



Ms. Susan L. Carr

May 12, 1954 - February 14, 2021

On the morning of February 14, 2021 at about 3:00 a.m., the Lord knocked at Susan's hospital door. He needed Susan to come for a fitting of her robe, crown, and to see the floor plan for her mansion. She heard his voice and opened the door so that he could come.

Susan Carr was born May 12, 1954 in Saginaw, Michigan to Richard and Mavis Carr. She was a member of the South 17th Street Church of Christ. Upon moving to Park Forest, she became a member of Chicago Heights Church of Christ, then later, when she moved to Shiloh, IL, she became a member of the Fairview Church of Christ.

Susan was a graduate of Saginaw High School Class of 1972, and a graduate of University of Michigan in 1977. Later in 1977, she moved to Park Forest, IL where she was employed at Bloom Township High School in Chicago Height as a History Teacher. Also, while there, she coached girls' track and field and received the honor of "Coach of the Year". Then in 1985, she graduated from National Lewis University with a Master's in Education. Her teaching career came to an end when she retired in June of 1997. The workaholic that Susan was, in August of 1977, she became an Illinois Education Association Uniserve Director for Region 48; which was one of the largest school districts of thirty schools in Mount Vernon, IL. In 2008, she was the first black to hold this position of Uniserve Director in Southern Illinois. Being organized and meticulous were skills Susan possessed that were essential parts of who she was.

As an advocate for racial and social justice and educational issues, she tirelessly worked to make an impact on all those she interacted with. Susan was a strong, committed, and a compassionate woman, who would never ask more of you than she would ask of herself. She spoke her mind and was always prepared to defend herself on all issues, no matter whether you agreed with her or not.

Susan Carr leaves to cherish memories, a nephew, Eric Kelly; great-niece, Quiana Kelly; great-nephew, Eric Giovanni Kelly, all of West Beach, FL; a host of cousins, and friends

including her church family of Fairview Church of Christ, Chicago Heights Church of Christ, and her family of South 17th Street.

Susan was preceded in death by her parents, Richard and Mavis Carr; brothers, Kenneth and James Carr; her sister, Yvonne Kelly.

Funeral service will take place at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 4, 2021 at Evans & Browne's Funeral Home, 441 North Jefferson Avenue, Saginaw, Michigan 48607. With the interment in Eastlawn Memorial Gardens, 7475 Holland Road, Saginaw, Michigan 48601. Visitation will be from 9:00 a.m. until the time of service.

Due to COVID-19 there will be strictly enforced capacity restrictions.

****Funeral service will be live streamed****

1:45 p.m.

Go to: Obituary of Ms. Carr

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Click on picture of casket

Cemetery

Eastlawn Memorial Gardens

7475 Holland Road
Saginaw, MI, 48601

Events

MAR **Visitation** 09:00AM - 02:00PM

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Evans & Browne's Funeral Home
441 North Jefferson Avenue, Saginaw, MI, US,
48607

MAR **Funeral Service** 02:00PM

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Comments



“ A webcast video has been added.



Browne's Mortuary - March 04 at 01:38 PM



“ You were more to me than just a mentor. This is a very hard pull to swallow. I love you
SUSAN

Alis - March 04 at 01:52 PM



“ Thank you to the funeral home for providing this opportunity to attend virtually. May God
bless and keep the family in their time of sorrow. RIP, Susan.

-Cardina Johnson, her former IEA colleague

Cardina - March 04 at 02:06 PM



“ RIP Susan.....you will be missed when we have our U of M reunions.

Darlene Coleman - March 04 at 02:51 PM



“ I will miss you Susan Thelma Cartwright

Thelma L Cartwright, friend - March 04 at 03:36 PM



“ Thank you for your friendship and encouraging words. Well done Susan, take your rest in
Him.

