



Susan Ellen Thorgaard

Susan Ellen Thorgaard was born to Howard and Eleanore Thorgaard on Sunday, Jan. 22, 1950, at St. Joseph's Hospital in Fairbanks. Susan passed away peacefully at the family home last week.

Susan attended Fairbanks schools, graduating from Lathrop in 1968. She graduated from the University of Alaska Fairbanks in 1973, with degrees in biology, chemistry and education. Susan also graduated from the University of Puget Sound Law School in 1981, with some additional law courses at Emmanuel College in Cambridge, England.

Susan enjoyed her work and co-workers at the Alaska Court System for nearly 30 years. In her younger years, she enjoyed skiing at our uncle Ole's hill, Ski Boot Hill. Swimming was her preferred sport over the past few decades. Susan also enjoyed traveling and saw much of Europe, Hawaii, Israel, New Zealand and Costa Rica, as well as most of the United States.

Susan is survived by her siblings, Curtis, Terry and his wife Judy; nieces, Rebekah and Aimee; and numerous cousins. She was a member of Fairbanks Lutheran Church, Pioneers of Alaska and the Farthest North Bridge Club where she occasionally got, bid and played "7 No Trump" hands, among the most difficult hands to play.

Susan's joy in life was spending time with our sister, Debbie, who died in May 2014. The rest of her life, Susan deeply missed Debbie and realized that Debbie was truly a blessing. We take comfort in knowing

that Susan and Debbie are having an extraordinarily joyous reunion with our parents in Heaven.

A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. for Susan on Saturday, Aug. 18, 2018, at the Fairbanks Lutheran Church, 1012 Cowles St. Please feel free to share a special memory at that time.

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