



## Susan Kay Roads

June 26, 1945 - December 4, 2020

The Rev. Dr. Susan Kay (Kelley) Roads originally of Seaman, Ohio, entered the gates of heaven on December 4, 2020. She was born on June 26, 1945 to her parents Byron S. Kelley and Almeda Sue (Stamper) Kelley. Both of whom have preceded her in death. Also, preceding her in death was her one and only brother Stephen Kelley.

Left to greatly miss her is husband Rev. George H. Roads, two daughters JoAnn Spears of Beavercreek, Ohio and Peggy Sturdivant and husband Willis of Leitchfield, Kentucky.

Susan loved her two granddaughters Vanessa (Michael) Trapp and Emilie (Miles) VanderKolk and enjoyed many activities and trips with them over the years. Vanessa and her little triplets Corwin, Skylar and Harley, plus a new family member Nikolai were quite a blessing to her. Emilie and her husband Miles have recently given Susan a great grandson Knox whom Susan was greatly looking forward to spoiling as she did his mom.

Susan was a graduate of Seaman High School, Wilmington College, The Methodist Theological School and Ashland University in Ashland Ohio, where she received her doctorate of ministry.

As one can see she enjoyed her formal education, plus reading many books on many subjects. At one time she and George had 77 shelves of books.

After her Methodist Seminary graduation, she was appointed clergy to the New Holland and Atlanta UM Church charge, followed by United Methodist churches at Ridgeway, Peebles and Bryan, Ohio. Susan and her husband George ministered accumulatively 91 years.

Susan was very creative and was always into something new. Susan spent many hours helping Bob McEwen get elected to State Representative for Ohio, running for city council in Marion, Ohio and being very active in the Emmaus Community in several cities in Southern Ohio. Before going to seminary, she ministered (and entertained) several church banquets by speaking the Word and singing favorite gospel hymns. Susan collected music and also laughs. She brought a party to every encounter she was presented.

Susan believed that the most powerful thing you can do is to spend your precious time talking with God and lifting your loved ones up in prayer. We are reassured in the knowledge that Susan is now with our Heavenly Father and will be joining in a party there.

Funeral Services will be 2:00pm Tuesday December 8, 2020 at Lewis-Sullivan Funeral Home with Larry Hoop officiating. Burial will follow at Mt. Leigh Cemetery.

Friends and family may pay their respects from 12:00pm until time of service Tuesday December 8, 2020 at Lewis-Sullivan Funeral Home.

Donations can be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

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# Tribute Wall

AG

“ My family, The Beery's, lived beside the Kelley"s there in Seaman for many years. Susan was 5 years older than I was and I always looked up to her. She always had a humorous story to tell and shared her faith. One thing always stayed in my mind was the story she told of cleaning the old iron skillet and the good china. She shared when she washed the china, she always prayed for the country of China. She cleaned the skillet by squirting dish soap on the skillet and then scrubbing it with a little water and a scrub brush. From then on, that's the way I scrubbed my skillets and prayed for China. I attended her wedding, and was in awe at her beautiful wedding gown. Towards the end of her life, she or George would call me for medical advice, since I was an RN. Sometimes I would run up to their place and check their blood pressure or blood sugar. We would share about the good old days and how good the Lord was to us. Annette (Beery) Glasgow

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**Annette Glasgow** - December 09, 2020 at 04:22 PM

JW

“ Jo Ann please accept my sincerest condolences for the loss of your mother. May she Rest in Peace and May Perpetual Light Shine Upon Her. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. Hugs and Blessings.  
Janice

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**Janice White** - December 07, 2020 at 10:08 PM

RM

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Great people! Prayers for their family, thoughts and prayers for George.

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**Rev. Michael Mack** - December 07, 2020 at 09:01 PM

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**Rev. Michael Mack** - December 07, 2020 at 08:56 PM

SR

“ Sorry to hear of Susan's passing, our family sends their prayers and sympathies to all of you. Randy & Sharon Rider

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**Sharon Rider** - December 07, 2020 at 04:48 PM

PR

“ *Dear Roads Family,  
Keeping each of you in our thoughts and prayers at this time. Susan  
filled in occasionally at our church, The West Union United  
Methodist. Always enjoyed talking to her and also reminiscing about  
her brother. She will be missed.  
Sincerely,*

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**Phil and Vicki Rhonemus** - December 07, 2020 at 09:28 AM