



Susan Vander Martin

September 20, 1944 - December 23, 2025

Susan Vander Martin, 81, of Oskaloosa, passed away Tuesday, December 23, 2025, at St. Luke's Hospital in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

She married Lenard Cooper on August 3, 1964, and two children were born to that union. He was killed in action while serving in the U.S. Marines in Vietnam on October 18, 1969. She married Jim Vander Martin on January 10, 1970; a son, George, was born to that union. Susan enjoyed her life as a mother and homemaker.

Her family includes her children: Mary (Mark Hilligas) Stein, Michelle Cooper, and George Vander Martin, all of Oskaloosa; she was blessed with four grandchildren: Heidi (Norm) Hanzelka, Austin Stein, Rachel McKee and Justin Vander Martin; she was also blessed with nine great-grandchildren. She is survived by three siblings: Mary Jane Davis of Oskaloosa, Sandy Griffin (Bruce) of Bella Vista, Arkansas, and Virgil (Sue) Mitrisin of Cave Creek, AZ.

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In addition to her parents and both her husbands, Susan was preceded in death by her brothers: William, John, George, Danny, Jim, and Steve Mitrisin, and her sisters: Marguerite "Maggie" Mitrisin, Joyce Putnam, and Kate Hudson.

Susan's body has been cremated, and a celebration of life will be held later. Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory is handling her final arrangements. Memorial contributions can be made to her family.

Cemetery Details

Bluff Creek Cemetery

Inner Drive
Eddyville, IA 52553

Events

Details are pending.

Tribute Wall

PS

“ Growing up, we were next-door neighbors to the Mitrisingins. I think of them often. My thoughts and prayers go out to Susan's family.

Pat Scanlon - January 06 at 06:26 PM

PD

“ I am so very sorry for the loss of your momma. May the Angels bless you and show you mercy and compassion during such a difficult time.



Patricia Draug - January 05 at 06:37 PM

SW

“ Mary Jo. so sorry to hear of your Mom's passing. May you hold in to the great memories you two had. Rest In Peace Sue

Scott Whipple - December 26, 2025 at 08:31 PM



“ Was a great lady. She was always so kind to me. Loved her to pieces RIP

Stephanie Schneider - December 26, 2025 at 04:53 PM

JV

“ Aunt Sue was a very special aunt we had good times with her growing up she will be missed

Jason Van Der Veer

Jason Van Der Veer - December 26, 2025 at 02:14 PM