



Rev. Susan D. Rector

April 17, 1958 - September 30, 2015

Bluefield, WV- Rev. Susan Dawn Rector, 57, of Bluefield, WV, died Wednesday September 30, 2015 at Bluefield Regional Medical Center. Born April 17, 1958 in Gassaway, WV, she was the daughter of Jerry Long of Tesla, WV and the late Patricia Collins Long. Susan was a graduate of West Virginia Wesleyan College and Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. She was ordained as an Elder of the United Methodist Church 24 years ago. She was currently the Pastor at Trinity United Methodist Church and Bland Street United Methodist Church in Bluefield, and had formerly pastored at Perry Memorial United Methodist Church in Shady Spring, WV, Stealey United Methodist Church in Clarksburg, WV, Dallas United Methodist Charge in Wheeling, WV and Shortline United Methodist Charge in Martinsville, WV. Susan was past President of Kappa Phi, a Christian women's sorority in college. She was a lover of science fiction and Dr. Who. She was a licensed HAM Radio operator who often helped in disaster response to communities. She was a member of the American Women's Who's Who, was Worthy Matron in the Order of Eastern Star, and had served in various Conference leadership positions.

Susan was known for her ministering to those who needed a lift. She loved her ministry to the children of the Church, as well as to the community. In addition to her father, survivors include her husband of 32 years, Rev. Stephen Rector; one brother, David Long and wife Phyllis of Tesla, WV, and two nephews, Nicholas and A.J. Long of Tesla.

The family will receive friends at Trinity United Methodist Church on Thursday October 1, 2015 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Funeral services will be conducted on Friday October 2, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. from Trinity United Methodist Church with Rev. Dr. Joe Kenaston officiating. Serving as pallbearers will be Pat Haye, Derek Swope, Steve Crowe, Todd Browning, Kevin Handley, Tom Chaffin and John Mahood.

Burial will be at Skidmore Cemetery in Sutton, WV, where funeral services will be announced.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Trinity-Bland Street United Methodist Charge, 401 College Avenue, Bluefield, WV 24701.

Those wishing to share memories or condolence messages with the family may do so by visiting www.MercerFuneralHome.com Mercer Funeral Home & Crematory is serving the family of Rev. Susan Dawn Rector.

Cemetery Details

Skidmore Cemetery

Sutton, WV

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 1. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Trinity United Methodist Church
401 College Avenue
Bluefield, WV 24701

Funeral Service

OCT 2. 11:00 AM (ET)

Trinity United Methodist Church
401 College Avenue
Bluefield, WV 24701

Tribute Wall



“ *Rev. Susan D. Rector*

October 05, 2023 at 06:08 PM



“ *Jerry, Steve, David, Phyllis, Nick and AJ, I only just found out this morning that my sister and best friend had gone home. There was never a more wonderful friend or spouse or sister or aunt or daughter or counsellor, minister, or ear!! I will miss her every day and think of her every time I am amazed by God's wonders. You are all in my thoughts and prayers -- Pat Riddle*

Pat Riddle - October 08, 2015 at 07:54 AM



“ *Susan and I were friends throughout college, and though we didn't see each other after graduation, contact any time thereafter was as though no time had passed. She always had a joyful, generous spirit that embraced life and shared God's spirit wherever she was. I will continue to think of her and remember her and I feel certain I will see her again someday. I offer my thoughts and prayers to Steve, to her family, her congregations, and to all of Those who had the honor and privilege of knowing her.*



Wendy Tate - October 05, 2015 at 06:48 PM

RK

“ *My heart goes out to you, even as it is breaking. Susan was one of those people I was always sure I'd see again, and we'd start talking like we saw each other yesterday. Her steadfast love and friendship meant the world to me in college and afterwards. I'm so grateful to have gotten back in touch with her through Facebook. I see the pictures and remember that brilliant smile - the world is a little darker for this light that winked out much, much too soon.*

Robin Kabrich - October 05, 2015 at 04:32 PM

SS

“ *Love and Prayers. Susan was a very special part of our family who will be deeply missed but has left us with many special memories we will cherish forever.*
The Stolp Family
Sally, Justin, Morgan and Mabry



Sally Stolp - October 04, 2015 at 09:15 AM

CC

“ *Carolyn Cruickshanks lit a candle in memory of Rev. Susan D. Rector*



Carolyn Cruickshanks - October 03, 2015 at 09:35 PM

JB

“ Jerry,
So sorry to hear of Susan's passing! We share in your grief at this very difficult time for you , David , and family. I know Susan was such a gift to her community and had made such a difference in the lives of many in need. You will be in our thoughts.
Greg and Julie (Long) Bartlett
Morgantown, WV

Julie Long Bartlett - October 03, 2015 at 04:04 PM

RM

“ Steve,
We were so saddened to hear about the loss of Susan. May God bless you, watch over you, and comfort you as only He can. You are in our hearts, our thoughts, and our prayers.
Star Love, Ron, Jamie, Karen, & Cameron McNeely



Ron/Jamie McNeely - October 03, 2015 at 03:55 PM

 Cecil Gibbons

“ Dear Pastor Steve: Melinda and I only knew your wife Susan for a few months, but what an inspiration she was to us. We'll greatly miss her, but she has given us both the drive/stamina to move forward in our Christian walk, We will greatly miss her!

