



Joan Deorie Muse

June 22, 1953 - May 13, 2022

Visalia - Joanie Deorie Muse of Visalia passed away on May 13, 2022. Joanie was born on June 22, 1953 to Sam and Rose Deorie in Norwalk, Connecticut. Joan was preceded in death by her husband, David A. Muse.

Joanie graduated from Southern Connecticut State University with a bachelor's degree in early childhood education. Her 47 year career in education began in Parker, Arizona teaching at Blake Elementary School. She went on to earn a masters degree in special education from California State University, Fullerton. Joan taught at elementary schools in Visalia Unified School District for 27 years. Though she retired from teaching in 2016, she continued to mentor future educators through programs with the Tulare County Office of Education, Fresno State University, and Brandman University. In her free time, she enjoyed time with friends and being Gigi to her grandkids.

Joanie is survived by her children: Samantha Muse, Stacey Muse (Ben McDermott), and David Muse (Adam Brown), three granddaughters: Beatrice and Camille Du Toit and Chiara Muse-McDermott, and grandson: Jake Muse George. She is also survived by her sisters: Rosemary (Scott) Davis, Melanie (Rick) Davis and Patty (Dan) Arthur, sister-in-law Susan Bernal, as well as many nieces, nephews and cherished friends.

Mass of Christian Burial services will be held 9 AM - 10 AM Friday, June 10th, 2022 at St. Mary's Catholic Church, 608 N. Church Street, Visalia.

Services have been entrusted to Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel. Memorial Tributes and condolences may be offered by logging onto www.salseranddillard.com.

Previous Events

Mass of Christian Burial

JUN **10**. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (PT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church
608 N. Church Street
Visalia, CA 93291

Tribute Wall

CN

“*Joanie and I met as first year teachers at Blake Primary School. We immediately became good friends and had a lot of adventures together. We made trips to Las Vegas on our weekends. Her aunt and uncle lived in Los Angeles and we spent time with them and at Disneyland. I have fond memories of a wonderful Italian Thanksgiving dinner at their house. I met her sisters Melanie and Roly and got to know them as well. When Dave and Joanie got married (the secret first time wedding), I stood up with her. Although she moved to California and I moved to Illinois, we kept in touch. She loved her children and grandchildren so much. The last contact I had with her, she said nothing more could be done and she was placing it all in God's hands. Even though I hadn't seen Joanie for years, I am heartbroken that she is gone. My sincere condolences to all the family for your loss of both Joanie and David. Their memories will always remain in my heart.*

Candace Marshall Nash

Candace Nash - June 10, 2022 at 08:02 PM



“*Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Joan Deorie Muse.*



June 09, 2022 at 12:38 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Joan Deorie Muse.*



June 08, 2022 at 04:27 PM



“ *Love, Jan and Cindy purchased the Summer's Light Bouquet for the family of Joan Deorie Muse.*



Love, Jan and Cindy - June 08, 2022 at 12:29 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Joan Deorie Muse.*



June 07, 2022 at 09:07 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Joan Deorie Muse.*



June 07, 2022 at 01:26 PM

RC

“ Ron & Jan Crone purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Joan Deorie Muse.



Ron & Jan Crone - June 02, 2022 at 03:04 PM

SG

“ Joanie was also my mentor for my sped credential. I loved Joanie and am so grateful for all the advice, help, and kinds words she always gave me. She lifted my confidence every time she observed my teaching. She was my calm during my struggles. She was always a support for me even through all her cancer treatments. Thank you for sharing your Mom's time. I will hold a place for her in my heart. Sincere condolences.
Sara Gonzales

Sara Gonzales - June 01, 2022 at 01:46 PM

FR

“ Joanie was a colleague of mine when I first started teaching at Fairview Elementary. She was the kindness most dedicated individual I ever meet. I still remember the last time I spoke to her and a flood of memories came to my mind of the days we worked together. My heart is sadden by her passing but I feel lucky to have known such an amazing person who made such a strong impact on my teaching career. Thank you Joanie for your inspiration and dedication to the needs of others. My condolences to her family, you know you have an angel in heaven looking down on you.

Frances Robledo

Frances Robledo - May 29, 2022 at 01:15 PM

NS

“ Joanie was my mentor for VUSD and she is the reason why I continue to be an educator. She helped me, encouraged me, and put me on the path that I am on today. When my dad was diagnosed with cancer, she was my most reliable friend who despite her own struggles, reached out to my father in our time of need. My family and I will never forget her and the legacy she left behind. Her fighting spirit, humor, love and compassion are unmatched.

-Nadia Strong

Nadia Strong - May 26, 2022 at 11:39 PM

JM

“ I just wanted you to know how sorry I am Samantha, Stacey and David. I worked for Dave many years ago at Paramount Citrus. He was the best boss I ever had, and your mom was just a sweetheart. My heart just breaks for you and your families, and I wanted you to know what a privilege it was for me to know them both. Love Julie Meier

Julie Meier - May 23, 2022 at 04:42 PM

SM

Thank you, Julie 💜

Stacey Muse - May 24, 2022 at 09:38 PM

JC

“ Joanie wasn't just a teacher, she was a leader among teachers. Her kindness and knowledge was shared throughout the District. She was always helping others to handle their situations and encouraged them to be strong and have courage. She was a person of great compassion, strength, and courage. Blessed to have known her for many years. Rest in peace sweet friend.

Joyce Conley - May 20, 2022 at 01:16 PM

SM

Thank you, Joyce.

Stacey Muse - May 24, 2022 at 09:39 PM



“ *Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Joan Deorie Muse.*



May 19, 2022 at 08:14 AM

RN

“ *Joanie was my mentor teacher for my credential program in Fall of 2021. She was so encouraging, kind, very knowledgeable, and such a calming person to talk to after a long day. She cared about her mentee's mental health and well being much more than a grade or an assignment and that resonated with me. She was always checking in on me even when she was not feeling great and I am blessed to be able to have been mentored by her. She will be very missed!*

Ruthie Nadler - May 18, 2022 at 08:17 PM

SM

Thank you, Ruthie.

Stacey Muse - May 24, 2022 at 09:39 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joan Deorie Muse.*



May 17, 2022 at 06:56 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Joan Deorie Muse.*



May 17, 2022 at 12:13 PM



“ *Joanie was my mentor through Vusd but quickly became a dear friend. Her wicked sense of humor, her mischievous smile, and her overall kindness will always be the things I remember about her most. Joanie was always there for me and gave the best advice. We talked about the day that she would meet my daughter and how excited she was for me to become a mom. I never imagined she wouldn't be here to help me on my new adventure. I know she is looking down shaking her finger at me and telling me to pick myself up and keep going. She will always hold a special place in my heart and I will forever be grateful for all that she has done for me. I love you Joanie and I know we will see each other again. May you rest in peace.*

Lyndsay Gentert - May 16, 2022 at 10:44 PM



Thank you, Lyndsay.

Stacey Muse - May 24, 2022 at 09:40 PM