



Susan M. Pate

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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



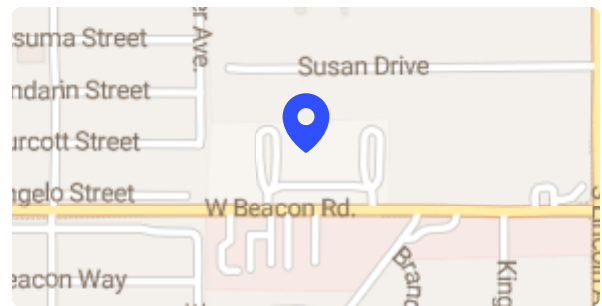
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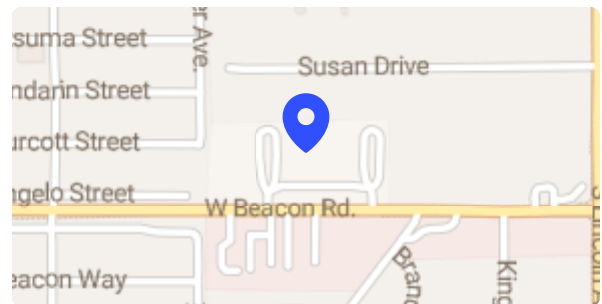
Visitation

- Friday, July 30, 2021**
- 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM ET
- Legacy Christian Church**
901 West Beacon Road, LAKELAND FL



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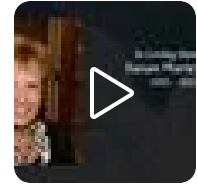
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Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes shared a **Video**.



July 22 at 3:54 PM



Tina Rathgeb posted:

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.

January 28 at 1:17 PM



Anonymous sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Pate family.



July 28 at 8:48 AM



Barb Miller posted:

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".

July 27 at 5:44 AM



Anonymous sent a Sentiments of Serenity Spray to the Pate family.



July 26 at 6:54 AM



Joe Price posted:

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

July 24 at 6:02 PM



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Anonymous sent an Arrive in Style to the Pate family.



July 23 at 6:39 AM



Truett Canady posted:

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.

July 21 at 12:11 PM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Pate family.



July 20 at 10:31 AM



Nancy Rosa posted:

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!

July 20 at 10:23 AM



Joyce Miller posted:

Time spent with Susan and Tommy was always filled with lots of fun, and so much laughter! I can hear her now 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

July 19 at 7:27 PM



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John Stancil posted:

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.

July 19 at 6:41 PM



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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Susan by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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