



Joleen Susan Vander Maten

February 15, 1956 - June 24, 2019

Joleen Susan Vander Maten

Lakeland, FL – Joleen Susan Vander Maten, 63, passed away Monday morning, June 24, 2019 at 7:55am. A memorial service will be conducted on Monday, July 1st, at 11am at Highland Park Church of the Nazarene.

Joleen was born in Asuncion, Paraguay on February 15, 1956 to Rev. Frank Ortiz and the late Rev. Rachel Ortiz. Joleen grew up in Southern California and graduated from Foothill High School. She was a member of the contemporary singing group TRUTH from 1975 – 1978 where she met and married her lifelong husband, Robert Vander Maten. Following TRUTH, Robert and Joleen enrolled at Oral Roberts University and both were members of the World Action Singers from 1978-1981. In December, 1979 while at ORU, Joleen had a malignant brain tumor and was given 9 months to a year to live, but God touched Joleen with His healing hand and gave her almost 40 more years of life.

Following her time at ORU, Joleen and Robert sang with the PTL Singers in Charlotte, NC from 1982-1985, then moved to Orange, CA where Joleen focused all her love and energy on her family – her greatest legacy.

Joleen is survived by her father, Frank Ortiz, her two brothers, Art Ortiz and Frank Ortiz, Jr., her husband of 41 years and 10 months, Robert Vander Maten, her 3 children – Deidra Hughes, Jaclene Stressman, and Joshua Vander Maten, 8 grandchildren – Paris, Nadya and Elijah Hughes, Francesca, Judah and Alexa Stressman, and Jonah and Hadleigh Vander Maten.

Visitation will be at Gentry Morrison Funeral Home Southside from 5:00pm – 8:00pm on Sunday, June 30th.

Graveside service will be at Oak Hill Cemetery at 9:00am on Monday, July 1st.

Memorial Service will be at Highland Park Church of the Nazarene at 11:00am on Monday, July 1st.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Joleen's honor through the following link: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/joleen-vander-maten?teamInvite=c s9KRGVRUh8JH53d1YgFj9tZur5OLawG1EjF8hDBrFJnWy1HTXKOgDBPLg8xd4p9>

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **30**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes - Southside Chapel
1727 Bartow Road
Lakeland, FL 33801
(863) 688-7679
t.hall@gentry-morrison.com
<https://www.gentry-morrison.com/>

Graveside Service

JUL **1**. 9:00 AM (ET)

Oak Hill Burial Park
4620 US Highway 98 S
Lakeland, FL 33812-4212
(863) 834-3287

Memorial Service

JUL **1**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Highland Park Church of the Nazarene
4777 Lakeland Highlands Road
Lakeland, FL 33813

Tribute Wall



“ *Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Joleen Susan Vander Maten*



Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes - June 27, 2019 at 10:28 AM

RG

Loved this lady.. Many memories.. She sang with my sister Tammy and my brother DANNY... DANNY went to be with the LORD December 2 /2017 .. They will be singing with the Angels.... Rebecca Griffin 💙💙

Rebecca jacobs Griffin - July 01, 2019 at 02:59 PM

DJ

“ *My first ever Truth concert, her voice and spirit so powerful. I never forgot her. Met her two beautiful daughters at SE College. She was a blessing and used her gift for His glory*

Debbie Jetter - July 04, 2024 at 04:06 PM

SC

“ *We just saw this ... so broken hearted but know she's with the Lord. Arland always shares the the blessings of song, service, and insight that was always shared. Our prayers are with all of you!*

Sylvia Creach - July 15, 2019 at 05:39 PM

VT

“ Vickie Thompson lit a candle in memory of Joleen Susan Vander Maten



vickie thompson - June 30, 2019 at 08:36 PM

SW

“ Steve & Robin Wilhite purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Joleen Susan Vander Maten.



Steve & Robin Wilhite - June 28, 2019 at 12:48 AM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Joleen Susan Vander Maten.



June 27, 2019 at 04:37 PM



“ Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Joleen Susan Vander Maten.



June 27, 2019 at 04:30 PM

RL

“ *Revolution Church-Jason & Lindsey, David & Leanna purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Joleen Susan Vander Maten.*



Revolution Church-Jason & Lindsey, David & Leanna - June 27, 2019 at 04:13 PM



“ *Heavenly Heights Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joleen Susan Vander Maten.*



June 27, 2019 at 11:03 AM

BM

“ *Beverly (Williamson) Darnall Mansfield purchased the Sentimental Dreams for the family of Joleen Susan Vander Maten.*



Beverly (Williamson) Darnall Mansfield - June 27, 2019 at 09:24 AM



“ 44 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes - June 27, 2019 at 08:29 AM

WM

“ Wayne, Linda, Barb, Helen and Mary purchased the *Basket of Memories* for the family of Joleen Susan Vander Maten.



Wayne, Linda, Barb, Helen and Mary - June 26, 2019 at 07:07 PM