



Susan (Sue) J. Ortega

December 22, 2020

Susan (Sue) J. Ortega entered into rest with her Lord and Savior on Tuesday, December 22, 2020, in Carlisle PA at 81 years young. Sue was the wife of the late Joseph Ortega and daughter of the late Walter A. & Sara Rittenhouse McComsey.

She is survived by her daughter, Monica Ortega, Lancaster, PA and sons: Nicholas Ortega (Brenda) of Carlisle, PA and Michael Ortega (Shari) of Lancaster, PA and Mark Ortega (Brenda) of Landisville, PA. She is also survived by 9 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren and her sister, Evelyn Snyder. Sisters Patricia Hallacher and Barbara Keperling preceded her in death.

Sue attended Lancaster City Schools and worked for 31 years at McCaskey High School cafeteria. She was a member of Bridgeport Mennonite Church for 51 years, then attended Grace Church of Willow Valley and more recently, The Meeting House in Carlisle PA.

A Funeral Service for Susan will be held at The Groffs Family Funeral Home, 528 W. Orange Street, Lancaster, PA on Thursday, December 31, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. with Pastor Bob Verno officiating. The family will receive friends from 9:00 a.m. until the time of service. Interment will be held in Eby's Cemetery, Leola, PA immediately following the service. The family recognizes some may be unable to attend and will provide the service on Tribucast beginning at 2:30 p.m. on the day of the service at <https://client.tribucast.com/tcid/8795591>.

Memorial contributions in Susan's name may be made to Grace Church at Willow Valley, 300 Willow Valley Square, Lancaster, PA 17602 or The Meeting House, 1155 Walnut Bottom Drive, Carlisle, PA 17015.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 31. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Susan (Sue) J. Ortega

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ To the Ortega family:

So sorry to hear of the passing of Aunt Susie. Though it's been many years since I have seen them, I recall fun times spent at their home. Uncle Joe had given my son Paul his first haircut and Aunt Susie had hand written her tortilla recipe for me, which I still have. It has been heavily used. It was always a sweet memory every time I'd pull it out to make them.

God bless you all. In my thoughts and prayers. 💕

Karen Hallacher



Karen Hallacher - January 03, 2021 at 07:11 PM

NO

thank you for your prayers and sharing of memories, Karen! that is a great recipe, isn't it?

Nick Ortega - January 07, 2021 at 09:09 AM



“ Monica, Nate & Ben

I'm so sad to hear about mama Oodie!! She was an amazing wife to Pop Pop Joe, mom to you Monica, and grandmother to Nate & Ben. I'll never forget her warm presence, her laughter, love for her home and family, and most of all her cooking!! I'll never forget her teaching me to make tortillas!! May god bless you and your family. May you all be comforted by both the memories of her and pop pop Joe in this time. My condolences to you Monica, Nate, Ben, and the rest of the family. Love to you all.

Bran"deaneee" Stively

Brandy Marie - January 01, 2021 at 04:34 AM

MO

Thank you so much Brandy! (Bran-deanee! lol) She will be missed. Momma was a wonderful wife, grandmother and friend to many.

Monica Ortega - January 01, 2021 at 10:25 AM

LV

*“ My sincere condolences to Nick, Brenda and family. I have such warm and happy memories of your mom. I loved that she and I never knew where we were going but as long as we wound up at Dairy Queen it was alright. And Nick, oh how she loved you. She told me how you work so hard and took care of her so well. I jumped the first time your machine talked and told her to take her medication. Your mom laughed and took me out to the kitchen to show me the robot that was set up just for her. You and Brenda were so, so very good to your parents. God bless you both. With all my love and everything in me may you know the peace of God. She’s in His arms.
Love, Luanne*

Luanne Verno - December 31, 2020 at 10:47 AM

JM

“ We are so sad to hear about Aunt Sue may God comfort you and your good memories be many.

Joe ànd Fran Martinez - December 31, 2020 at 09:07 AM

JM

“ Joe Ànd Fran Martinez lit a candle in memory of Susan (Sue) J. Ortega



Joe ànd Fran Martinez - December 31, 2020 at 09:03 AM

PP

“ Dear Mike, Our condolences to you and your family on the passing of your mother.

With our love , JOAN & PAUL

Paul E PEARSON - December 31, 2020 at 08:48 AM

DS

“ Aunt Susie was the best. What a lifetime of memories showing us youngsters how to jitterbug in the living room to tons of love and laughter. She will always be in my heart. My sincere sympathies to my cousins whom we share a special bond. Love and prayers to all.

Dena Sarver - December 31, 2020 at 03:26 AM

MO

Oh The memories we have! She was a great mother and will be missed. Hugs to you Cousin Dena.

