



## Susie Sellers

December 15, 1934 - May 22, 2017

Susie Sellers, 82, formerly of Oskaloosa, IA, passed away May 22, 2017, at her home in Evans, Colorado. Susie was crafted from one part sass, one part humor, and one part love on December 15, 1934, in Mystic, IA by Kenneth Hunt and Marguerite Magnall. She was raised there and graduated from high school in 1952. Susie attended Broadlawns School of Nursing and became a proud nurse in 1955. She traveled the US and the world as part of an Air Force family, giving birth to two sons in California and Japan along the way. While nursing in Centerville, she met Jimmie Sellers of Oskaloosa, IA. The two were married July 15, 1972, in Mystic, and they began their version of the Brady Bunch after relocating to Oskaloosa. It took a picnic table to hold them all, but somehow the families were raised. She retired from the surgical unit at Mahaska County Hospital in 1997, and she began a well-earned retirement. In the summer of 2016, she and Jimmie relocated to be closer to family in Colorado, where she enjoyed a steady diet of Bingo parlors and Italian restaurants. In her early years, she was quite active as a member of the Mystic girls' basketball team and went to the state finals tournament. Later on, she enjoyed riding a motorcycle until the handlebars came off. She was known to tackle her boys in her white nurse's uniform when the situation called for it. Being involved with raising four boys and two girls was challenging, but all the kids have come together in her and Jimmy's honor over the years. They all appreciated her knack for knowing when to shove a cookie in their mouths, pat their heads, or kick them in the rear to keep them going. In addition to Jimmie, Susie's family includes two sons: Scott (Pam) Smallwood of Longmont, CO and Curt (Janese) Smallwood of Greeley, CO; her step-daughter, Renee (Rick) Higgins of Security, CO; two step-sons: Randy Sellers and Craig (Nancy) Sellers of Greensboro, NC; six grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews. Besides her parents, Susie is preceded in death by an aunt, Wilma (Joe) Close; one step-daughter, Sheryl Kester; three brothers-in-law: Donald, Raymond, and Robert Sellers; and three sisters-in-law: Mildred Dannels, Viola Fowler, and Dorothy Pugh. A small, private celebration of her life will be held later in Colorado. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association. Haikus you disliked They should be written one way Invisible ink But this is the last No more silly poetry But still lots of love We miss you so much Please save us all a lawn chair Green grass of heaven



# Tribute Wall



“ *Susie Sellers*

October 05, 2023 at 11:57 PM

DC

“ *I worked many years with Susie at Mahaska County Hospital. Such a dedicated, hard working professional nurse! Rest In Peace Susie!*

**Diana Crook** - January 25, 2021 at 11:05 PM

RO

“ *Missing you so much already! Sending prayers to all of you! She was such a special "mom" to me!! I will cherish the memories and great times always!*

**Robert** - June 02, 2017 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ *My deepest sympathy to you all. I was blessed to have worked in surgery with Susie for 10 years, she frequently made us laugh. She was a terrific nurse and witty woman.*

**Cheryl Howar Van Weelden** - May 28, 2017 at 12:00 AM

AA

“ *May your memories of the wonderful times you shared with your loved one comfort you and your family, today and always.*

**American Heart Association** - May 26, 2017 at 12:00 AM

DO

“ *We feel so fortunate to have known Susie, even for a short time. She was very successful in leaving memories and she will be deeply missed by many. To the whole family-please know that we care!!*

**Don** - May 26, 2017 at 12:00 AM

GA

“ *Offering our deepest condolences during this difficult time.*

**Garland** - May 26, 2017 at 12:00 AM