Arlene Criglar, IEA-NEA

Arlene Crigar - March 09 at 08:45 PM



“ I did not learn of Susan's death until this week. I am so sorry. Although we lost track
after her retirement, Susan and I and Susan and my son spent many hours
bargaining together over many years in many different school districts. Susan was an
honest advocate for her members and skilled at her job. I will miss her. My her
memory be a blessing. Brian Braun- Miller, Tracy, Braun, Funk & Miller, Ltd.

Brian Braun - March 12 at 09:47 AM



“ Susan's memory will live forever in the hearts and minds of those of us who knew her, worked with her, and cherished the times we got to spend with her. She was a very special person who saw life clearly and spoke truth unvarnished, gently but firmly. We will miss her greatly. Rest in the peace of Christ, Sister Carr. We will see you down the road.

Mike Cook - March 10 at 11:26 PM



“ Mike Cook lit a candle in memory of Ms. Susan L. Carr



Mike Cook - March 10 at 11:15 PM



“ Susan was a wonderful friend and a great staffer for the IEA. Her smile, laughter and good humor were always a joy. I will cherish my many great memories of her. I wish great comfort to her family and friends. Bob Ray

bob ray - March 08 at 10:05 AM



“ Barbara Kemp-Lauria "Class of SHS 72"



Barb Kemp-Lauria - March 06 at 06:34 PM



“ Glendorah Lawrence lit a candle in memory of Ms. Susan L. Carr



Glendorah Lawrence - March 04 at 10:27 PM



“ Susan was my colleague and union sister. Her beliefs and faith helped carry her through her journey in life. As I look back on her life for almost 20 years, I saw a woman who was ready to break barriers. She was a staunch advocate for her family that she loved dearly. She was an advocate for the members she represented in Southern Illinois, and equally an advocate for her colleagues -- her union brothers and sisters. She served IEASO, our union, in many capacities. But her greatest strength was - always working to break those glass ceilings. She'd say put your shoes on and come along now

Karin swartz - March 04 at 04:49 PM



“ Beautiful service. Susan will be truly missed. May she rest in peace.

Olivia J Ellis - March 04 at 04:03 PM



“ Susan L. Carr was my mentor and a friend. She will be missed. May God grant the Carr family peace and comfort knowing that is no longer suffering but at peace in eternal slumber.

Angela R Williams - March 04 at 02:59 PM



“ Beautiful service and heartfelt memories of a truly wonderful Christian friend. I will miss our talks and our visits. Forever in my heart.

Glenda T Hunter - March 04 at 02:58 PM



“ Susan was hired to replace me as the IEA staff person out of the Mt. Vernon Office when I accepted an IEA position in Carbondale. My family continued to live in Mt. Vernon and in fact my wife Teri was a local president who worked with Susan. Susan loved her members and was dedicated to improving the lives of IEA members in our area of Southern Illinois. She made an impression when she walked in a room. She didn't say much but when she talked you listened. When Teri and I moved to Caseyville/OFallon area we found out we lived 10 minutes from her house. She and Teri would lunch together with Susie Cook, wife of another retired IEA colleague. In the last 2 years before the Pandemic Susan would organize get togethers of retired and not so retired colleagues who lived in the area. The motto was "Martini Monday at Bella Milano". Appetizers and IEA war stories. When she became more frail I would drive her to her Doctors appointments and on the way back we would stop for a Dunkin Donut and over my cup of coffee we would talk. I got to know her as a friend. Susan has a special place in my heart always. May you rest in peace pain-free and waited on by unionized angels



James Clark - March 04 at 01:59 PM



“ Thank you Jim got kind words and support.(Corky).

corky marinkovich - March 05 at 03:11 PM



“ Susan was a wonderful UniServ Director, a fabulous person and a great friend! I don't think I ever talked with her without sharing multiple laughs about one thing or another. And she was always there if I needed help. Rest in peace, my friend. Bob Ray

Bob Ray - March 04 at 01:41 PM



“ Susan and I have been friends since our early days at U of M. After 48 years we could share anything without reserve. I am going to miss our chats where we laughed, and cried and laughed some more. We shared our tears and our fears. And I know this beautiful soul has found her place in heaven.

