



Susan M. Pate

November 4, 1955 - July 16, 2021

Lakeland- Susan M Pate, 65, passed away July 16, 2021 after a 10 yr battle with Alzheimer's. Born Nov 4, 1955 in Boynton Beach, FL, she grew up in Charlotte & Rowland NC. Susan is survived by her husband of 47 yrs, Tommy Pate, daughters, Erin Lewis, Chiusi, Italy and Robyn Lela Pate, St. Augustine, FL, step-mother, Nancy Whittington, brothers Johnny, Max, Dean & Doug Whittington. She was preceded in death by her mother, Elizabeth Gibbs Whittington, father, John H. Whittington and brother, Andy.

Susan worked part time in banking, as a receptionist & church secretary but her passion was being a devoted wife and mother. She was very active in her church, teaching Jr. High Sunday School and leading kids musicals. Susan used her beautiful voice as a soloist and continued to sing hymns even after being unable to communicate through speech.

A Celebration of Life will be held on July 30, 2021 at Legacy Christian Church, Lakeland. Visitation at 2 PM and service at 3 PM with a light meal following. In Lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Lake Aurora Christian Camp, 237 Goldenbough Rd Lake Wales FL 33898. lakeaurora.org

A very special thank you to all our friends and family that helped with Susan's care and the amazing staff at Merrill Gardens at Champions Gate, who lovingly cared for Susan the past 2 years

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 30. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Legacy Christian Church
901 West Beacon Road
LAKELAND, FL

Celebration of Life

JUL 30. 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Susan M. Pate*



Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes - July 22, 2021 at 07:54 PM

TR

“ *Susan and Tommy, my loving hostparents. We are sad, finding this page in the internet. Dear Tommy the best wishes from all of us here in Germany. We are still thinking of all the great times, we had together. Tina, Thomas and the kids.*

Tina Rathgeb - January 28, 2024 at 05:17 PM



“ *Susan M. Pate*

November 17, 2022 at 10:14 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Susan M. Pate.*



July 28, 2021 at 12:48 PM

BM

“ Susan was the one who introduced me to the song, *Find Us Faithful!* Love the song and can hear her singing it even today.

Also, Brad would answer the telephone with the word “Yellow” instead of hello. Susan would always respond with “Blue”.

Barb Miller - July 27, 2021 at 09:44 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Susan M. Pate.



July 26, 2021 at 10:54 AM

JP

“ Tommy, sorry to hear of Susan's passing. I know it's a very hard thing to go thru and the last year's were extremely hard as well. know that my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Joe Price

Joe Price - July 24, 2021 at 10:02 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Susan M. Pate.



July 23, 2021 at 10:39 AM

TC

“ Susan was a wonderful addition to the family - she always brought a smile and laughter when she came to family gatherings at Mema's. Tommy, our prayers are for your peace and that your joy will overflow as God shows you how much He cares for you and the girls during this season.

Truett Canady - July 21, 2021 at 04:11 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Susan M. Pate.



July 20, 2021 at 02:31 PM

NR

“ My most deepest and sincere condolences to the Pate family. Susan captivated anyone with her beautiful smile. Though she had not spoken in a while, one day when I played gospel music , she lip synced A gospel song, sung by Elvis Presley “How great Thou Art. That day she broke me.. I thank God for allowing me to care and share with her such a graceful moment. That is my most memorable memory of this beautiful soul!

Nancy Rosa - July 20, 2021 at 02:23 PM

JM

“ Time spent with Susan and Tommy was always filled with lots of fun, and so much laughter! I can hear her now telling telling a story and ending with”...Lawwwd....” I just smile thinking of those times. I know the minute she walked through those gates she was welcomed and embraced by those who have gone ahead of us. Heavens gain, for sure. ❤️
Joyce (Pemberton) Miller

Joyce Miller - July 19, 2021 at 11:27 PM

JS

“ One of my first memories of Susan was when she was singing in the praise band at Legacy. I remember commenting to Gloria that she seemed to such an enjoyable person.

John Stancil - July 19, 2021 at 10:41 PM