



## Susan Jo Booker

December 15, 1955 - September 12, 2021

On Sunday, September 12th, 2021, Susan Jo Booker, loving wife, mother, and grandmother, passed away at the age of 65. Susan was born on December 15th, 1955, in Chicago, IL to Charles and Joyce Good. Susan moved with her family to California when she was 16 years old. Susan received her nursing degree from LA County/USC Nursing Program and started working as a neo-natal ICU nurse. On May 30th, 1981, she married John Booker and after he completed Family Practice Residency Training, they settled in Visalia in 1984. Together they raised 3 children, Sara, Evan, and Emily. Susan worked as a visiting home nurse and, later, she became a school nurse at multiple local elementary schools, retiring in 2012.

Susan was a caring, vivacious person who's joy and energy for life will always be remember by her family and friends. Susan was always happy to offer an open ear and be the first to help in any situation. To Susan, her children always came first and she was their loudest cheerleader. Her husband, John, was her best friend and she loved nothing more than traveling the world with him. From skiing at Kirkwood, walking the beach in Cayucos with their dog Jake, snorkeling in Hawaii, and wherever else the wind blew them, John and Sue could always be seen walking hand-in-hand.

Susan is survived by her husband John, children Sara, Evan, and Emily, grandchildren Wyatt and Flynn, sister Deborah, as well as several nieces and nephews.

Family and friends are invited to attend a Celebration of Life service on Saturday, September 18th at the First Presbyterian Church in Visalia at 1pm, masks are encouraged. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the American Cancer Society or Metavivor, a metastatic breast cancer research fund.

Services have been entrusted to Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel. Memorial Tributes and condolences may be offered by logging onto [www.salseranddillard.com](http://www.salseranddillard.com).

# Previous Events

## Family and Friends

SEP 18. 1:00 PM.

First Presbyterian Church

# Tribute Wall

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“ Emma and I are so profoundly saddened for your family’s loss. She was a warm gentle person with a heart warming smile. Not to be forgotten.  
David and Emma

David, Emma Wilson - September 17, 2021 at 10:51 PM



“ I am so very sorry for your loss. Prayers for the family



Jennifer Goodman-Murphy - September 17, 2021 at 01:25 PM

LA

“ Lori And David Alessio lit a candle in memory of Susan Jo Booker



Lori and David Alessio - September 16, 2021 at 06:04 PM

LA

“ To John, Sara, Evan, Emily, and all of the family and friends of Sue,

*Our hearts are with all of you in sharing the sadness of our beloved Susan's passing. Sue and I (Lori) first met at the Irving Park Presbyterian Church in Chicago, IL at Sunday school and youth group during our elementary school years. Our friendship continued on at Schurz High School where we had many good times and laughs. We sat next to each other in Latin class, trying to be serious with our teacher who seemed to have come from the Roman period. A testament to true friendship, we stayed connected through our separate moves to California. The connection became closer when my husband (David) was working on ski patrol at Kirkwood Ski Area, and John and Sue bought a condo there. One of the best memories I have at Kirkwood was skiing with John and Sue down Thunder Saddle in perfect conditions, then they treated me to family style lunch at the condo.*

*Sue's open, joyful, and generous heart will always be remembered by us. Sue is a bright, beautiful, loving soul who's light will never fade from our hearts. Love is forever and her wonderful smile will be with us forever. Together we can lift our hearts in loving memory of the sweet Angel, Sue, who graced our lives with her love.*

*With deep condolences,  
Lori and David Alessio  
South Lake Tahoe, CA*

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**Lori and David Alessio** - September 16, 2021 at 06:02 PM

CA

“ Dr. Booker and family:

*Rick and I are sending hugs and prayers to you and your family. Sue was a strong woman who battled this terrible disease for so long. I will never forget her beautiful red hair and smile. I know she will be missed by many.*

*Carol and Rick Son*

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**Carol** - September 16, 2021 at 12:38 PM