



Mrs. Susan Wascher Breslin

April 4, 1954 - March 31, 2023

Susan (Wascher) Breslin, a native of Olean, NY and resident of Chambersburg, PA, joined her heavenly Father on Friday, March 31, 2023 after a courageous three-year battle with cancer. The daughter of the late Eugene (Gene) and June Wascher, Susan was born in England during Gene's military service, arriving on April 4, 1954, easily remembered because April 4 was her father's birthday.

She is survived by her husband of 46 years, Mike, their two married children, and three grandsons: Erin Elizabeth (Breslin) Honsermyer and her husband Brian of East Berlin, PA and their son Evan; and Michael and Lindsay (Van Horn) Breslin of Chambersburg, PA and their two sons: Patrick and James. Susan's brother Steven and his wife Cheryl Wascher reside in NY along with their two sons, Andrew, Lee and his wife Barbara.

Mike's brother Dr. Andrew Breslin, his wife Pam Breslin, their son, Luke and his companion Jessi Nolet live in Lenox, MA and son Samuel and his wife Molly, live in Albany with daughters Liddy and Emma.

Susan graduated from Portville, NY High School and earned an Associate Degree in Journalism and later a Bachelor's Degree in Journalism from West Virginia University (WVU) where she met Mike.

Susan's began her career as a documentary writer for the WVU public television station, later becoming the Public Relations Coordinator for the WVU Foundation.

Susan and Mike moved to Pennsylvania for positions at Hershey Medical

Center. Susan worked in the Development Office and later was named Director of Marketing. She was instrumental in the promotion and naming of the Life Lion. She also promoted the Penn State Dance Marathon in support of the Four Diamonds Cancer Research Fund. Her final major initiative at Hershey was co-coordinating the Medical Center's joining the Children's Miracle Network. There Susan arranged celebrity television appearances and visits to hospitalized children.

The couple moved to Carlisle for a new position for Mike. As a stay-at-home mom, Susan volunteered at the Second Presbyterian Church and became a Sunday School teacher which led to a passion for education. She began a multi-year endeavor to earn her teaching certificate, from Shippensburg University, Harrisburg Community College, and finally Gettysburg College. After moving to Chambersburg, Susan and Mike attended a Chamber of Commerce dinner meeting, where they were seated at a table with the late CASD Superintendent Ed Sponseller. Learning of Susan's background, Dr. Sponseller was quite surprised that Susan wanted to become an English teacher. When a teaching position opened, an administrator called while the family was vacationing in Tennessee and told Susan he wanted to interview her immediately. The Breslins left Tennessee that afternoon.

Susan became a Seventh Grade English teacher in the Chambersburg Area Middle School (CAMS) for eight years. Later, she went back to night school and earned a Master's Degree from Penn State Harrisburg.

At CAMS she started the student organization CAMS Cougar Council. She was on the committee that led CAMS to be named a National Blue Ribbon School.

Later, Susan was named the District's K-12 English Curriculum Coordinator. In this position, she earned her Supervisor's Certificate in Education from Shippensburg University. Her final position in the District was Public Relations Coordinator, from which she retired.

The Breslins enjoyed traveling in the US and abroad. Their favorite vacations were cruises. Susan always said, "I like taking a great hotel and wonderful

restaurant with me."

Some of their memorable travels included: Northern Europe, Paris, London, both Eastern and Western Caribbean, Mexico, Hawaii, as well as National Parks in the USA (but those not by boat.)

Susan was a dedicated volunteer: Junior League of Harrisburg, Rotary Ann, Carlisle Swim Club Board, Carlisle PTO, Sunday School Teacher at Second Presbyterian Church of Carlisle, and later at The Presbyterian Church of Falling Spring, where she also served as Deacon, Member of Session, and Clerk of Session. Most recently she volunteered at Sweet Grace Ministries, Chambersburg.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 15, 2023 at the Presbyterian Church of the Falling Spring with the Rev. Andrew Hart and the Rev. Mark Medina officiating.

In lieu of flowers, Susan requested gifts in her memory be made to Sweet Grace Ministries and/or The Presbyterian Church of Falling Spring. Interment will be private.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

APR **15**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Presbyterian Church of Falling Spring
221 North Main Street
Chambersburg, PA 17201