Cecil Gibbons - October 03, 2015 at 03:36 PM

NM

“ Stephen,

I was saddened to learn this morning of Susan's passing. My Mother was in Bowers Hospice House in Nov. 2007. You and Susan conducted a short Thanksgiving communion service in the chapel, and my sister and I brought Mother. It was a comfort to us at a difficult time.

My dear friend, Thelma Wilson, was a faithful member of St. Mary's and I occasionally attended services with her. Your messages were a blessing.

Please accept my sympathies on the sudden loss of your beloved wife.

*Nancy Starcher Moran
Wesleyan Graduate 1965*

Nancy Moran - October 03, 2015 at 10:56 AM

KY

“ *Heaven has another Angel!*

Kimberly Yule - October 02, 2015 at 05:54 PM

JM

“ *Sir My family and I were so blessed to know Susan during our stay in Bluefield. She was an angel to my grandmother as well. We will pray for you! The Matthews family in Lexington SC*

jeff matthews - October 02, 2015 at 05:12 PM

PF

“ Steve,
I am sorry about your loss of Susan. She was a sweet and special lady and will be missed deeply by all who knew her. My thought and prayers will be with you through these difficult days ahead . I pray that The Lord gives you comfort and peace in the coming days.



Phyllis Forcucci

phyllis forcucci - October 02, 2015 at 01:19 PM

EM

“ *Pastor Steve, so sorry about the loss of Susan. Met her at our church couple of times and was inspired by her message and her enthusiasm for life. Praying for you to receive the comfort that God will be offering in the days to come.*

Ethel Musick - October 02, 2015 at 10:52 AM

CM

“ *Steve, I am so sorry for your loss. May your memories of Susan comfort you during this time of grief and the ensuing days and years.*

Carol Baxa Meese

Carol Meese - October 02, 2015 at 08:57 AM

VP

“ Vicki Nutter Parsons - "Class of '76"



Vicki Parsons - October 02, 2015 at 07:56 AM



“ Donna Cameron Belcher lit a candle in memory of Rev. Susan D. Rector



Donna Cameron Belcher - October 02, 2015 at 06:03 AM



Many prayers today fr our churches....Susan's family & friends that will travel to & from & her furbabies, as her life is celebrated this morning.

Donna Cameron Belcher - October 02, 2015 at 06:12 AM

JK

“ Jill Knight lit a candle in memory of Rev. Susan D. Rector



Jill Knight - October 02, 2015 at 02:24 AM

JK

Susan was a very sweet person & I will truly miss her. She & I were classmates at Braxton County High School.. Prayers to her family.

Jill Knight - October 02, 2015 at 02:29 AM

PW

Dear Pastor Steve, So very sorry to hear about the passing of your dear wife Susan. We have you in our thoughts and prayers and pray that God will strengthen you in these difficult days ahead. Susan was such a sweet lady, and touched so many lives in her ministry.

Preston Wolkoff - October 03, 2015 at 05:24 PM

SB

“*Steve, the cabinet and I prayed for you and for all who were touched by Susan's life and ministry. We all wish we could be with you tomorrow - but we, and the rest of the members of the West Virginia Conference who are with us will be in prayer with and for you tomorrow morning as well as in the days to come. May the presence of Christ bring you strength and comfort.*

Sandra Steiner Ball - October 01, 2015 at 10:24 PM

DF

“*Steve, I am so sorry to hear about Susan. She was a wonderful person and a lot of fun to be around. You two were a perfect couple together. I remember her beautiful smile and her hugs. She will always be in the hearts of the people at McMechen-Benwood United Methodist Church.*

*Darla Frazier
Benwood, WV*

Darla Frazier - October 01, 2015 at 08:47 PM

RS

“*Steve, so sorry to hear about Susan. We are praying for you. From all the members of the Clarksburg Fire Department.
Rick Scott, Fire Chief*

Rick Scott - October 01, 2015 at 07:21 PM

HN

“ *Helen Mowery Nicholson lit a candle in memory of Rev. Susan D. Rector*



Helen Mowery Nicholson - October 01, 2015 at 03:57 PM

TF

“ *The Brooks Family lit a candle in memory of Rev. Susan D. Rector*



The Brooks Family - October 01, 2015 at 02:48 PM

EF

“ *Steve, we are so saddened to hear about the passing of Susan. We are praying for peace and comfort for you and the family. Everett and Evelyn*

