

## Susan Butt Biography



I was married to my husband, Cliff, for 41 years. He passed away from cancer in 2004. We had two children. My daughter and I live together. She is single and my best friend. My son has three children, aged 19, 18, and 14.

I retired from Long Beach Unified School District in 2007 after 30 years of teaching, mostly at the high school level, a few years as an administrator, and the last four years teaching special education students 18-22 years old in an off-campus "work" setting. Whatever grade or subject I was teaching at the time was my favorite. I once took a loaded gun from a "gangster" student and made him cry. I then had the reputation as being the toughest teacher on campus. (That's my answer to what aspect of your life would surprise classmates.)

I attended Cal State University Fullerton and Dominguez Hills. I have a Master's in Education and one in Public Administration. Still not sure what I want to be when I grow up.

Today I spend three or four months of the year in Richmond, Texas with my sister. I have had some really wonderful European trips and cruises and am planning another as soon as I am able. I am an avid gardener and reader. I belong to several book clubs and am spending my children's inheritance at Barnes and Noble.

I can't think of an all-time favorite book because I love so many, but the best book I've read in the last decade is "Elegance of the Hedgehog" by Muriel Barberry.

I am a fourteen year member of a 12-step program and anyone who can still remember our "senior ditch day" probably can figure out which one.