

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, God in His infinite wisdom has called Susan Marie Sommerfield to her eternal reward; and

WHEREAS, The Chicago City Council has been informed of her passing by the Honorable Marty Quinn, Alderman of the 13th Ward; and

WHEREAS, Susan Marie Sommerfield, age 72, of Oak Forest, IL passed away peacefully on Thursday, October 26th, 2023 surrounded by loved ones; and

WHEREAS, Susan "Sue" was born on March 7, 1951 to late parents Ralph Schimanski and Margaret (née Abertusiak) in Chicago, IL. Sue was predeceased by her brother Robert who passed away last year; and

WHEREAS, Sue graduated from Visitation High School in 1969 and went on to study education at Chicago State University. She received her Bachelor of Science degree in Education and Master of Science degree in Special Education. Sue began her first job at St. Bernard's Elementary School (Chicago); kick starting a multi-year career in education; and


WHEREAS, In 1971, Sue met Tom through mutual friends and they married in 1975. Tom and Sue went on to have two children, Kate (Brad Hare) and Megan (Josh Brown). Sue was an active member of the Oak Forest community and volunteered much of her time to Fierke Elementary School's PTA. She served as PTA President and led many school and fundraising events, including Market Day, Fun Fair and Teacher Appreciation Week. Sue was also very involved at St. Damian Parish. She spent over 25 years as a Catechist and grade level instructor for first grade and volunteered many hours helping run the annual rummage sale. You could often find Sue working out at the community gym or walking with friends from the neighborhood. She was a familiar face to many. To know Sue was to love her; and

WHEREAS, Sue will be remembered for being a doting and present 'Nono' to her seven grandchildren: Adelaide (15), Jackson (13), Lakelyn (10), Beau (9), Georgia (8), Millie (6), and Oakley (4); loving mom to daughters Kate and Megan; devoted wife to Tom; thoughtful mother-in-law to Brad and Josh; and loyal friend to her lifelong childhood friends: Claudia, Norine and Karen;

WHEREAS, Sue was patient, helpful and kind. She had a knack for making others feel special and paying attention to detail. Sue will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by all; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and members of the Chicago City Council gathered here this thirteenth day of December 2023, hereby express our sorrow on the death of Susan Marie Sommerfield and extend to her family and friends our deepest sympathy.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy be presented to the family of Susan Marie Sommerfield.



Marty Quinn
Alderman, 13th Ward