



## Susan Ormiston Binns

July 15, 1941 - September 16, 2025

Susan Ormiston Binns (AKA SOB), age 83 of Nashville, passed away September 16, 2025

Susan celebrated 46 years of sobriety and leaves behind a legacy of service. Her desire to support others' recovery journeys culminated in 1996 when she opened her own recovery community for women YANA

( You Are Never Alone). Susan's work should be viewed as one of the first modern applications

of the Social-Experiential Model to recovery housing outside of the Oxford Model. This person-first philosophy prioritizes empowerment, human connection, personal transformation, holistic and trauma-informed care and was revolutionary for the treatment industry.

She is preceded in death by her parents, John E. And Fayette Bardon Binns of Philadelphia, PA.

Susan is survived by her daughter Chandelle C. Binns of Nashville, TN, son John J. Binns of Delray Beach, FL; her sister Bonnie B. Matthaesus of Wilmington, DE; nephews William J. Matthaesus of Co., Dublin, Ireland and Michael B. Matthaesus (Katie du Pont Matthaesus) of Glenwood, MD; and her great-nephew, Hunter William du Pont Matthaesus. She also leaves behind an extended family of countless women whose lives she helped to reclaim.

Services will be held Saturday, September 27th at 10:00 am. EST at The Monthly Meeting of Friends of Philadelphia Meeting House, 4th and Arch St. Philadelphia, PA. Burial will follow at Friends South-Western Burial Grounds,

236 Powell Lane, Upper Darby, PA. A Celebration of Life will be hosted Sunday, December 7th from 4-7pm at Anzie Blue, 2111 Belcourt Ave. Unit 101 Nashville, TN, 37212, where stories and laughter will no doubt rival the tears. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Monthly Meeting of Friends of Philadelphia [www.historicismh.org](http://www.historicismh.org) or to the Tennessee Alliance of Recovery Residences [www.tnarr.org](http://www.tnarr.org) whose mission continues Susan's work by promoting safe, accountable and supportive recovery housing across the state.

# Previous Events

## Service

SEP 27. 10:00 AM (ET)

The Monthly Meeting of Friends of Philadelphia Meeting House  
4th and Arch Street  
Philadelphia, PA

## Celebration of Life

DEC 7. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Anzie Blue  
2111 Belcourt Ave.  
101  
Nashville, TN 37212

# Tribute Wall

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“ *What a wonderful woman! Susan helped so many women in the Nashville area. The entire recovery movement will miss her.*

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**Curtiss Kolodney** - December 21, 2025 at 09:38 AM

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“ *I use to get made at Susan when she shared in womans meeting. My sponsor had me do step work on her. I did and saw my part in it. I was able to let it go. A few years later she hired me to work at her HWH and even got me free sessions for EMDR which helped me a great deal. It changed me for better. I will forever be grateful for her help. I will miss her.*

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**norma** - October 16, 2025 at 05:25 PM

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“ *Her NARR Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Susan Ormiston Binns.*



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**Her NARR Family** - September 26, 2025 at 10:33 AM