Monica Ortega - January 01, 2021 at 10:27 AM

LM

Dear Nick, Mike ,Monica and Mark ,
We are so very sorry for the loss of your mother. She is with her loved ones now. She was a fun ,caring and nice Aunt to us. I'm sure that she will be missed by all of you. May God give you all the strength , peace, love ,and comfort during this difficult time in your lives,
May you know that her loving memories that she created with you as you grew up remain in your thoughts and in your hearts always.
Sincerely,
The Molina

Linda Molina - January 01, 2021 at 11:16 AM

NM

“ To the Ortega Family we are sending our sympathy and condolences to all. She is now with uncle Joe and the others that have passed. We will miss her as we do the others.May the Lord provide you with comfort and peace during this difficult time.

The Molina Family

Nick Molina - December 30, 2020 at 10:05 PM

BA

“ I don't drive Conestoga Drive without thinking of Joe & Sue. (I delivered bread to them for a number of years. May you feel God's comfort with you at this time.
Barbara (Mellinger) Ziesemer

BarbaraZiesemer - December 30, 2020 at 11:31 AM

DH

“ So very sorry to hear of Aunt Susie's passing. She was a wonderful aunt to us when we were growing up and we'll never forget the love. She is with Uncle Joe and they are together again. God bless all of the family and you are in my prayers. love Danita Hamilton



Danita Hamilton - December 30, 2020 at 09:06 AM

RM

“ Make sure you guys send a big flash light along with your mom to crack old joe with to keep him straight

Randy Mcvey - December 30, 2020 at 04:49 AM

RM

“ Randy Mcvey lit a candle in memory of Susan (Sue) J. Ortega



Randy Mcvey - December 30, 2020 at 04:38 AM

RM

“ To all the Ortega family sorry to see your mom go so soon after your dad they always had heart's of gold and welcomed everyone in to their home no matter what I always thought a lot of them you'd were all always friends and go neighbor's for ever. Even though your dad and torment the hell out each other always doing something for fun like trying to blow up Willis lane and conestoga drive on the 4th of July a few times and your mom having to drive us home from Columbia ambers those were the good old days I will always remember and never forget about Joe and sue Ortega. Are thought and prayers are with all you guys we were like one big family always. Randy Mcvey

Randy Mcvey - December 30, 2020 at 04:38 AM

GW

“ To all of you under the Ortega umbrella; Love Hugs and Prayers to you all. We here in the Rocky Mountains reach out with Love. Mom and I were reminiscing the Queen of sauerkraut and Knepp!! May you all be Blessed! Love Gordon and family



Gordon Walton - December 29, 2020 at 07:42 PM

MO

Thank you so much. Yes, we will miss the Sauerkraut and Knepp this year. Mom is now happy with Dad. Love and hugs. Monica

Monica Ortega - December 29, 2020 at 08:42 PM

KE

Rip AWESOME LADY! HAD THE PLEASURE TO WORK WITH HER AT JP HAD ALOT OF LAUGHS W HER! PRAYERS TO YOUR FAMILY ...

Karen Eichelberger - December 29, 2020 at 11:18 PM

MR

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Marie Roach - December 29, 2020 at 06:20 PM

MO

Oh my! What a wonderful memory. Thank you Marie. Bless you! Monica Ortega

Monica Ortega - December 29, 2020 at 08:43 PM

MO

Marie,

Thanks so much. Talk about nostalgia. I do not recall seeing that picture before. Thank you so much for sharing and for your love and support.

Mike Ortega

Michael Ortega - December 29, 2020 at 10:35 PM

DS

“ *I remember your mom when she worked in the cafeteria. Always very sweet and even gave out "extras" once in a while. Many thoughts & prayers to you and the family for peace and comfort.*

Doug Singleton - December 29, 2020 at 05:26 PM

NO

thank you, Doug! She must have really liked you!! I never got any "extras"! Blessings to you!

nick ortega - December 31, 2020 at 06:36 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Pink and White was purchased for the family of Susan (Sue) J. Ortega.*




December 29, 2020 at 04:29 PM

DK

“ *Dear Mark and family, We are very sorry for your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Chuck and Donna Kilgore*

Donna and Chuck Kilgore - December 29, 2020 at 04:12 PM

 Elaine Hayes

“ *I have a fun memory of Sue. In the 80's, one of her and Nick's friend was in a band, and my husband and I were on the road with her. We were playing the Pocono's on Easter weekend. Joe, Sue and Bev's parents along with a few other people all came to see us. My husband and I had a van that was converted into a little RV, so we gave Joe and Sue their own cabin so they wouldn't have to bunk with anyone else. Boy, did they get teased about being on their second honeymoon that weekend! I can still see her face when she smiled and laughed. It lit up the whole room! And we made sure she was laughing and embarrassed (in a fun way) all weekend! I am sure Joe egged it on as well!*

