



Sue Ann Meier

April 24, 1957 - April 29, 2025

Sue Ann Meier (Morton), 68, passed away peacefully Tuesday morning, April 29th, at Riverside Methodist Hospital after a brief illness.

Sue was born April 24th, 1957, in Sandusky, Ohio to the late George and Rita (Missig) Morton.

Sue is survived by her husband, Don Meier; children, Dustin Meier and Sarah Meier; siblings, Linda (John) Kramer, Diana (John) Oney, George Morton, Lee Morton, and David (Sharon) Morton.

The youngest of six children, Sue was born and raised in Sandusky, Ohio. As a teenager, she spent her summers making paper mâché flowers and cotton candy for children at Cedar Point. She graduated from St. Mary's High School in 1975, where she made several life-long friends. After High School, she studied fashion at Bowling Green State University.

Sue enjoyed a diverse and fulfilling career. After a stint as the Assistant Manager at Mr. Wigg's Department Store in Indiana, she moved back to Ohio to work in the Statehouse for Congressman Fred Deering. She then assumed a role as Development Director at the St. Thomas More Newman Center in Columbus. After she had children, she went back to work at The Ohio State University, first for the Fisher College of Business, then the College of Social Work, and finally the Department of Evolution, Ecology, and Organismal Biology. She met many close friends during her time at Ohio State, and her jobs allowed her to be close to her children when they attended the university.

With her husband, Don, Sue shared the perfect marriage. Her sister introduced them to each other at a weekly dart league in Columbus. Don said that he knew exactly what kind of person she was the moment he met her. He asked for her hand in marriage in front of the Jefferson Memorial's reflection pool in Washington, D.C, and they were married in 1986. Together, they purchased a house, raised two children, renovated the house, raised

three dogs (Rags, Bernie, and Kiki), and retired together. They never fought, and they knew each other's strengths.

Sue was a pillar of her community. When her children were young, she volunteered in both of their classrooms at Colonial Hills Elementary School. She organized the best Halloween parties in the history of the neighborhood at the Selby Park Shelter House. She never missed a baton twirling competition or little league sports game. Along with other moms, she organized and led the local Girl Scout Troop. She made lifelong friendships with other local parents.

A master craftswoman, Sue generated tens of thousands of dollars of revenue from her company, susiemeierbags.com. She sold bags, purses, earrings, and more to people in 37 states and the United Kingdom. In her retirement, she sold bags at countless fairs and shows throughout Ohio. She refinished and repurposed beautiful furniture which adorns the houses of her family and friends.

Sue found joy in all of life's small pleasures. She loved to curl up with a good book or watch a murder mystery. Each summer, she planted a beautiful garden full of plants and flowers. She enjoyed watching the birds, hummingbirds, and chipmunks that joined her in her yard. She ran two half marathons and numerous shorter races, including the yearly Colonial Hills Run Through the Hills 5k. Sue always saw the big picture, and she understood that life is all about the people you meet along the way.

Sue's greatest legacy is her children. She filled their home with joy, laughter, great food, and an abundance of love. She gave them the world and let them be whoever they wanted to be.

A small service for family and a celebration of life for family and friends will be announced in the coming weeks.

In lieu of flowers, those wishing to contribute to Sue's memory may do so to Friends of the Shelter at friendsoftheshelter.org or the American Stroke Association at stroke.org.

Tribute Wall

PN

“ I worked with Susie at OSU for many years. She was a straight up, wonderful colleague, someone I could always trust to do the right thing. She was honest, forthright, and sensible in all her work. And a lot of fun. In the Colonial Hills neighborhood, she and Don will be known forever for their stellar Halloween decorations, always winning one of the neighborhood awards. And of course that artistic ability spilled over into her purse designs and other artistic endeavors. She is gone too soon. My deepest sympathy to Don and their children. Phyllis Newman

Phyllis Newman - June 05, 2025 at 10:16 AM

SM

Thank you so much for the kind words, Phyllis. We are having a celebration of life for Sue at the beginning of August, can you please text me your address so we can send you an invitation? 614-266-3310

Sarah Meier - July 02, 2025 at 09:31 AM

KG

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Karen Izzi Gallagher - May 31, 2025 at 04:45 PM

