



Susan Ridgway

November 26, 2025

Susan Ridgway, age 80, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, November 26, 2025, surrounded by the love of her family. She lived a life full of creativity, adventure, and hard work, and left a legacy that will be cherished for generations.

Susan is preceded in death by her parents; her brothers Reginald Humphries and Ted Humphries, sister-in-law Colleen Humphries and brothers-in-law, Alan Little and Robert Kinney.

She is survived by five siblings; Ann Williams and husband Ray, Joan Kinney, John Humphries and wife Kathy, Carol Little, Franc Humphries and wife Annette; sisters-in-law Marlene

Humphries, Barbara Gregory and Gloria McGonagill, and many nieces, and nephews.

She is survived by her three children, Julie Smedley and husband Charles, Lisa Bexley and husband Paul, and Matthew Ridgway and wife Angela, her beloved grandchildren: Hannah, Kaylie, Truman, Ella, Tula, Gwennie and Emmy who lovingly knew her as their cherished Nana.

A native of New Zealand, Susan came to America in 1965 after marrying Gary

Ridgway. Her love of travel and adventure was quickly realized while living in California, Kodiak Island, Alaska, and New Zealand before settling in Del Rio in 1975. Susan cared deeply about the people she loved and often expressed that love through her talents as a cake decorator, crafting themed birthday cakes that quickly grew into a steady side business. Her creative gifts extended beyond cakes. She studied pottery at the Del Rio Council for the Arts, where her dedication and skill eventually earned her a position as an instructor of wheel-thrown pottery. While working at The Branding Iron and Wright's Steak House, her cake requests continued to grow, and in 1994 she officially founded Cakes for All Occasions. Affectionately known throughout the community as "the Del Rio Cake Lady", she created countless memorable cakes, including beautiful wedding and quinceañera cakes, themed birthday cakes, graduation pieces, baby shower designs, and so much more. The love, laughter, and enduring friendships formed in her kitchen were truly countless. Her interests later expanded to include scrapbooking, allowing her to preserve the stories of her travels, her children, and her growing circle of grandchildren. Susan has been an inspiration to her children and to many others as an example of tenacity, hard work, creativity, and entrepreneurship. Her legacy lives on in the lives she touched, the families she celebrated, and

the memories she shaped with her hands and her heart. She will be deeply missed and lovingly remembered.

She is now at peace with the Lord

Celebration of Life to be held at Bank & Trust, board room, January 3, 2026, at 11:00 am. All are welcome.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Del Rio Meals on Wheels, 300 Westward Way, Del Rio, Texas 78840 or to the Salvation Army in honor of Susan Ridgway

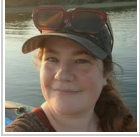
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“ Auntie Sue’s bright smile, fun energy, and warm laughter lit up every room and is already so missed. She was endlessly creative, extremely kind, had a unique way with people, and a genuine joy for life. We always looked forward to seeing her. Wished she lived around the corner and not on the other end of North America, but growing up she checked in with the Canadian arm of the family often. My Mum, Dad, and Aunty made a great traveling trio stamping their passports in multiple countries. Aunty Sue made all of her nieces and nephews feel like a million bucks when she was near. She was so proud of her kids and grandchildren. What a lady! Her spirit lives in the hearts of so many friends and family across the world.



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“ My dear Aunty Sue...more than just an Aunty. My roadie mate.
Many good trips and photos taken. Love and miss you soo much ❤️
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