



Susan Matheny-Ruonala

July 11, 1950 - October 2, 2019

Susan Matheny-Ruonala, 69, of North Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, entered into eternal rest on October 2, 2019. A memorial service will be held at 3:00 pm on Sunday, October 6, 2019 at James A. Dyal Funeral Home Chapel in Summerville, South Carolina. Her burial will be held at a later date at Florence National Cemetery.

Susie was born on July 11, 1950 in Tampa, Florida and raised by Ernest and Mabel McMenemy. As a young teenager, Susie and her parents moved to Florence, South Carolina where they owned and operated Travelers Motel. She graduated from McClenaghan High School, class of 1968, and married her high school sweetheart, James Daniel Matheny, in 1970. They eventually relocated to Summerville, South Carolina, where they planted their feet and raised their two children, Daniel and Lindsey. After Danny's passing, Susie went on to remarry and enjoy her remaining years on the coast of North Myrtle Beach with her husband, Rick Ruonala. They married in 2015.

Over the course of her life, Susie was a daughter, sister, wife, mother, aunt, grandmother, and friend. She enjoyed cooking and reading, and most of all; she loved her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. She was a very peaceful and patient woman and spent most of her life caring for and encouraging those around her. She touched many lives.

Susie is preceded in death by her parents, Ernest and Mabel McMenemy, one sister, Cynthia Hinson, and her late husband of 39 years, James Daniel Matheny, Sr.

Surviving in addition to her loving husband, Rick, are: one sister, Gwen Harrison of Broken Arrow, OK; one son, James Daniel Matheny, Jr. (Fran) of Summerville, SC; one daughter, Lindsey Matheny Robbins (Stewart) of Charlotte, NC; three step children, Adam Ruonala, Josh Ruonala (Katie), London Ruonala; and three grandchildren: Hunter Elizabeth Matheny, James Daniel Matheny III ('Trip'), and Grey Lorraine Robbins.

Donations may be made in Susie's memory to All Nations Bible College, PO BOX 2160, Myrtle Beach, SC 29578.

A memorial message may be written to the family by visiting our website at www.jamesadyal.com.

ARRANGEMENTS BY JAMES A. DYAL FUNERAL HOME, 303 SOUTH MAIN STREET, SUMMERVILLE, SC 29483 (843)873-4040.

Previous Events

Service

OCT **6**. 3:00 PM (ET)

James A. Dyal Funeral Home Chapel
303 S. Main Street
Summerville, SC 29483

Tribute Wall



“ *Susan Matheny-Ruonala*

September 29, 2022 at 10:11 AM



“ *We all love Susie. She was joy to be with and a very gracious person .
Carl and Maxine Woody.*

Maxine Woody - October 09, 2019 at 02:11 PM



“ *Susie was a treasure to our family. She exemplified a life that was founded on truth and expressed in faith, hope, and love, even in the midst of her own great heartache. We are better for having known her. Praying for God's tender comfort as her loved ones grieve her absence. We say goodbye with hope.*

Betsy Smith - October 07, 2019 at 04:29 PM



“ *Susie and her husband, Rick, have poured hours of great love and encouragement into my life. She has inspired me to rise above the pettiness you can encounter daily. Her legacy of love lives on for others to walk in forgiveness, to embrace love on every level, to lean into what really matters and focus less on what doesn't, and to be made whole by dwelling in the beautiful Presence of the Lord. This was her life, as well as her desire for her family. Until we meet again, my friend.*

ann - October 06, 2019 at 01:09 PM

DG

“ I had the privilege of working with Danny Matheny for over 35 years.I always admired Susie for her faithfulness as a wife and mother and I often reminded Danny that he married up.They were high school sweethearts and a good example for me in my younger years.Susie called me the day Danny passed and spoke of the things that had taken place leading up to his death.I reminded her of the clear description of heaven that can be found in Rev chapter21.All the things that are beyond our imagination that Susie is experiencing are mentioned there and she has already seen Danny,her mom and dad,and even the mansion that her children will some day live in.The first time we met is a favorite memory of mine and she will be missed by many but certainly not forgotten.
David Greene

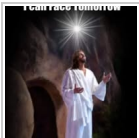
David Greene - October 05, 2019 at 08:55 PM



“ Touching Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Susan Matheny-Ruonala.



