



Susan Anthony Brownell

July 23, 1941 - September 18, 2025

Susan Anthony Brownell, 84, formerly of Johnstown, passed on to the Lord on Thursday, September 18, 2025, at Elderwood of Uihlein in Lake Placid, surrounded by her loving family and friends.

Born in Albany, NY, on July 23, 1941, Susan was the first daughter of Leonard D. and Margaret Kearns Brownell. She was a 1959 graduate of the former Perth Central School and graduated as Valedictorian. Susan earned a BS degree from Purdue University and a Master's degree from Sage Graduate School. Susan was married to George H. Garlock, III, for 10 years and later divorced.

Susan was first employed by Montgomery County Cooperative Extension as a 4-H agent. After spending time at home raising her daughter and while working for the Fulmont Agency, she started the WIC (Women's Infant and Children) program in Fulton and Montgomery Counties, later expanding the program to Schoharie and Hamilton counties. In 1987, she accepted a position with the NYSDOH specializing in maternal and child health programs and retired in 2004.

Susan was a lifelong member of the Purdue Alumni Association, the New York State Bluebird Society, and the Susan B. Anthony Museum & House in Rochester, NY. She served on the board of directors of Planned Parenthood of Northeastern New York and the Farmers Market Association of Fulton and Montgomery Counties and was on the executive committee of the Health Systems Agency. She was active in Democratic politics and served on the

Fulton County Democratic Committee. Susan was a member of the local chapter of the DAR. She was a gourmet cook and enjoyed cooking and hosting elegant dinners for her family and friends. Susan maintained beautiful flower, herb, and vegetable gardens at her home in Johnstown. Susan's home was one of the oldest in Johnstown, NY and was restored by Susan and her daughter, Jennifer, to its' 18th century period. Susan loved her dogs and was often affectionally known as "Goo Goo."

In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by a sister, Linda Marsh, formerly of Sauquoit.

Survivors include a daughter, Jennifer Garlock Keller and son-in-law, James Keller of Saranac Lake, NY; and grandchildren, Nicholas Keller of Middle Grove, Cecilia Keller of Columbus, OH, Megan and Andrew Sanders of Merritt Island Florida, James and Jenny Keller, Jr. of Middle Grove, and John and Meaghan Keller of Hagaman; as well as several cousins; and her Goddaughter, Linda Feldman of Delmar.

The family wishes to extend sincere gratitude and appreciation to the staff of Elderwood, Lake Placid, High Peaks Hospice, and the Renal Dialysis staff at the Adirondack Medical Center as well as the many private caregivers who cared for Susan.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Friday, October 17, 2025, at 10:30 am at St. Cecilia's Roman Catholic Church, 26 Broadway, Fonda NY. Final burial will follow at Evergreen Cemetery, Fonda, NY. In remembrance of Susan, those wishing may make contributions to High Peaks Hospice, 1247 Dix Ave, Hudson Falls, NY 12893. Arrangements are by Robert M. Halgas Funeral Home, Inc. Johnstown, NY.

Cemetery Details

Evergreen Cemetery

Fonda, NY

Previous Events

Mass of Christian Burial

OCT 17. 10:30 AM (ET)

St. Cecelia Church
26 Broadway
Fonda, NY 12068

Graveside Service

OCT 17. 11:45 AM.

Evergreen Cemetery
Fonda, NY

Tribute Wall

BA

“ I worked with Susan, and she was a pleasure to be around. I can hear her laugh. So I will remember her as so good and kind.

Barbara - January 10 at 04:26 PM

BJ

“ Sending love to Jen and family. Susan and I shared cheese fondue in the cafeteria at the highschool in Perth when we were 14 years old. She was a lover of good food even then. A move to Virginia for me never kept us from keeping in touch , and when I moved back to NYS we saw each other from time to time. She was incredibly talented and a gift to all of us who could call her friend. Unique and irreplaceable. Love, Barbara Javarone

barbara javarone - October 22, 2025 at 11:45 AM

MH

“ My condolences go out to Jennifer and family for the loss of Susan.

Susan was a great lady. I was fortunate to work with Sue at the Fulmont Development Facility. She did just an amazing job implementing the WIC program and helped hundreds of families and children live healthier lives in the process. The Community Action work was not just a job to Susan, it was a mission. She deeply cared about helping people help themselves. I was always so amazed that she was able to find a way to do everything with almost nothing in terms of resources.

Susan was a great mentor to me and many of our colleagues. I always looked forward to hearing her stories and perspectives on the craziness we call work and life. She was also a friend that shared her home with her friends and family and brought us all great joy at some great winter cross country ski get togethers and dinners where she fed us wonderful meals and treats from her garden and kitchen! We called her the Country Inn keeper. Visits there were always special.

Susan we will miss you! God Bless.

Marcus Harazin , Canada Lake, NY

Marcus Harazin - October 16, 2025 at 08:37 PM

CN

“ Cece and nick purchased the Calm & Comfort Bouquet for Sympathy - Florist Choice for the family of Susan Anthony Brownell.



Cece and nick - October 13, 2025 at 10:32 AM

RS

“ Such an amazing human, I can not find the right words to express what an inspirational impact Sue had on me, my wife, Sandy, and so many other people. She told it as she saw it and was an ardent advocate for pushing progress on so many issues and causes, that now seem to be in jeopardy.

Sue hosted Sandy & my intimate wedding at her home 38 years ago. So many good times with Sue and so many enlightening conversations Sandy and I had with her on so many topics. Sue is missed. My sincere condolences to Jen and all Sue's family and friends.

Love and Peace to all.

Rennie Sanges

Rennie Sanges - September 29, 2025 at 09:53 PM

RD

I'm deeply saddened by the news of Susan's passing. Like so many others Susan had a lasting impression on me: the way I cook, garden and my understanding of political issues. It was easy to enjoy spending time with Sue. She was smart, funny and a great mentor always willing to talk and listen. We enjoyed many fun times especially dining together at fine restaurants or preparing a meal in her 17th century salt box house in Johnstown. My heart goes out to Jenn and family at this time of great loss.

Roseann Doran - October 19, 2025 at 08:18 PM

KF

I am sending heartfelt condolences to all who knew Sue and will now miss her. I worked with Sue at WIC on Fonda in the early 1980s, where she mentored me in my first (rocky) job. She prepared rarebit for me at her home to welcome me to Fonda. We maintained occasional contact and Sue was an avid supporter as my career developed from a nutritionist to a midwife. Preparing another annual letter, I only am now finding out about her passing. It is a testament that many people were touched by her warmth, as was I.

Kate T Finn (Cathy Timmermann)

Kate T Finn - January 03 at 04:52 PM

SB

“ I love Susie so much I took care of her when she was in Saratoga springs she could always make me laugh she was a firer cracker .she has a heart of gold n now she is in heaven with my mom dancing n singing.❤️ Susan blowers

Susan Blowers - September 26, 2025 at 11:31 PM

JK

“ 5 files added to the tribute wall



Jennifer B Keller - September 24, 2025 at 12:10 PM