



Martha Louise Strickland

April 19, 1953 - November 8, 2016

Lakeland – Martha “Marty” Louise Strickland, 63, went to be with the Lord on November 8, 2016 after a long illness. She was born on April 19, 1953 in Alliance, OH to John and Ruth Petersberger. Marty grew up with her five siblings. She devoted much of her life raising her two daughters, until beginning a career at Mid-America Administrative and Retirement Solutions. Marty enjoyed watching her daughters play soccer and swim. She loved crafting, going to the beach, lounging by the pool, taking trips with her friends, and spending time with her family. She was a member of First United Methodist Church in Lakeland. Marty will be greatly missed by all the lives that she touched.

Marty is preceded in death by her husband, Bob; parents, Ruth and John Petersberger; brothers, Danny and Johnnie Petersberger.

She is survived by her daughters, Lena Strickland-Shaver, Patti Strickland, and Kathy Strickland-Boatenreiter; longtime friend, Candice Lyles-Jones; grandchildren, Chris Grenade, Brett Boatenreiter and Mya Jones;

Grandchildren on-the-way, Ella Jones and Trey Shaver; siblings, Miriam Petersberger–McCleese, Margaret Petersberger, and Richard Petersberger. Marty’s family invites everyone to a visitation being held on Friday, November 11, 2016 from 6 to 8 pm at Gentry-Morrison Southside Funeral Home, 1727 Bartow Road, Lakeland. A celebration of Marty’s life will be held on Saturday, November 12, 2016 at 1 pm at First United Methodist Church, 72 Lake Morton Drive, Lakeland.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **11.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Celebration of Life

NOV **12.** 1:00 PM (ET)

First United Methodist Church
72 Lake Morton Drive
Lakeland, FL 33801

Tribute Wall

TL

“ *Tommie Sue Lee lit a candle in memory of Martha Louise Strickland*



Tommie Sue Lee - November 12, 2016 at 10:27 AM

MB

“ *Michelle Butkus lit a candle in memory of Martha Louise Strickland*



Michelle Butkus - November 12, 2016 at 07:52 AM

MB

My deepest sympathies to the family. Martha was alway a bright light and a pleasure to work with. She will be greatly missed!

Michelle Butkus - November 12, 2016 at 07:56 AM

PD

“ *I send my deepest sympathies to Martha's entire family. I attended school with Martha from Junior High clear through High School. She was always such a nice person. May God help all of you in the days and weeks ahead.*



Pam Tucker DeMuth - November 11, 2016 at 12:07 PM

DM

“ Miss you so much - love, Diane



Diane McCallister - November 11, 2016 at 09:46 AM



“ Loving Grace was purchased for the family of Martha Louise Strickland .



November 11, 2016 at 12:11 AM

RJ

“ Ron & Jim purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Martha Louise Strickland .



Ron & Jim - November 10, 2016 at 12:54 PM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Martha Louise Strickland .*



November 10, 2016 at 07:11 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Martha Louise Strickland .*



November 09, 2016 at 08:10 PM



“ *Love, Will and Nancy Lytch purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Martha Louise Strickland .*



Love, Will and Nancy Lytch - November 09, 2016 at 07:36 PM



“ *My dear Marty, to know you was one of the biggest blessing I had in my life. Your love for your girls, family and friends was always unconditional. You always had this way of walking into a room and making everyone smile. Just being around you always made us feel good. Your stories and sense of humor will never leave our memories or our hearts. Your love for life and strength is beyond words. I feel so privileged and honor to have known you. You certainly will be missed dearly and never forgotten. Love you Marty!*

Silvia Ortiz - November 09, 2016 at 11:51 AM

JA

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Jason - November 09, 2016 at 08:33 AM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Martha Louise Strickland .



November 08, 2016 at 07:32 PM

KC

“ So many happy memories with Marty that I cannot possibly pick one to share. She will be dearly missed. Marty was one of the most Beautiful people I have ever met with a exuberant zest for life and positive outlook no matter what circumstances she was faced with! There are really no words to convey my emotions right now! 💜



Kay Cooksey - November 08, 2016 at 07:04 PM