Maranatha Messengers, which distributes food and clothing to those in need. She was a member of the foreign missions board,

and she and Roy traveled to Paraguay on a missions trip. They also enjoyed riding motorcycles and visited most of the states and some of Canada on bike trips.

After retirement, they divided their time between Iron Mountain and Arizona. In Arizona she attended Ascend Church Queen Creek, and she and Roy became volunteers for the CASA program, which provides court advocates for foster children. So much for a quiet retirement.

Susan is survived by her husband of 58 years, Roy; siblings Victor (Carol), Sharon (Jon), and Fred (Lynn); a sister-in-law, Louise (Chuck); her two children, Todd (Kerri) and Lisa; four grandchildren, Brittany (Steven), Jamin, Janelle (Grant), Jakob (Taylor); and four great-grandchildren, Nikko and Xander, Ava and Alaina. She will also be missed by her two rescue dogs Buddy and Maggie.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Lloyd and Helen Cox, and her parents-in-law, Waino and Helen Ruohomaki.

A celebration of Susan's life will be held later when the grass is green, the flowers are in bloom, and the sun is warm upon your face.

Jeremiah 29:11

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Susan Lee (Cox) Ruohomaki 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.

# Tribute Wall

SS

“ Roy and family, May our ever loving God surround you with love, sustain you through all the difficult times ahead and bring peace to your hearts. Susie was one of the nicest people I have ever known. You may not remember, but I made your wedding cake back in 67. So we knew each other a long time. She has been on my daily prayer list ever since I heard from Sharon about her major fight with cancer. My deepest sympathy to you - Sharon Schrandt

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**Sharon Schrandt** - April 24 at 03:39 PM

AW

“ So sorry for your loss. I had the pleasure of working with Sue at Kingsford Middle School, and my daughter had her as a teacher. She was a real pro who put much time and effort into her teaching. She had a huge impact on many students. She is missed. God Bless.  
Andy Wiltzius

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**Andy Wiltzius** - April 22 at 02:10 PM

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“ Todd, Lisa, and family,

*I'm sorry to hear about your loss. Sending my deepest condolences to you all during this very difficult time.*

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**Dina Zietlow (Degenaer)** - April 22 at 09:47 AM

AL

“ Sue was my sixth grade teacher, and one of the best ones I ever had. I will never forget the night she and her husband hosted the class to see Jupiter's moons through a telescope in their yard. She was an inspiration to many and will be dearly missed.

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**Adrienne Lehnert** - April 21 at 01:11 PM

AP

“ Sue was my teacher, and my friend. She has been a positive influence in my life since the first day I walked into her classroom all those years ago. Her kindness and ability to inspire others to push themselves gave me the courage to follow my dreams and fight for them. I will miss her dearly, and she will always carry a place in my heart. My condolences to Roy and Sue's family.

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**Audry Poquette** - April 21 at 11:35 AM

AE

“ Sue was an inspiration to me. She always encouraged me. Someone who was a role model. Today my heart is hurting as I remember Sue who passed away after her battle with cancer. 💔 She was a phenomenal teacher at Kingsford High School, leaving a lasting impact on countless students, and after retirement she continued serving faithfully as a volunteer with Maranatha Messengers for many years. Her life was a beautiful example of selflessness, generosity, and faith in action. Sue and Roy supported me in ways I will never forget—through mission trips, through college, and through seasons when encouragement meant everything. Their kindness, prayers, and belief in me helped shape who I am today. While my heart aches, I hold onto the promise that this is not goodbye forever. One day, we will be together again. Until then, I am so grateful for the gift of knowing Sue and for the legacy of love and service she leaves behind. Rest in peace, sweet Sue. You will always be remembered. 💕💕

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**Abby Evans** - April 20 at 10:31 AM