October 05, 2019 at 07:05 PM



“ Velda Poston purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Susan Matheny-Ruonala.



Velda Poston - October 05, 2019 at 12:13 PM

JC

“ One day I was having a particularly stressful and hectic day at work. Susie looked at me and said, “I speak peace to you”. Jeff and I speak the same to our dear friend, Rick. (And to all of Susie’s family, as well) “Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give you.” Let us all now thank God for allowing Susie to be a part of our lives... Jeff and Judy Carrigan

Jeff and Judy Carrigan - October 05, 2019 at 09:53 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Susan Matheny-Ruonala.



October 05, 2019 at 09:23 AM



“ Heavenly Grace Spray was purchased for the family of Susan Matheny-Ruonala.



October 04, 2019 at 08:32 PM

CW

“ Like a surrogate mother to me in my younger days. Great lady who cared so much about everyone. She will be missed so much.

Chip Wiggins - October 04, 2019 at 08:23 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray* was purchased for the family of Susan Matheny-Ruonala.



October 04, 2019 at 05:53 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of Susan Matheny-Ruonala.



October 04, 2019 at 02:58 PM



“ *Rose Remembrance* was purchased for the family of Susan Matheny-Ruonala.



October 04, 2019 at 10:20 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Susan Matheny-Ruonala.



October 04, 2019 at 10:04 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Susan Matheny-Ruonala.*



October 04, 2019 at 08:07 AM



“ *Jeri Shevat lit a candle in memory of Susan Matheny-Ruonala*



Jeri Shevat - October 03, 2019 at 10:48 PM



“ *Velda Poston lit a candle in memory of Susan Matheny-Ruonala*



Velda Poston - October 03, 2019 at 09:16 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Susan Matheny-Ruonala.*



October 03, 2019 at 08:39 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Susan Matheny-Ruonala.



October 03, 2019 at 05:50 PM



“ Susie was a dear soul who loved the Lord and His will. I especially enjoyed our times of fellowship and munching the great food she loved to make. She shared a lot of deep thoughts and concerns with me as she became a Pastors wife. We shared a sweet fellowship together. Her life impacted many people and she truly graduated to a higher place as she left this earth. My love goes to Rick, whom she adored and served. Many prayers for all the family in the coming days and weeks. Love to all. Rest well Suze, you made it home! Love, Denise Weber.

Denise Weber - October 03, 2019 at 05:45 PM



Rick and family,
I was blessed to have known Susie for only a short time but I could tell she was a wonderful person. My prayers are with Rick and the family in the up coming weeks. May God wrap his arms around you all and give you peace. Hold tight to the memories. 🙏

Jackie Jacobs - October 03, 2019 at 08:49 PM



I enjoyed what time we got to spend together, their Celebrating in Heaven tonight because Your there My Dear Sister, Your Home Susie, you will be Greatly missed. Love Velda

Velda Poston - October 03, 2019 at 09:17 PM

DA

My sister in Christ who I met at the Bible college convention with my husband Dick and then met again when she moved to Myrtle Beach and married Pastor Rick we attended their church The Father's Cup and spent many blessed times with them serving the Lord. You will be missed here but much rejoicing in heaven

Deanna Alves - October 03, 2019 at 10:22 PM


Becky
Williams

Prayers for the family of Susie. I met her many years ago when I dated her nephew, Bill. She was a wonderful person.

Becky Williamson - October 05, 2019 at 10:29 AM

VZ

My sweet, sweet Susie, I know you are in a far better place but you left a void here in earth. Our friendship over the last 30 years has always meant so much to me and having you at the church the day of my wedding was wonderful. You were a sweet and wonderful friend and I will always have you in my thoughts. God bless you and enjoy your new life.

Vicky Zelenka - October 06, 2019 at 12:46 PM