LaVelvet Harrison - March 04 at 01:32 PM



“ Ms. Susan (she wouldn't let me say Ms. Carr) was one of my dearest clients. Your family have my utmost sincerest condolences. She became my client after her long-standing beautician, Ms. Olivia, moved away. I styled her hair for about 3 years. We had some of the greatest conversations. She spoke, quite often and fondly of her nephew and great niece who were dear to her heart. Even in her illness, she was always prompt (and when I wasn't, she'll make sure to share with me how she felt but it was all in love). We kept in contact during COVID but she WAS NOT getting out of that house to get her hair done! She always shared her knowledge with me. We, both, are educators and she would, from time to time, pass along helpful advice from helping me with resumes, interviewing for teaching positions or just being there to listen. She was straight- forward which I loved because we, both, don't sugar-coat things. I've been trying to find some pictures I had taken of her in my salon but haven't located them yet but as soon as I do, I will share. Please accept my condolences. So sorry. She SURELY is and will be missed.

Gwen Brown - March 04 at 12:13 PM



“ Alis Jones lit a candle in memory of Ms. Susan L. Carr



Alis Jones - March 04 at 08:57 AM



“ Joanne Bloom lit a candle in memory of Ms. Susan L. Carr



Joanne Bloom - March 03 at 08:42 PM



“ My aunt Susan was always a great person I could call for advice for no matter what the situation and always a great laugh with her on any subject we would talk about. You will always be my little country girl and I will always be your little country boy. I love you aunt Susan.

Eric - March 03 at 08:39 PM



“ Mitch Roth and Family purchased the Floor Plant for Sympathy for the family of Ms. Susan L. Carr.



Mitch Roth and Family - March 03 at 02:00 PM



“ Rayunza Hood lit a candle in memory of Ms. Susan L. Carr



Rayunza Hood - March 03 at 12:43 PM



“ Friends in Chicago Heights purchased the Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- All Red for the family of Ms. Susan L. Carr.



Friends in Chicago Heights - March 03 at 09:39 AM



“ Susan was a sweet and caring person. I never worked with her on any IEA projects but, whenever I met her at IEA staff meeting, she was fun to be around. My deepest sympathy to her family.

Tom Suhrbur, IEA Organizer (retired)

Tom Suhrbur - March 03 at 12:18 AM



“ Hey cuz, I am going to miss you in more ways than one. Our family chain continues to collect its links. I know everyone was there to meet you at the gate and Jesus was there with open arms. Love you.



Janet F Phillips - March 02 at 09:53 PM



“ Her dear friend, Chris Woods purchased the Multicolor Bright Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Ms. Susan L. Carr.



Her dear friend, Chris Woods - March 02 at 06:07 PM



“ I will always remember her beautiful smile RIP sister Susan.

corky marinkovich - March 02 at 05:51 PM



“ Susan was a wonderful, compassionate, brilliant person with a great wit and so fun to be with! I loved working with her and learned so much from her. She was honest, caring and so understanding of people who were struggling. She made the world such a better place. I picture her wearing white like in the photo but she also has wings and a halo. And laughing and happy. We love you and miss you Susan. Love, Tom.

Tom Kulmacz - March 02 at 03:49 PM



“ From the south suburbs to many years as a colleague, I was and am humbled by Susan's grace. Her memory is a blessing.

Barry Tusin - March 02 at 12:30 PM



“ When St Peter greets you at the Pearly Gates and asks “What did you do to enter here?” you can quietly reply “I took the strong voice and convictions God gave me and used them on behalf of others.” “We knew that,” says St Peter. “Come on in sister, there’s some friends waiting for you.”

Rest In Peace, Susan, for a life well lived.

Dave Rathke, DeKalb IL

Dave Rathke - March 02 at 12:23 PM



“ Wow Dave this was a beautiful tribute to Susan.

Karin - March 04 at 04:30 PM



“ I was honored to be Susan's colleague at the Illinois Education Association.

Victor Scotti - March 02 at 10:27 AM



“ Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Pink and White was purchased for the family of Ms. Susan L. Carr.