KG

I came across this picture of one of the times Susie and I flew a refueling training mission with the Ohio National Guard while we were aides in the Ohio House of Representatives. She for Mr. Deering, if memory serves me. I for Mr. Shoemaker. We did some crazy, fun things while helping constituents and making positive change for all Ohioans. We were more than work friends. Work and the universe brought us together. Needless to say, we did some crazy, (some would probably think not so wise) fun things as friends. And although we moved from Columbus, we tried to remain in touch, sharing about our kids as they grew, our love of birds and animals. Husbands, too. We were in each other's weddings. Susie made maternity jumpers for me to wear when I was pregnant. She was the first friend that I shared my son was transgender. I'm still trying to wrap my head around this deep loss. May warm memories fill the hole in Don and the kids' hearts as they travel this journey of profound loss. Peace and love. ~Izzi

Karen Gallagher - May 31, 2025 at 05:09 PM

SM

Thank you so much for sharing this photo, what a cool memory ❤️

Sarah Meier - June 13, 2025 at 08:42 AM

KG

You're welcome, Sarah. On that flight, your mom became airsick. Since it was a transport plane, there were pull-down sling seats lining the fuselage and a few randomly placed seats that weren't very comfortable or stable in our opinion. So the guys let your mom sit up in the cockpit, in the jumpseat, for the ride home. Lucky duck! Honestly, I didn't want her to puke on me. We laughed about it afterwards.

We were both runners. Sue was a much better runner than I. Much more efficient. And wiser! I ran a marathon or two. She was always ready to train with me or lend support.

I was your mom's matron of honor when she and your dad married. They were meant for each other from Day One.

Your mom was kind, compassionate, hardworking, intelligent, wise, talented...one of the best aides in the Ohio House. She cared for each one of the constituents in Mr. Deering's district. Pretty sure that's who she worked for.

Your mom's birthday was April 24; mine January 24, 1975. I think our middle names are the same...Ann. And although we grew up on opposite sides of the state, we had a lot in common. I smile with a tear whenever I think of your mom. I think of her often. ❤️

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Karen Gallagher - June 20, 2025 at 03:36 AM

SM

Karen- we are having a celebration of life for Sue at the beginning of August, can you please text me your address so we can send you an invitation? 614-266-3310

Sarah Meier - July 02, 2025 at 09:27 AM

TL

“ I met Sue at Worthington Recreation Center. She was so open to learning how to hula hoop for health and fitness ❤️🙏 we became friends and because of her telling others about the class the class grew 🙏 we stayed in touch through text and social media. When my dog died Sue understood my pain because she loves dogs as well. She told me once her health was better she was coming back to class but God needed her more 😭❤️🙏

Tasya Lacy - May 19, 2025 at 06:00 PM

MS

“ I worked with Sue at the Newman Center before she was married and attended her wedding to Don, as did most of the staff. She was always upbeat but never naive. She could simply point out issues and see who would address them. When I left a religious community, Sue offered to help me file my first-ever taxes. It took all of five minutes and I was embarrassed at the simplicity of that document. I asked to just stay in her office so no one else would know how naive I'd been. She laughed so hard, and then we chatted and laughed some more for a good chunk of time. I'm shocked by her death, saddened to lose such a fun-loving, honest and diligent colleague.

Marie Sweeney - May 18, 2025 at 07:27 PM

SM

“ 15 files added to the album Sue Pictures



Sarah Meier - May 18, 2025 at 03:30 PM

LB

“ My aunt Susie was a special person. She was so upbeat and happy. She enjoyed life to the fullest doing what she loved. Her and my uncle Donny had a great marriage. I always admired their relationship. I will miss her so much.
Love Lisa Bridge

Lisa Bridge - May 04, 2025 at 09:17 AM

CJ

Sorry to learn of the passing of my cousin, Susie Meier. Such a lovely tribute to her many talents. Her Grandmother, Susan Missing would've so proud to know that her many talents were enjoyed by so many.
Clare Mae Missig Jotdan, PortClinton, OH 43452

Clate Mae Missig Jotdan - May 07, 2025 at 10:02 AM

MW

“ My Sister-in-law was nothing short of amazing. Living in Virginia we didn't get to see Don and Susie as often as we would have liked to. Our visits were special in Virginia and Florida. I have always been in awe of The Special Marriage she and Don shared. I also admired Susie's special personality, and her unlimited talents . Susie will be forever in our thoughts and prayers. . i know she has so many Angels watching over her ! Love you Susie!

Marcia Wilson - May 03, 2025 at 07:17 PM