



Suzanne "Sue" Flood

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Suzanne "Sue" Flood Obituary

Suzanne "Sue" Flood passed away July 14, 2025, one month past the 67th anniversary of her marriage to Dennis. She was born May 7, 1940, to Charles and Irene Sheppard in Pittsburgh, PA, and was the oldest of three girls- Suzanne, Dianne, and Joanne. Her father joined the faculty at Michigan State University in 1946; the family settled in Haslett, Michigan in 1947, where Sue entered the same second grade class that Dennis already attended. They were married in the Haslett Community Church June 14, 1958. That next Fall they moved to Springfield, Ohio, where Dennis completed a degree in physics (Wittenberg University, 1962) as they started their family. Sue began her own higher education there by taking evening classes in history and literature, even while their family grew from two to five with the addition of Chuck (Charles Jack), Connie (Connie Sue), and Rick (Richard Dennis). She continued adding to her formal education at Michigan State, as their family grew to six with the addition of Den (Dennis Michael.) They moved to Ohio in February 1967 after Dennis completed his degree at MSU and began working at the NASA Center in Cleveland. The move into the house on Forest Street in Oberlin happened in early September 1970. Sue quickly turned that old, well-worn house into the home she always wanted, cleaning everything and fixing what she could. She dressed the windows with the white, sheer, tied-back curtains she liked so much and kept them that way until she died. Five generations of her family passed through that home over the next five decades: her parents, her four children and their spouses, seven grandchildren (some with spouses) and three great grandchildren. She also continued to take college classes during those first few years in Oberlin, eventually focusing on Early Childhood Education. In 1975 Sue began what would be a 40-year career teaching and managing the First Church Preschool. She taught, loved, guided, and gently corrected from time-to-time, over a thousand three- and four-year-old



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children from Oberlin and its surroundings. She was also fully engaged in the life of First Church for those same 5 decades, only slowing down as her health began to interfere.

Sixty-plus years ago her parents built a summer cottage on Lake Avalon, near Hillman, Michigan. It has been a cherished family gathering place for all the years since. A graveside service with family and close friends will take place August 16, 2025, at the Hillman-Rust Cemetery.

An event, open to all, to celebrate her life will be held in the Fellowship Hall at First Church in Oberlin, 106 N. Main Street, Oberlin Sunday, August 24, 2025 from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm. There will be a brief remembrance of Sue by her family at 3:15, followed by a time for conversation over light refreshments.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Oberlin Community Services, 500 East Lorain Street, Oberlin, OH 44074.

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A Memorial Tree Was Planted For Suzanne "Sue" Flood posted:

A Memorial Tree was planted for Suzanne "Sue" Flood We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ the staff at Dicken Funeral Home & Cremation Service Join in honoring their life - plant a memorial tree

April 22 at 8:55 AM



Anonymous posted:

From Kwabena and Jacqueline Appiah May these trees live on in loving memory of Sue Flood.

July 28 at 11:55 AM



Susan Remster posted:

Dear Dennis and all Floods~It has taken me a while to process the unimaginable loss of Sue Flood, a larger than life beautiful lady who impacted countless lives, including ours. I came to know Sue back in 1990 as we entered the first of our four daughters into First Church PreSchool. The program was recommended to me by a teacher friend whose three children attended the program. As we both lived in Amherst, where there were other preschool options locally, she assured me that the drive to Oberlin would never be regretted. And it surely was not. We visited the preschool while in action, and quickly enrolled the oldest of our four daughters. It was followed by four years of trips back and forth to Oberlin, taking our kids, along with classmates to home to play. I became a Co-Op Mom, working once weekly, helping in any way needed. I quickly came to observe the amazing relationship Sue shared with her daughter Connie, the Assistant teacher of the Four Year Olds. The two worked together seamlessly, anticipating each other's needs, never raising a voice or an angry tone with any child, no matter how challenging. During my four years' time there, I was asked to serve on the PreSchool Board, which I considered an honor to do so. I came to know and respect Sue more deeply in more ways beyond the classrooms. In 2001, our last, youngest child finished First Church Preschool. During the years I spent there, Sue referred us to Music Lab at the Conservatory, then private flute, violin, and percussion lessons, along with social activities in the town. We came to love Oberlin along with all it stood for. Around eight years ago, we finally moved south for our retirement - to Oberlin. We began attending that church where we had spent those years in the preschool, and eventually became members of First Church UCC. As it seems to be in life, time passes much too quickly, and our chats in church or visiting in Sue's home were not often enough. The Forest Street Homestead was Sue's welcoming, humble, open, comfortable, and warm place for end of the year Co-Op Moms' Lunches, and any other time one needed to talk. I will never ever forget times spent there, and how lucky I was to have known this beautiful person. Love, Sue and Eric Remster

July 23 at 7:00 AM



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William Doane posted:

Mr Flood and Family I am deeply saddened to be informed of Mrs Floods passing. 44 yrs ago when I started with Art Hess you and your wife were some of the first couples that I met. Over the years we have shared our families growth and success Mrs Flood was always kind and caring every time we spoke. I share your loss. Our condolences May God walk with you and your family at this difficult time Bill Jackie Jillian Doane

July 24 at 9:27 AM



Kara Herriage posted:

To Rick and Margie and all family, you have my deepest sympathy following the passing of Sue. I only met her a handful of times, but she certainly raised a wonderful son in Rick who, together with Margie, gave her beautiful grandchildren and great-grandchildren in whom she must have been so proud. My sincerest condolences. Love, Kara Herriage

July 23 at 7:00 AM



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