



## Susan Carol Lamar

April 25, 1952 - September 4, 2016

Susan Carol Smith LaMar:

Our God in Heaven called home a loving soul, our own angel Susan on September 4, 2016. Susan is the youngest daughter born in Bakersfield, CA on April 25, 1952 to Margaret Lenore and Irvin Smith. Family members remembered her saying in her time of quiet conversations, "I am going to live with Jesus and I'll be alright."

In Bakersfield Susan attended Standard School kindergarten through eighth grade, North High School for four years and graduated in 1970. Bakersfield College graduating with her AA in Arts. The Kern County Fair was one of her favorite places to display her art pieces. She was married to Shirley's father, Cecil LaMar on July 20, 1977 in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Susan had many friends in Bakersfield and Northern California. These friendships were fostered with her Mother, Margaret. Both attended the many activities and programs available for adults. She loved playing bingo, drawing, singing, helping with lessons, and helping others by giving her good advice on any topic. Her favorite thing she liked to do was shopping. She had more composition books and markers than the Dollar Store.

Susan loved going to church. She would dance, sing and praise the Lord. He was always in her life. Susan said she was a fighter with regards to her illness

to her oldest sister Margaret. She did not want to leave loved ones yet. Susan did not want to be separated from daughter Shirley. She wanted more time and they would hold hands. Her spirit was strong but her flesh grew weaker. Heaven is waiting with the gift of eternal life for all. But God's voice was her final victory. Then the time came for The Lord God to claim her as one of his own. Thank you, Jesus.

Surviving Family Members are her daughter Shirley Grimes and husband Douglas . She was very proud of Shirley's desire and career choice of helping children with special needs. Susan's two grandchildren Abigale and Michael Grimes, were also the apples of Grandma's eyes. Her two brothers Richard Smith and wife Nilly, younger brother James Smith. Two sisters, Margaret Moreno and husband Louis Paul, also Elizabeth Ode and husband Harlan. There are many more of Susan's family such as nieces and nephews who themselves have young children. She will be truly missed by all who loved her, knew her and enjoyed spending time with her.

# Cemetery Details

## Hillcrest Cemetery

9101 Kern Canyon  
Bakersfield, CA 93306

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 14. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (PT)

Mission Family Mortuary  
531 California Ave  
Bakersfield, CA 93304  
1 (661) 323-3339  
<https://missionfamilymortuary.com/>

## Service

SEP 14. 12:00 PM (PT)

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# Tribute Wall

LI

“ Hello my dearest family. We dearly miss our sister, Susan, may she rest in peace. I pray for family support and love for all the family. I often think about you and Mom and Dad in Heaven. Thank you Jesus you comfort me. Love. Liz Ode 10-16-16



Liz - October 17, 2016 at 12:34 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Susan Carol Lamar.



September 13, 2016 at 09:18 PM

VS

“ Susan loved to be in the spotlight! She liked to help run activities, be it at a family gathering or a local center. She had no problem getting on a microphone and directing the room to listen as she instructed everyone to participate in the current activity. I remember being at someone's birthday party and we couldn't get her off of the karaoke machine! For several hours she entertained us all like she was the host of her very own variety show. She loved it!



Susan's lively spirit will continue to brighten our day as we reflect on these special moments that we have shared with her. We love you and miss you Aunt Susan!

Vanessa S - September 13, 2016 at 09:17 PM

KE

“ *With love,  
Kevin, McKenzy and Logan*



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**kel** - September 13, 2016 at 08:35 PM

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Kevin, McKenzy and Logan*



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**kel** - September 13, 2016 at 08:32 PM

KE

“ *Kelly lit a candle in memory of Susan Carol  
Lamar*



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**Kelly** - September 13, 2016 at 08:26 PM

KE

“ Kelly lit a candle in memory of Susan Carol Lamar



Kelly - September 13, 2016 at 08:25 PM

LO

“ Love Liz and Harlan Ode purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Susan Carol Lamar.



Love Liz and Harlan Ode - September 13, 2016 at 01:40 PM

LO

“ Susan little sister rest in peace. You do like to dance. Don't forget to put on those dancing shoes now girl and dance for Jesus. I remember how fast you could run trying not to get wet from the sprinklers at Standard Park when you wanted to go swim or swing. Loving you. Liz



Liz O - September 13, 2016 at 11:56 AM

MM

“ Margaret Moreno lit a candle in memory of Susan Carol Lamar



Margaret Moreno - September 13, 2016 at 09:26 AM

BS

“ *Bonnie Saavedra lit a candle in memory of Susan Carol Lamar*



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**Bonnie Saavedra** - September 13, 2016 at 08:39 AM

MM

“ *Susan was there for my mother after my father died. Every time when visiting, my mother and Susan, I witnessed the love they had for each other.*

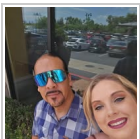
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**Margaret Moreno** - September 13, 2016 at 01:28 AM



“ *Suzy Moreno lit a candle in memory of Susan Carol Lamar*



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**Suzy Moreno** - September 12, 2016 at 10:03 PM



“ *"Christy-Sue, How do you do?" is what I remember her saying all the time to my first baby girl...and that contagious laugh when you would get her going...LOL. She enjoyed good humor, dancing, gathering with family..*

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**Suzy Moreno** - September 12, 2016 at 10:02 PM

SG

*Don't make me cry*

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**Shirley grimes** - September 12, 2016 at 11:58 PM

BS

“ Well, the last time I had a conversation with Susan was at one of Suzy's family celebrations. We were talking about the days my dad used to visit mom. My dad used to have my uncle Augie visit too...guess they were digging the Smith sister's. Long story short my dad says to Susan "you used to have crush on me because I was the good looking one." Susan replies to dad " I had a crush on Augie, he was the better looking one." She chuckled and my dad cracked up with her. PS grandma and Susan remind me of Natalie and I...grandma did a remarkable job. I admire her commitment to her daughter Susan and will always remember their special relationship ❤️

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**Bonnie Saavedra** - September 12, 2016 at 09:28 PM