BE

*Very well said. Sue was an inspiration to many of us. A gentle, beautiful and kind spirit. No one, not one can take her place. Her memory will live on in our hearts. Rest in peace Dear One. And to Roy, many will be here to support you during these difficult days ahead. God bless you and feel His presence. Love in Christ Jesus. The Edlebeck's*

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**Bonita Edlebeck** - April 21 at 08:09 PM

SM

“*Roy, I will always admire the love shared between you and Sue. You shared a one-of-kind bond that can never be broken. She was a kind person and I will cherish the memories of knowing her. She's rejoicing in the hands of our Lord and someday we'll be together with her doing the same. You and your family are in my prayers. Love, Sandy Moore*

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**Sandy Moore** - April 17 at 12:53 PM

SH

*Roy and Family, just heard about Sue's passing today. Was very surprised and saddened at the same time. Remembering you and Sue when you were young and your kids were small. Always enjoyed our times of fellowship in Ishpeming and then you moved to Iron Mtn. But we had contact through the years. Always enjoyed your company. Sue had an extraordinary life in education. I was thinking she is having a reunion with the loved ones who have gone before as well as seeing her Savior whom she has served all her life. We will be praying for you and your family.*

*Our sincere sympathy, Bob & Shirley Hedstrom*

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**Shirley Hedstrom** - April 19 at 06:40 PM

DA

“ Roy and Family

*I did not have the pleasure of meeting Sue but do remember your talking about her. Together you raised a family and had an incredible life. I am certain you will meet again in a better place.*

*My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family*

*David and Debbie Shea*

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**david** - April 17 at 11:18 AM

JO

“ Roy and Family,

*We are so sorry to hear of your loss of Sue. A great lady and a part of our family for a long time. An outstanding educator who made an impact on a lot of students. You are in our thoughts and prayers.*

*Judi & Neil Oysti*

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**Judi & Neil Oysti** - April 17 at 10:35 AM

GL

“ Roy and Family,

*Our Deepest Condolences on Susan's passing.*

*Sincerely,*

*Gene Levenburg and Family*

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**Gene Levenburg** - April 17 at 09:24 AM

GP

“ Roy, Todd, Lisa, and Beloved of Susan, Memories come sweetly stealing of my former neighbor, friend, and sister in Christ, whose fragrance lives on in the lives she touched. My condolences, love, and prayers as you continue your sojourn recalling the clasp of her loving heart. Warmly, Gloria Peronto

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**Gloria Peronto** - April 16 at 09:50 PM

TG

“ I've known Susan for many years. We graduated together at National Mine High School. She was always a kind, polite, sincere and very genuine person. It was always evident that she had a special relationship with the Lord and she lived her life accordingly. My deepest sympathy to her family. Rest in peace Susie. Trudy Myrick Gray

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**trudy gray** - April 16 at 09:40 PM

TC

Aww... Sue, you certainly left a legacy behind. I fondly remember our years teaching together at Kingsford Middle School. My deepest sympathy to your family

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**Teresa A Charlevoix** - April 21 at 04:50 AM

OS

So sorry to hear of Susie's passing. I hadn't seen her recently and was looking forward to possibly seeing you guys at the school reunion in July. Pam's and my thoughts and prayers are with you during this sad and difficult time.

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**Olof Stolen** - April 21 at 10:02 AM

AP

I'm so sorry for your loss. I taught with Sue at Kingsford Middle School and think of those days with fondness. May her memory be a comfort

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**Amy Karvonen Pellizzaro** - April 22 at 01:53 PM

SM

*Roy and Family,*

*So very sorry for your great loss. I just found out today about Sue's passing.*

*Sue and I were Team Teachers at KMS for many years. We became close friends as well. Sue was a great teacher and one of my cherished friends. She will be missed.*

*Sharon Maahs*

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**Shaon Maahs** - April 23 at 04:54 PM

KS

*So very sorry to hear about Sue's passing! Prayers for strength and peace.*

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**kristi solda** - April 23 at 10:30 PM