



## Susan L. Hanna

August 11, 1946 - June 25, 2022

Susan L. Hanna, 75, of Cleveland, died June 25, 2022 at Judson Park. She was born August 11, 1946 in East Lansing, Michigan.

Susan touched the lives of many. Her spheres of influence included involvement in art, music, public service, animal care/rescue and education.

Susan was an artist and collector. She graduated from Michigan State University with a B.A. in Art and earned an M.A. in Art from Kent State University. She was locally known for her whimsical fantasy ceramic creations, produced in her Kirtland home studio. She and her late husband, Marvin Feldstein, provided a portion of their property and an outdoor kiln to the Cleveland Institute of Art for use in its wood-fired ceramics program. Their home was filled with artwork gathered from local artists as well as pieces acquired on trips abroad, including China, Greece, Israel, and Italy.

Susan was an accomplished vocalist and pianist and would entertain small gatherings at her home, especially at the Feldstein-Hanna annual, legendary Christmas party, which filled all ten rooms of their “log cabin” with holiday revelers. She was a patron of The Cleveland Orchestra and maintained a Thursday concert subscription for over thirty years.

Susan sat on the Board of the Kirtland Public Library as well as The Cleveland

Kidney Foundation and was an active supporter of several animal rescue shelters in Geauga and Cuyahoga Counties. Her home was no stranger to critters: several German Shepherd Dogs, a Jack Russell Terrier, a Catahoula Leopard Dog, several cats and peacocks and peahens found their way into her home and heart.

Susan taught art at Collinwood High School for several years. Her curriculum included a course in Sign Painting, which encouraged students who may have doubted they had artistic talent to give art a try. When Cleveland Public Schools implemented the Federal Court order to desegregate, Susan, a staunch believer in equal and civil rights, served on one of several integration intervention teams, visiting schools during the first months of student realignment, helping to pave the way for mutual understanding and cooperation. She concluded her career as an expulsion hearing officer, working with students and their parents to prepare for a successful school re-integration.

She is survived by her siblings, Nancy, Samathy and Martin Hanna; niece, Hanna Soltow; and her nephew, Andy Soltow.

A gathering to celebrate Susan's life will be held from 4-8 p.m. on Tuesday, August 2, 2022 at the Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 8466 Mentor Ave., Mentor, OH 44060.

Please offer condolences at [www.brunners.com](http://www.brunners.com).

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

AUG 2. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center

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# Tribute Wall

LP

“ I was fortunate to meet Susan and her husband Marvin through mutual friends. Susan was a bright sunshine at every social gathering.  
Every year Susan and Marvin held wonderful Christmas parties in their home at Kirtland. Susan sent her own invitation art cards for the party.  
A physician by day, Marvin was an artist as well doing beautiful woodwork. During their Christmas parties, their guests enjoyed the festivities and admired the new art pieces created by Susan, by Marvin, and by other artists, whose work Susan and Marvin collected.  
Susan was loved by all. Her many friends will miss her beautiful smile, big sparkling eyes and sense of humor.  
Lisa Powers

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**Lisa Powers** - August 14, 2022 at 11:52 AM

MC

“ From the Cochran Family  
  
We will always treasure the Christmas Eves Susan and Marv spent with us  
Bert and I also spent many nice times over the years at the #cabin#  
I always admired  
Susan for her talent and excellent culinary ability  
She has gifted us with several of her creative art works  
I have treasured her friendship and she has been in my thoughts and prayers these past years  
Another bright light is gone  
Our thoughts and prayers are with you  
Myra

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**myra cochran** - August 01, 2022 at 09:08 PM

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**myra cochran** - August 01, 2022 at 09:01 PM

MG

“ *Susan was as exotic as her peacocks, though more muted. Alive to the beauty in people, the beauty of the natural world. She and Marv created a refuge of such unique artistry and elegance, offering escape and peace from the craziness of the world, but she headed into Cleveland, for years and years, and did what she could for the kids and parents who struggled daily.*

*A rare woman and wonderful friend.*

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**Maureen Greicius** - July 31, 2022 at 07:35 PM

SS

“ *I worked with Sue from 1985 - 2004 in the Office of Guidance and Counseling, Cleveland Metropolitan School District. She was a dear friend and we shared the good and bad while working together. I bought some of her ceramics, which I still cherish. I loved visiting her home ... Marv ... dogs ... cats and seeing the art collection. My favorite visit was being a guest at the fabulous Christmas parties. I learned to love cashews because they were front and center as i walked in! Also, she made an amazing rum cake and I don't even like rum. There wasn't much that Sue could not do. Her smile lit up a room and her heart was open to helping people. Sue cannot be replaced! Sympathies to her family!*

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**Susan Speizer** - July 26, 2022 at 07:18 PM

BE

“ One of the nicest people that I have ever encountered in my life. We worked together at Collinwood High School for many years. I will forever cherish her memory and her beautiful and oh so genuine kind and loving spirit. I remember so vividly her smile and the twinkle in her eyes. Blessed to have known Sue.

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**Bertha** - July 23, 2022 at 04:08 PM

MS

“ The beautiful peacock feathers in our living room remind us of the beautiful, warm and talented friend who gave them to us. We loved our many visits to the unique and lovely home that Marvin and Susan created.

*Carol Gill and Michael Salkind*

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**michael salkind** - July 23, 2022 at 10:22 AM

JA

“ I worked with Susan while on the board of the Geauga Humane Society (Rescue Village.). She was such a special multi-talented person. She contributed her knowledge and talents to many facets of society, more than I ever knew. We will never forget you Susan!

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**Jeanie Antonacci** - July 22, 2022 at 01:13 PM