March 02 at 10:04 AM



“ Her IEA friends--Lynn, Cynthia, Tammy, Kim purchased the Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White for the family of Ms. Susan L. Carr.



Her IEA friends--Lynn, Cynthia, Tammy, Kim - March 02 at 09:55 AM



“ Rosie Gatson lit a candle in memory of Ms. Susan L. Carr



Rosie Gatson - March 01 at 02:16 PM



“ Priscilla Curry lit a candle in memory of Ms. Susan L. Carr



Priscilla Curry - March 01 at 11:37 AM



“ We truly miss our sister in Christ. Susan had hosted our small group from church in her home and made us all feel welcome and loved. May her family find strength and peace during this time of suffering.

Jeff & Louise Dunkle - February 28 at 08:27 PM



“ Bobby Diggs lit a candle in memory of Ms. Susan L. Carr



Bobby Diggs - February 28 at 10:13 AM



“ Susan was a beautiful lady. We were Xinos together. Rest in peace my sister.



Sherry Hannah - February 27 at 04:22 PM



“ Cathy Wilson sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Susan L. Carr



Cathy Wilson - February 27 at 08:34 AM



“ Heartfelt sympathies on the loss of a beautiful and kind lady. You are deeply missed. I will cherish memories of Susan and her Mom. They were my husband and my family in Saginaw. Lots of conversations and laughter. Forever in our thoughts. Praying for comfort and strength for the family. LaVerl & Ernestine Moore



Ernestine Moore - February 26 at 12:26 AM



“ Derrell Martin lit a candle in memory of Ms. Susan L. Carr



Derrell Martin - February 25 at 07:59 PM



“ Vermell Griffith Sangster lit a candle in memory of Ms. Susan L. Carr



Vermell Griffith Sangster - February 25 at 06:57 PM



“ Eva Scott-Essex lit a candle in memory of Ms. Susan L. Carr



Eva Scott-Essex - February 24 at 10:41 PM



“ Susan was my childhood friend and neighbor, so many fond memories of the time we spent together as friends. I was sad to hear of her passing. May she rest in Heavenly peace. Prayers fir her family.

Eva Scott-Essex - February 24 at 10:40 PM



“ May God's peace, comfort, and love encompass the family in its hour of bereavement. Susan was a remarkable person and friend. She will be sorely missed.

Bernice Price

Bernice Price - February 24 at 12:23 PM



“ Bernice Price lit a candle in memory of Ms. Susan L. Carr



Bernice Price - February 24 at 11:48 AM



“ Nola Levelston lit a candle in memory of Ms. Susan L. Carr



Nola Levelston - February 23 at 04:06 PM



“ Rita Williams lit a candle in memory of Ms. Susan L. Carr



Rita Williams - February 22 at 08:49 AM



“ Charlotte McMillan-Harper lit a candle in memory of Ms. Susan L. Carr



Charlotte McMillan-Harper - February 20 at 10:19 PM



“ What a loss to so many! Few, if any others, cared and sacrificed more for family, friends, colleagues, and those she represented than Susan. She courageously took on challenges that most others would have never engaged, succeeding through her faith, will and wisdom. I was so fortunate to have been able to work with her for almost 20 years, learning from her with every interaction, and to be her friend for many more. It is a relationship I will treasure always!

Mitchell Roth
Springfield, IL

Mitchell Roth - February 20 at 04:14 PM



“ Louis Weems lit a candle in memory of Ms. Susan L. Carr



Louis Weems - February 20 at 08:27 AM



“ Jerry L. Banks Sr lit a candle in memory of Ms. Susan L. Carr



Jerry L. Banks Sr - February 19 at 05:05 PM



“ Ranae is following this tribute.

Ranae - February 19 at 02:34 PM



“ Eric Kelly, my cousin, Susan's nephew, you know Susan loved you and so do I and the rest of the family. Stay with the Lord and be of good courage.



