



Susan "Susie" Diane Rice

March 26, 1949 - March 28, 2020

Susan "Susie" Diane Rice, age 71 of One Vision in Clear Lake passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, March 28, 2020.

Due to state and federal guidance on gatherings due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the family will not be having a public memorial at this time.

A private memorial service will be held at Mittelstadt Funeral Home with Pastor Melinda McCluskey officiating. The service will be streamed live on our Facebook page at 2:00 PM on Tuesday, March 31, 2020.

Future plans are to have a public memorial service with inurnment at Salem Memorial Cemetery, rural Lake Mills.

Susan Diane Rice was born in Albert Lea, Minnesota on March 26, 1949 to parents Elwood and Cora (Adams) Rice. She was the oldest of five children and grew up on a farm east of Lake Mills, Iowa. Born at a time when there were limited resources for children with disabilities, Susie's parents did their best to raise a child that would eventually be diagnosed as autistic, but not until she was around 30 years old.

Susie loved going places, eating fast food, shopping for new clothes, and looking at family photo albums. She also loved wearing jewelry, opening presents at Christmas, big family meals, and sweets. She had a favorite rocking chair and you had to get up if you were sitting in it. Susie loved family gatherings with her uncles, aunts, and cousins, and had a special connection to her Aunt Carma Adams. She sat for many pictures with her nieces and nephews and would give a gentle wave of the hand to say goodbye.

Her parents and siblings are forever grateful to the staff and caregivers of Opportunity Village – One Vision, where Susan lived for several decades.

She is survived by her brothers, Larry (Helen) Rice, Gregory (Julie) Rice, Richard (Linda) Rice, all of Lake Mills, IA, her sister, Colleen Rice of St. Charles, MO; 9 nieces and nephews, Dan (Allison) Rice, Jennifer (James) Hilton, Nicholas (Brooke) Rice, Tyler (Lexie) Rice, Phillip (Christina) Rice, Alex (Erin) Rice, Katelin Rice, Emily Rice, and Jenny Rice; as well as many extended relatives.

Susie is preceded in death by her parents, a niece, Mary Rice, and many dear aunts and uncles.

Cemetery



SALEM MEMORIAL CEMETERY

HWY 69 North, Lake
Mills, Iowa 50450

Events



MEMORIAL SERVICE

2:00 PM

Mittelstadt Funeral Home 902 East Main Street, Lake Mills, IA 50450 This service for Susan will be private because of the CDC limitations on gatherings of 10 people or less during the COVID pandemic. Family, friends and caretakers may watch the service live on our Facebook page at 2:00 PM on Tuesday, March 31.

Tribute Wall

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Rae Ann Hareid

I only met Susie once, at Cora's; she was in her rocking chair and most content. And Al definitely remembers how Carma adored her. She had the love and support of family and extended family, allowing her a full and happy life despite her challenges. And now she is resting in a very well-deserved eternal peace. We share in your sorrow. Love and prayers, Al and Rae Ann Hareid
