



## Susan Jane Cummings

August 8, 1950 - September 28, 2023

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Susan Jane Cummings. Susan went home to be with the Lord on September 28th, 2023. She was born August 8th, 1950, in Whittier, California, to Raymond and Dorothy Laursen.

As a child, Susan developed a deep love of horses, nurtured by her father, and grew into a passion for breeding, training, and showing Arabian horses. Her years of research, and hard work, culminated in a U.S. Reserve National Champion and a Canadian Reserve National Champion.

On November 28, 1986, Susan married James Cummings in Templeton, California, and they moved to the Central Valley in the early 1990s. This gave James the opportunity to work for the California Department of Corrections. Years later, Susan achieved one of her greatest accomplishments by completing the California POST Correctional Academy and becoming a Correctional Officer at Valley State Prison for Women. After a year of service, Susan made the difficult decision to retire and stay home to take care of her family.

To most people, Susan was known as "Sue" or "Suzy". Her husband affectionately called her "My Love", "My Darling", or most often "My Precious". She was a beloved wife, mother, sister, and friend. Susan will be remembered

for being a very giving, caring, gentle, loving person. We cannot find the words to say how much she will be missed.

Susan was preceded in death by her parents, Raymond and Dorothy Laursen. She is survived by her husband James Cummings, and daughter Sheri Brown, of Visalia; her brother Ron (Cindy) Laursen of Goodyear, Arizona; granddaughter Emily Rix of Sparks, Nevada; and grandson Brady Wells of Visalia. Susan is also survived by her stepchildren Jennifer (David) Pena, of Diamond Bar; James (Meg) Cummings, of Chula Vista; Shannon Cummings, of San Diego; and seven step-grandchildren.

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).

# Tribute Wall

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“ *The loss of Susie is such a heartache for all who loved and shared life with her. We met when I was 18 and she was 15. Our love for horses were best of many years. She was Our bridesmaid in 1981. Our friendship continued over many more years. We didn't see each other enough, but she was so blessed to have the love of Jim and family. There are no words for the grief we are all feeling. May she be in blessed and not in pain: Will always be your "buddy". With love in our hearts, Karen, Roger and Jamie Sowers*

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**Karen Sowers** - October 15, 2023 at 03:00 AM

SB

*Thank you Karen*

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**Sheri Brown** - October 19, 2023 at 11:18 AM

DE

“ *I feel so Blessed that God brought Sue into my life. What a true and dear friend. Sue you will always be in my heart. So many memories. Love you my very dear friend.*

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**Debbra** - October 14, 2023 at 04:30 PM

SB

*Thank you Debbra*

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**Sheri Brown** - October 19, 2023 at 11:15 AM

DM

“ Susan Jane Cummings was a gem of great treasure. Proverbs 31:10 speaks of a good woman and says that her price is far above rubies. That was Susan. In the over thirty years that we knew her as a dear friend, she always was that sparkling ray of sunshine that she shared with those around her, family and friends alike. She was always consistent in her life and her love. Susan was a blessing to so many, but especially to her husband, Jim, and family and friends. Always she knew the needs of each one of those people and ministered to them in love. Susan and her husband were knit together in love and companionship like few marriages that we see today. No matter the life circumstance, they were there for each other, as is evidenced by their working together so closely, even in semi-retirement, and demonstrating that love to each other. Jim, we are praying for your loss.

We experienced, also, Susan's devotion to her mother in caring for her even to choosing to do so in such a total way. It was the same for her daughter, whom she loved so much, and her grandchildren, Jim's family and his children and grandchildren, they all were recipients of her love and tender joy. As friends, we were always blessed by knowing that Susan was so aware of our lives that she could touch that special place in our hearts that said, this is a wonderful, godly friend. She loved Scripture, and she loved the Lord. Her life was one of genuine qualities of grace.

The world was blessed by the life of Susan, as were each of us who loved her. We are so grateful to know beyond a shadow of any doubt, that she is walking on rays of sunshine in Heaven's glorious land. No more pain or sorrow of passing, just pure joy. Somewhere in that land, there must surely be a stable for Susan to visit and groom and train the horses there.

One day, one glorious day, we will be lighted by her smile again, when we see her in that place of peace.

Dr. Dennis and Barbara McCain

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Dennis and Barbara McCain - October 14, 2023 at 04:27 PM

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*I am eternally grateful for the many years of love and friendship that you gave Mom. Thank you for sharing these beautiful words.*

**Sheri Brown** - October 19, 2023 at 11:16 AM

DK

“ *Sue was one of the nicest friends that I ever had. Even though I moved far away and we didn't talk or see each other often, when we did it was like we hadn't been apart. My heart was sad to hear she passed but I know she is well now.*

**Donna Kelly** - October 14, 2023 at 12:24 PM

SB

*Thank you Donna*

**Sheri Brown** - October 19, 2023 at 11:14 AM

ME

“ *What a doll Suzi was!! Praying for Jim and all the family during this time. May the Lord bless & keep you, and make His face shine upon you, and be gracious to you all!*

**Mary Jo Everett** - October 14, 2023 at 12:13 AM

SB

*Thank you MJ*

**Sheri Brown** - October 19, 2023 at 11:14 AM

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“ *I miss you Mom. Thank you for everything. I'll love you forever.* ”



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**Sheri Brown** - October 13, 2023 at 10:11 PM