Janet F Phillips - February 19 at 01:25 AM



“ Stephanie Hall sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Susan L. Carr



Stephanie Hall - February 18 at 08:22 PM



“ Theonas Barry sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Susan L. Carr



Theonas Barry - February 18 at 01:49 PM



“ Susan was my sister from another mother. We've known each other forever. I'm going to miss those weekly phone calls. My heart is truly saddened by her passing. May God bring you comfort during loss.

Beverly Curry - February 19 at 11:27 AM



“ I should have gotten to know her better. I enjoyed our talks. I could talk honestly about events and so could she.

mary thompson - February 18 at 12:51 PM



“ Delores Brown Giles lit a candle in memory of Ms. Susan L. Carr



Delores Brown Giles - February 18 at 11:43 AM



“ L.D.Frierson lit a candle in memory of Ms. Susan L. Carr



L.D.Frierson - February 18 at 03:59 AM



“ Jackie Swilley-prescott lit a candle in memory of Ms. Susan L. Carr



Jackie swilley-prescott - February 17 at 10:23 PM



“ Janie Surles-Cork sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Susan L. Carr



Janie Surles-Cork - February 17 at 08:31 PM



“ Denise Wilburn sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Susan L. Carr



Denise Wilburn - February 17 at 05:46 PM



“ Oscar And Alice (Rainey) Wilson SHS 1970 sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Susan L. Carr



Oscar and Alice (Rainey) Wilson SHS 1970 - February 17 at 01:38 PM



“ Sending love and condolences. We attended the Church of Christ together from the early 60's until I was married. Rest in Power.



Barb, Nora, Deb and Elaine Hollis - February 17 at 01:09 PM



“ Lillie Williams-Grays lit a candle in memory of Ms. Susan L. Carr



Lillie Williams-Grays - February 17 at 11:32 AM



“ Lillie Williams Grays lit a candle in memory of Ms. Susan L. Carr



Lillie Williams Grays - February 17 at 11:28 AM



“ Karen Browne-Betts lit a candle in memory of Ms. Susan L. Carr



Karen Browne-Betts - February 17 at 08:46 AM



“ Karleen Scrivner lit a candle in memory of Ms. Susan L. Carr



Karleen Scrivner - February 16 at 09:29 PM



“ Rita Williams lit a candle in memory of Ms. Susan L. Carr



Rita Williams - February 16 at 05:19 PM



“ Lynette (Garrett) Ford lit a candle in memory of Ms. Susan L. Carr



Lynette (Garrett) Ford - February 16 at 12:36 PM



“ Joyce Barlow lit a candle in memory of Ms. Susan L. Carr



Joyce Barlow - February 16 at 10:32 AM



“ Charlotte McMillan-Harper lit a candle in memory of Ms. Susan L. Carr



Charlotte McMillan-Harper - February 16 at 09:53 AM



“ Sincere condolences to the family of a childhood friend. May she join many of her family and friends in glory. RIH



Deborah Morris-Williams - February 16 at 12:19 AM



“ Linda Goodwin lit a candle in memory of Ms. Susan L. Carr



Linda Goodwin - February 15 at 08:04 PM



“ Tina Houze lit a candle in memory of Ms. Susan L. Carr



Tina Houze - February 15 at 08:04 PM



“ Tina Houze Thouze@yahoo.com lit a candle in memory of Ms. Susan L. Carr



Tina Houze thouze@yahoo.com - February 15 at 08:03 PM



“ Please accept our deepest condolences for your loss. Susan was a wonderful friend and neighbor. We will cherish her memory and keep you in prayer.



Kathleen Wilson-Thompson - February 15 at 12:45 PM



“ Dale Mitchner lit a candle in memory of Ms. Susan L. Carr



Dale Mitchner - February 15 at 11:56 AM



“ My deepest condolences keeping you in my thoughts and prayers may God wrap His arms around the entire family and give you peace.



Serita Oates - February 15 at 08:49 AM



“ Judge Terry L. Clark lit a candle in memory of Ms. Susan L. Carr



Judge Terry L. Clark - February 15 at 06:26 AM