Evelyn and Everett Frost - October 01, 2015 at 01:39 PM

SJ

“ *Steve Jackson lit a candle in memory of Rev. Susan D. Rector*



Steve Jackson - October 01, 2015 at 01:32 PM

DB

“ *Dorwin And Carolyn Byrd lit a candle in memory of Rev. Susan D. Rector*



Dorwin and Carolyn Byrd - October 01, 2015 at 11:53 AM

CS

“ *Carolyn Stewart lit a candle in memory of Rev. Susan D. Rector*



Carolyn Stewart - October 01, 2015 at 11:44 AM

NB

“ *Nancy Ball lit a candle in memory of Rev. Susan D. Rector*



Nancy Ball - October 01, 2015 at 11:32 AM

KK

“ *Susan had the most comforting voice I have ever heard. She could deliver the word in such a beautiful and peaceful way. My family and I will always be grateful for her love and support through the years; from my grandfathers funeral services to my daughters christening. Susan has been there for some our most cherished moments. My thoughts and prayers are with Steve, family, friends, and all of those she had touched.*

Krista Kessinger - October 01, 2015 at 11:07 AM



“ I met Susan through Mike Widener. and Larry Timm. She sat with me at the hospital while my husband was in surgery. She was a beautiful soul. Sending prayers to her family and friends.

Lisa Coppola-Tessa - October 01, 2015 at 10:31 AM

BH

“ Steve, I am so very saddened at the news of Susan's passing. She was a beautiful soul. My prayers are with you and the family. Bill Haynes

bill haynes - October 01, 2015 at 09:50 AM

RG

“ Brother Steve , you and yours are in our thoughts and prayers at this difficult time. May the Holy Spirit fill the void left by your loss.

Raymond Gilley - October 01, 2015 at 09:20 AM

RS

“ Robby And Debra Shorter lit a candle in memory of Rev. Susan D. Rector



Robby and Debra Shorter - October 01, 2015 at 08:26 AM

JL

“ Stephen and family, my heart breaks for you for the loss of Susan. My prayers are with you. Stephen, may God comfort you and give you peace. Jeanette

Jeanette Lawson - October 01, 2015 at 07:04 AM

SR

“ Stephen and family, we are saddened by your loss of Susan. We pray for your comfort this day asking God to hold you secure in his embrace. She was such a good friend and we enjoyed her energy and her smile as we gathered for many events around the conference. We send our love and hugs to you all. May God's peace be upon you and the church families. Steven and Patty Runnion

Steve and Patty Runnion - October 01, 2015 at 06:33 AM

VP

“ Stephen, Jerry and family: Vinsen and I are so very sorry for the loss of Susan. We cannot even imagine but we know that she is now rejoicing with Patty. We love you. Vinsen and Evelyn Post



Vinsen/Evelyn Post - October 01, 2015 at 06:19 AM

DH

“ Diana And Pokey Higginbotham lit a candle in memory of Rev. Susan D. Rector



Diana and pokey higginbotham - October 01, 2015 at 05:18 AM

TM

“ Todd Masman lit a candle in memory of Rev. Susan D. Rector



Todd Masman - October 01, 2015 at 12:20 AM

RM

“ *Rebecca L. Mote lit a candle in memory of Rev. Susan D. Rector*



Rebecca L. Mote - September 30, 2015 at 11:07 PM

RM

“ *I haven't seen Susan since we graduated at Braxton County High School in 1976. I am blessed to find out that Susan went on to preach and minister the Gospel. There is no other profession or meaning in life better than to serve our God and Creator. She is truly blessed of the Lord. Although finding out that she has passed away may be a sad occasion for all those she has left behind, I rejoice in the fact that today she is present with the Lord and has passed on into paradise to forever be with the Lord. This is a day to be celebrated. Gods word says that actually that we should rejoice when one passes on into eternity, and to weep when a child is born. She is finally home where we all shall see her again someday and that day is fast approaching. Though I haven't seen Susan since High School I will see her again in my Father's house and I look forward to hugging her and thanking her for sharing the Love of the Father and the many she inspired and led to Christ. Dance on the streets of Gold Susan and rejoice in the Light that is in Christ Jesus the Lord. Amen, and my thoughts and prayers are with her family, friends, and loved ones.*

Rebecca L. Mote - September 30, 2015 at 11:05 PM

WP

“ I will never forget the comfort, care, and concern that Susan showed when my father died back in 2012. Since then, I have been to several funerals where Susan had the opportunity to share the Gospel and to celebrate the life and memory of someone. It was always comforting, uplifting, and worshipful.

Wayne Pelts - September 30, 2015 at 09:16 PM