



Susan L Safford-Gaul
Chilton, WI

Susan Louise Safford-Gaul, age 62, of Chilton, died on November 24, 2022, at Sharon Richardson Community Hospice near Sheboygan Falls. She was born November 22, 1960, daughter of the late Thomas and Georgianna Safford.

Susan, the sixth of seven children, was born in Escanaba Michigan. She graduated from Rapid River High School and attended Wright State University. Later in life, Susan was called to ministry and earned her Masters of Divinity from United Theological Seminary in the Twin Cities. During her time as a pastor, Susan served many churches and provided worship for her beloved parishioners. She first served at Amherst and Buena Vista United Methodist churches, followed by Emmanuel Community UMC in Menomonee Falls, Faith UMC in Brillion, and Faith and Bethel UMC in Sheboygan Falls.

Susan married Volker Gaul on her 20th birthday in 1980. Together they had three wonderful children, Erich, Jason and Annette. Family was the utmost importance to Susan and her family only grew with her marriage to her second husband, Michael Safford-Kennedy, in October of 2006. Susan was also blessed with three grandchildren, who made her heart sing with every visit to grandma's. She was happiest spending time with her family, relaxing at the family cabin, and sharing stories with her best friend, her sister Jen.

Susan brought joy to everyone she encountered and encourage others to, "give the gift of a smile to someone today."

Susan is survived by her husband, Michael Safford-Kennedy; children: Erich (Roxanne) Gaul, Jason Gaul, and Annette (Adam) Koepke; grandchildren: Desmond Gaul, Adeline Gaul, and Noelle Gaul; her sister: Jenny Safford; Mike's children: Laura Kennedy, Heather (Dan) Feld, and Rob (Kristin) Kennedy; Mike's grandchildren: Caleb and Parker Kennedy; her children's father: Volker Gaul; brother-in-law: Peter Brock; sisters-in-law: Kris Safford and Alice Safford; and many nieces, nephews, and other relatives.

Susan was preceded in death by her parents: Thomas and Georgianna Safford; and siblings: Cindy Brock, Duke Safford, Thomas Safford, Klint (Dale) Safford, and Sim Safford.

A funeral service will be held at 2:00 pm on Saturday, December 3, 2022, at St. John United Church of Christ (2111 Church St.) in New Holstein. Visitation will be held from 10:30 am until 1:30 pm at the church on the day of the service.