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Susan Block

Deerfield, Illinois

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Obituary

BLOCK, SUSAN H.

Susan H. Block, nee Feinberg. Beloved wife of the late Leon. Dear sister of Dennis (Bonnie) Feinberg. Devoted aunt of Jennifer (Jason), David (Michelle), Joanna (Jordan), and Barbara (Ken). Cherished great-aunt to many nieces and nephews. Dear friend to many.

Susan Block, poet, playwright, writing workshop leader and cultural arts advocate, enjoyed an award-winning 20-year career in public relations and marketing in her hometown of Chicago. In midlife, she entered into a second career as an interior designer. A Duneland Beach, Indiana weekend cottage, renovated with her husband Lee, became a cover story in a Better Homes & Gardens magazine. What followed was a new millennium move to Michigan City, where Susan continued to evolve her personal writing.

As a poet, in 2009 she was named LaPorte County Poet Laureate and in 2013 was nominated for Indiana State Poet

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...2011, she originated and hosted "Conversations on Creativity," an interview radio show on BlogTalkRadio, world's largest internet talk radio network. The series explores the creative process with regional high profile artists, writers and musicians.

Her advocacy for the cultural arts in Northwest Indiana include being a 12-year founding member and past President of the Board of Directors of the Lubeznik Center For The Arts. One of their art galleries bears her name. While at the LCA she produced events for National Poetry Month, a symposium on creativity in the arts and several jazz concerts. She has given public interior design presentations as well as leading multiple creative writing, poetry and memoir writing workshops at the Lubeznik and working with writers in one-on-one editing. In 2012, she took a seat on the Board of Directors of Michigan City's Southern Shore Art Association, a regional art exhibition organization. She frequently conceives and chairs art exhibitions there, her first one cited as an art event "Pick of the Week" by the Chicago Tribune.

Her writings have been published in the Chicago Tribune, Chicago Life Magazine, Michigan City New Dispatch, LaPorte Herald Argus, The Beacher, Millennium Poets of LaPorte County, The New England Writer's Journal, The Golden Quill, Leaves of Poetry and Poetic Nature in the Hoosierland. Susan's poems and short stories appear in The Write Word, a literary anthology in Indiana libraries. In 2009, she was named the national first prize winner in an original love letter contest to promote the movie "Bright Star," a biopic of 19c. English poet John Keats' love affair with Fanny Brawne.

Block's eclectic writings explore subjects of nature, both scenic and human, the conjunction of love and loss and the prospect of life's possibilities. Her personal pleasures include gardening, baking and exploring the beauty and power of language in our lives.

Graveside services Tuesday 3PM at Westlawn Cemetery, 7801 W. Montrose, Norridge, IL. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Susan's name to ALS Association www.alsa.org, would be appreciated. Info Mitzvah Memorial Funerals, 630-MITZVAH (630-648-9824).

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