

Susan Starr

March 20, 1950 – March 20, 2023

Susan Starr, beloved daughter, sister, teacher, mentor, and friend, crossed the threshold on her 73rd birthday, March 20, 2023, in La Mesa, CA.

Susan's memorial service filled the auditorium of the Waldorf School of San Diego with school friends, fellow teachers, students, and their parents, as well as Anthroposophical Society members and her extended family, to share memories of her many loving and thoughtful deeds.

After graduating from Southwestern University in Chula Vista, CA with a major in Humanities in 1972, she spent seven years living in British Columbia, Canada, where she discovered anthroposophy and the Christian Community. She was attending Simon Fraser University as a Kinesiology Major when she became interested in early childhood education and eurythmy and decided to pursue eurythmy training. She later completed the Waldorf kindergarten training, and in 1985 was a pioneering faculty member of the Early Childhood Program at the Princeton, New Jersey Waldorf School, where she stayed until 2002.

Susan eventually returned to San Diego and taught for a year at the Sanderling Waldorf School before moving to the Waldorf School of San Diego, where she was the lead teacher in the Rosemary kindergarten until 2014.

She went on to mentor Waldorf kindergarten teachers and families all over the US and in China. She was known by everyone for her incredible talent and generosity in puppetry arts. She shared puppet making and puppet shows every chance she got. During the pandemic lockdown, she drove to students' homes and performed puppet plays in the family driveway.



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Susan learned sailing from her father and loved to take friends out for a sail on the San Diego Bay. She was a talented singer and lyre player, playing lyre in her apartment courtyard for neighbors who were on lockdown. She gained permission from her landlord to plant beautiful flower gardens all around her apartment complex. Every year she walked to raise money for the Anthroposophical Prison Outreach.

Susan was a wonderfully gifted and generous-hearted friend. She is dearly loved and greatly missed ♦.

—Compiled by Nancy Blanning