

## SUSAN VOSS WEBB



Susan Voss Webb of Birmingham, Alabama passed away on Thursday, November 2nd, with her husband of 56 years and two sons by her side. She was born in Boone, Iowa on July 24, 1940, and is preceded in death by her parents, John and Pearl Voss, sister Mary Ann Voss, and son William Walter. Susan enjoyed a decades long teaching career in elementary, secondary, and higher education, after earning degrees from Clarke University in Dubuque, Iowa, and Saint Louis University in St. Louis, Missouri.

She married Bill in 1967 at St. Bernard's in Osceola, Iowa, and lived in Chicago, Illinois until 1975, when his work brought them to Birmingham. Years later, they relocated to Andalusia and Jasper, then to Roanoke, Virginia, and Brookfield, Connecticut. Both Susan's father and husband were store managers for the JCPenney Co. Susan delighted in recalling how Mr. Penney stayed at her parents' home both in Stanberry, Mo. and Osceola, IA. They returned to Birmingham in 2001 and joined St. Mark's Parish, where Susan served as Coordinator of the Parish School of Religion for 13 years. She continued her passion for teaching as "America's Traveling Schoolmarm" and was a speaker for the Alabama Humanities Alliance.

Susan developed a love for the study of early American education, having been inspired by her mother who was a one room schoolteacher. She was a presenter and proud member of the Country School Association of America (CSAA), a nonprofit made up of volunteers who work to preserve, understand, and appreciate early country schooling across the nation.

Susan is survived by her husband, Bill, and sons, William John of Atlanta, Georgia, and Stephen Matthew (Bridget) of St. Louis, Missouri. Three grandchildren, Jacob, Lucas, and Madeline Webb also filled Susan's life with abounding love and joy. Faith, friends, and family were the cornerstones of her life, and she will always be remembered for bringing people together with the many creative gatherings she hosted, especially during holidays.

The family wishes to thank the medical staffs at both St. Vincent's East Hospital and UAB Hospital Birmingham for their dedicated care and compassion, as well as the St. Mark's Parish community for their enduring love and support. Memorials in Susan's name may be made to St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Church Building Fund, PO Box 380396, Birmingham, AL 35238, or to the Clarke Fund (<https://www.clarke.edu/giving/donate-to-clarke>) at Clarke University.