



Susan E. Dickey

January 14, 1942 - January 23, 2026

Susan Dickey died peacefully at home on January 23, 2026, nine days after her 84th birthday and a long physical and mental decline caused by Frontotemporal Dementia. Her Catholic faith, leadership in the Gilman Lower School music program, and dedication to caring for others earned her the respect and admiration of family, friends, and colleagues.

She was born on January 14, 1942 in Dickinson North Dakota. Her parents were Louis W. Veigel, a consulting Engineer, and Mary Ellen Kelly Veigel, an architect, who worked together as Veigel Engineering. After graduating from the College of St. Catherine in St. Paul, Minnesota; she received her Master of Music degree from Northwestern University. She then taught at the University of Maryland, College Park, the Peabody Preparatory, and the Gilman School in Baltimore. Gilman School recognized Her contributions to its Lower School music program by naming her an Edward K. Dunn Faculty Fellow in 1986 and granting her The Edward C. Russell Chair in 1999. She retired from Gilman in 2012. Always an active volunteer at her parish—initially Cathedral of Mary Our Queen and subsequently Ss. Philip and James, she also served on the Board of the Mother Seton House in Baltimore. In 2017, after several years of prison ministry and service to the poor and the sick, she became a Dame of the Sovereign Military Hospitaller Order of St. John of Jerusalem, of Rhodes and of Malta.

In 1965, she married G. Edward Dickey, then on active duty in the Office of the Secretary of Defense as a 1st Lieutenant in the U. S. Army. After the birth

of their two sons, the couple moved to the Guilford neighborhood in Baltimore, Maryland where she lived until her death. She enjoyed entertaining, gardening and travel with husband and her family. She spent many summers in North Dakota and in 2010 after the death of her parents acquired a second home in Dickinson to be near her family cattle ranch in Killdeer.

She is survived by her husband, her sister, Kathleen Oleson of Cambridge, Massachusetts, her brothers, Alan J. Veigel of Seattle, Washington, and Jeffery K. Veigel of Rapid City, South Dakota, her son, Paul Edward Dickey and his wife, Cindy, and her granddaughter, Katherine Emma of Dickinson, ND. Her son, George Louis Dickey, preceded her in death in 1998.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to the Franciscan Center, 101 West 23rd Street, Baltimore, MD 21218, a charity serving Baltimore's poor, which she supported as a volunteer and as a donor.

Cemetery Details

Garrison Forest Veterans

11501 Garrison Forest Road
Owings Mills, MD 21117

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 30. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Mitchell - Wiedefeld Funeral Home, Inc.
6500 York Road
Baltimore, MD 21212
(410) 377-8300
general@mwfuneralhome.com

Visitation

JAN 30. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Mitchell - Wiedefeld Funeral Home, Inc.
6500 York Road
Baltimore, MD 21212
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Funeral Mass

JAN 31. 11:00 AM (ET)

Saints Philip & James Catholic Church
2801 N Charles St
Baltimore, MD 21218

Tribute Wall

GH

“ Always enjoyed our visits. We will miss you, Gary and Cameron Hardesty.

Gary Hardesty - February 26 at 06:27 PM

JR

“ I will never forget being in the choir and her passion for teaching music. Especially singing “Ghost Ship”. She will be missed. Prayers and condolences to her family.

John Raiti - February 25 at 07:02 PM

EB

“ In fourth grade I auditioned for lower school choir at Gilman. Despite singing off tune, Mrs. Dickey allowed me to join, and taught me so many songs. I now sing those songs to my children before they go to sleep. What a blessing she was on all she touched. She lives on now through the music of countless voices: the voices of parents, now, that were once young and hers to teach.

Erem Boto - February 20 at 11:29 PM

JA

“ Susie was a real talented musician that I always looked up to in Dickinson. The Veigels were close personal friends and we enjoyed visits to their cabin in the Killdeer mountains with the McKenzies



joan weir allen - February 11 at 11:48 PM

AT

“ Memories flashing by...Young parents on Capitol Hill...dinner parties with John S....remember Gourmet magazine?...new dining room furniture still in use...wrestling matches! ...Thanksgiving with oysters at the beach with John S and three children digging a hole in the cold sand...hiking around Baltimore...the Dickey's grand parties..and more!
...The Thomases

Alan and Cynthia Thomas - January 31 at 12:37 PM

IG

“ Sue and I shared the same birthday and so many other things (same food, faith, values, ideas, temper etc..), She took me under her wings when I arrived at the Gilman school and supported me until the end. She was my confident and the first I call when my son passed as she too lost a son of the same age. She was my mentor and my dearest friend. I admired her higher and critical thinking, as well as her love for the arts and humanity. She invited me to sumptuous dinners at her house, to inspiring concerts, to her husband's private club, to the soup kitchen charities, and to beautiful catholic masses. Sue was a leader, a world traveler, an avid reader, an amazing music teacher with whom I collaborated for many years. She was a force of nature, a feisty and a no nonsense trooper. I was so impressed with her work ethics, her faith, her devotion, her confidence, and her charisma. She politely emailed me a message announcing that she was diagnosed with a brain disfunction, apologizing in advance for her future inability to connect as we used to. The last time I came to visit, she still wanted to show me her strength as she zoomed in her walker in and outside the house. Special thought to her devoted husband; Ed, you joked that in high school, she was a cheerleader, but you became hers when she needed you the most. My heart to you! You both embody the heart of Christ. Thank you sue for all you've done and for who you were to me and many.

Isabelle Giorgis - January 27 at 01:09 PM

RD

“ Susan was a classmate and friend from our high school days in Dickinson, ND. Our deepest sympathy to her family and friends.

Rolene and John Dinsdale



Rolene and John Dinsdale - January 27 at 01:06 PM

SA

“ Sandy lit a candle in memory of Susan Dickey



Sandy - January 27 at 12:04 PM

CN

“ Sue was an inspiration to work with at Gilman for six years. She welcomed me, served as a mentor, and encouraged me to start the Gilman Bell Choir program. Also, she started the lower school Chime choir to support the Handbell ensembles. Sue invited me to her home, shared dinner, and offered a place to spend the night in case of inclement weather. She was a beautiful Christian spirit, and her service to humanity is a credit to her "walking the path."

*Rest in peace,
Cheryl Nkeba*

Cheryl M Nkeba - January 26 at 02:38 PM



Sue was a lovely mentor when I first came to Gilman. Rest in powerful peace, Sue.

Cathy Miles - February 20 at 10:01 PM