Elaine Hayes - December 29, 2020 at 12:48 PM

NO

They always enjoyed seeing you all play. thanks for sharing such special memories! Oh, be careful you don't snorze too much!!

nick ortega - December 31, 2020 at 06:38 PM

DY

“ *Was sorry to hear about Sue, she will be with Joe now and may she rest in peace.I was good friends of them both.Bob Yohn is how I got to know your parents,and often went to supper,and visit them often.My Son, is Matt Yohn, in case if he puts a memory in.He lives in Fla.now. Your Mom won't suffer anymore.May she rest in peace.Denise Yohn.*



Denise Yohn - December 29, 2020 at 09:36 AM

NO

although her memory became more challenged this past year, she would go through and wonder how many of her "old" friends were doing, and your name was on her list. thank you for being such great friends. They always loved going out to eat !

nick ortega - December 31, 2020 at 06:42 PM

DS

“ *Nick,Monica,Mike,Mark, was sorry to hear of your loss of Aunt Susan. She will be missed by many .Alot of memories were made with are families growing up down by the old conestoga .My heart goes out to you.Donna Shaeffer*

DONNA M SHAEFFER - December 29, 2020 at 09:09 AM

MO

Thank you Donna, She is missed for sure. We sure do have memories to keep us going. She was a wonderful mother. Monica

Monica Ortega - December 29, 2020 at 08:45 PM

NO

thank you, Donna! We could write a book based on all the great memories and times we had along the crick! We're so appreciative of the richness of those experiences! there's one heck of a reunion going on in heaven - your dad, my dad, all the brothers and sisters, aunts and uncles.....blessings to you!!

nick ortega - December 31, 2020 at 06:46 PM

JD

“ *To all the children your MOM and DAD are now together again. My father and Your Father were great friends for many years. I even remember you guys when you played in your band. Take care of each other.. Joey DeMora*

Joe DeMora - December 29, 2020 at 08:10 AM

MO

Joe,

Thnks so much for your kinc words. Ill never forget the res pect and friendship you and your dad had for my dad. Never forget how when we met up through playing the band or anywhere where you would go out of your way to come shake my hand and make me feel like family. God bless you and thanks for your kind words about our dad.

Michael Ortegani - December 29, 2020 at 10:28 PM

NO

thank you, Joe! Your family's friendship meant a lot to my dad , and to us! Blessings to you all!!

nick ortega - December 31, 2020 at 06:48 PM

JD

You guys ROCK

Joe DeMora - January 01, 2021 at 09:43 AM

HF

“ *Hallacher; McCauley; Fischer purchased the European Sympat hy Dish Garden for the family of Susan (Sue) J. Ortega.*



Hallacher; McCauley; Fischer - December 28, 2020 at 08:39 PM

NG

“ *To the Ortega Family, I am so sorry for your loss. I only met your mother a few short times and I was honored and privileged to have met her. She is no longer suffering. Rest in Peace Susan, Nevin Galbreath*

Nevin Galbreath - December 28, 2020 at 07:44 PM

MO

Thank you Nevin, Even though she only met you a few times, she said you were a fine man. Monica

Monica Ortega - December 29, 2020 at 08:47 PM

NO

we appreciate your sentiments, Nevin! A pleasure to meet you!!

nick ortega - December 31, 2020 at 06:50 PM

SM

“ *To my second mother. Sue, you were a blessing in my life and it was an honor to have loved you. You accepted me into your family as if i was one of your children. I will never forget your love and kindness through the years.*

May the love of the Father, the tenderness of the Son, and the presence of the Spirit, bring peace to my brothers and sister .

I am grateful to have had you in my life but would never want to hold her back from heaven's joys. I will hold dear my memories of you and strive to follow in your footsteps.

*May God grant you eternal peace,
Love Sheila*

Sheila Marano - December 28, 2020 at 06:50 PM

BS

*To all of Susie's family I give my heartfelt Love to you and wish you Peace in your grief. Susie was VERY Special. Her life was made rich by having her children surrounding her. I honor you for having such a Mother and her Love shines thru each and every one of you. She is missed by many including myself.
With much Love ,
Your Cousin Brenda Ortega-Sage*

BSage - December 29, 2020 at 07:33 AM

MO

Sheila, Momma loved you! Remember the times you stayed with us and all the good memories we had.....;) Momma left her mark on so many people. She was an awesome mother, friend, sister and on.....

Monica Ortega - December 30, 2020 at 11:31 AM

NO

Thank you , Sheila, my other sister! We appreciate all your love and kindness you so freely share! Blessings!!

nick ortega - December 31, 2020 at 06:50 PM

LS

“ Love Sheila purchased the Sympathy fireside Basket in Christmas Colors for the family of Susan (Sue) J. Ortega.



Love Sheila - December 28, 2020 at 06:40 PM