



## Susie Goforth

August 15, 1947 - August 23, 2020

Marilyn “Susie” (Surface) Goforth, 73, finished her race and received eternal life with her Lord and Savior on August 23, 2020 at Wellbrooke of Avon in Avon, Indiana. Susie was born in Crawfordsville, Indiana on August 15, 1947; a daughter of the late William Surface and Mariam (Everson) Surface. Susie was a 1965 graduate of Crawfordsville High School.

On February 19, 1966 she married her high school sweetheart, James “Mike” Goforth. While inseparable, strongly connected in the Lord, and full of joy, Susie and Mike spent 53 years together before his passing. Their love was boundless. Susie was greeted at the gates of heaven by her soulmate, who passed eight months prior.

In their own words, Susie and Mike were always running for the “Grandparents of the Year Award,” and in the eyes of their grandchildren, they won every year. Susie was at every concert, football game, basketball practice, art exhibition, and musical that her grandchildren did. Susie and Mike also would make the 700-mile trek to Tulsa, Oklahoma to see Jeff and his family for various birthdays, celebrations, and holidays. Susie’s grandchildren often held competitions to see who could make her laugh the hardest, as her laughter was infectious. Susie was a phenomenal woman, and an even greater Grandma and Mom.

Susie was often described by friends and family as a fighter. After countless car accidents, a multiple sclerosis diagnosis, a fight with breast cancer, and other ailments, Susie consistently fought these illnesses, often with a smile on her face and a sense of joy. To commemorate her battles, Susie attended the Relay for Life Survivor Dinner annually. Susie was an example of perseverance and faith in a healing God.

In her free time, Susie was an avid writer, whether holding a column in the Lawrence Journal, writing Sunday school curriculum, taking notes during Mike’s sermons, or writing for leisure. Susie also enjoyed singing and music. While only having a short stint on the center stage in “Night of January Sixteenth” in school, music and theater brought great happiness to her for the rest of her life. Susie enjoyed belting out tunes from “Oklahoma!”

and “Sound of Music.” She also enjoyed oldies and hymns, often beating everyone else out at “Name That Tune.”

Susie is survived by her two children, Tracy (Larry) Selke (Indianapolis, IN) and Jeff (Lisa) Goforth (Tulsa, OK); her seven grandchildren, Phil, Jon, Rachel, J, Zach, Jonathan, Kate; her three greatgrandchildren, Sailor, Stella, Andrew; and her sister, Carolyn (Bob) Snyder (Crawfordsville, IN). Susie is preceded in death by both her parents and husband, Mike Goforth.

Graveside Services will be held on Monday, August 31, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. at Lincoln Memory Gardens Cemetery, 6851 S Indianapolis Road, Whitestown, Indiana. To help prevent the spread of coronavirus, the family requires that all attendees wear face masks, social distance during the service, and avoid physical contact.

# Cemetery

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# Events

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## Lincoln Memory Gardens

6851 South Indianapolis  
Road

Whitestown, IN, 46075

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**Service**

11:00AM

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Lincoln Memory Gardens

6851 South Indianapolis Road, Whitestown, IN, US,  
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# Comments

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“ A tribute video has been added.



**Myers Mortuary** - August 26, 2020 at 04:22 PM

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“ I will always remember Susie's beautiful smile. she was always happy and was a bright spot in my day. I loved to hear her sing and she was just a joy to be with. A true Angel on earth.

**Johna Drew** - September 11, 2020 at 11:02 AM

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“ Dearest Tracy, Jeff, and all the family, I can't tell you what all my heart holds in memories of Susie, and Mike, too. They were my rock for so many years and during so many trials. I have truly missed them and all of you as my church family. The memories of all those Christmases, and the her music and joy made everything so beautiful. Her smile is the first thing that comes to mind when I bring her into mind. All I can believe now is that she and Mike are again united and full of that feeling of blessing they shared with everyone so often. I am thankful they shared that faith with me these many years. Good wishes and joy to you and your families, I recall Susie quoted a scripture often, "I can do all things through Christ Jesus." And I believe she did.

Love you always, Teresa Lloyd

**TERESA LLOYD** - August 30, 2020 at 09:57 PM

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“ Tracey & Jeff-

We share your loss. Mike and Susie have been an important and God given part of our lives, especially for Michelle and Pamela. We are forever grateful to have known them as well as you and Jeff. God's blessings to you both.

Bessie & Bennie Smith

Michelle Smith

Pamela Smith



**Bessie Smith** - August 29, 2020 at 03:49 PM

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“ Susie was always a strong singing voice praising God during our Homewood services. I love to think of her praising now in Glory. What a wonderful life helping others and glorifying God! Thankful that our paths crossed.

**Peggy Lucas** - August 27, 2020 at 05:27 AM

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“ Susie and Mike were the hands and feet of Christ to me. They showed me so much when I desperately needed it. I had just asked Christ to be my Savior when I believe the Lord led me to their church. Susie watched over me and cared for me, asking about my marriage. My husband didMy go to church with me. If it wasn't for Susie I would have left my husband. We've now been married 46 years. Marc is a believer. We have 4 wonderful children and 12 grandchildren. We wouldn't have made without Susie and Mike gently leading and guiding into God's word. She is like my spiritual Mother. I wish I could be there for the service, but we will be in Alabama with our daughter for her birthday. Is there anywhere we could make a donation in her name? Praise a God for Susie!!!

**Jody Applegate** - August 26, 2020 at 07:18 PM

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“ 76 files added to the album LifeTributes



**Myers Mortuary** - August 26, 2020 at 04:01 PM

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“ In memory of a life so beautifully lived and a heart so deeply loved. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family....

(Sparky) and Kathy

**Kathy Sparks** - August 26, 2020 at 09:57 AM

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“ So sorry for your loss. Susie was definitely a sweet and caring person and I was glad to get to know her. Sending thoughts and prayers to her family.

**Barbara Darnell** - August 25, 2020 at 09:58 PM

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“ Pastor Susie and Pastor Mike is with our Lord Jesus now. She is singing our favorite song to Him now, 'How Great Thou Art!' So glad the last couple of years the girls and I got to visit with both of them in Homewood and take a stroll through the Word of God almost every week...they meant so much to all of us. Rest in Peace now you two until we meet again!!! No more pain or sorrow but wonderful togetherness with Jesus.

**Dot Isenhower** - August 25, 2020 at 07:51 PM

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“ What a wonderful caring person. Loved her hugs. Yes she loved to sing and was never shy about it. I'm sure she is singing with the angels today . Glory glory glory Lord God almighty . Learned so much from Pastor Susie....

**Linda Jones** - August 25, 2020 at 06:31 PM

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“ God bless you Susie. So much of my early years were spent in the church with you and Pastor Mike. Thank you for your love and wisdom throughout those years. The world will miss your bright spirit, but I know you're in His hands now. My thoughts and prayers go out to your friends and family.

**Sarah Kilpatrick** - August 25, 2020 at 06:05 PM

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“ Susie had such a sweet soul. Always a smile on her face and a song of praise to sing. Uplifted me during some rough years. Thank you and God bless you.



**Cynthia Hinton** - August 25, 2020 at 05:20 PM

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“ Suzy loves to sing. She will sing in the heavenly choir everyday. When you here the whistle between the trees it will be Suzy. I miss you Suzy. You and Mike done so much for me and I will never forget you.



**Sheila Redman** - August 25, 2020 at 04:46 PM

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“ Sally Byrd lit a candle in memory of Susie Goforth



Sally Byrd - August 24, 2020 at 05:43 PM