



Susan Rittenhouse Joseph

May 27, 1948 - March 23, 2023

SUSAN RITTENHOUSE JOSEPH of Upper Darby, PA died on March 23, 2023, at the age of 74. She was the beloved wife of the late Peter Maron Joseph, PhD, who predeceased her by one month. Susan grew up in Stonington, CT, near the Connecticut/Rhode Island shore, where she acquired her love of the beach and the ocean. She left home after high school, moving to the big city (NY) to pursue her dreams. It was there that she met Peter, the love of her life. They lived in Schenectady, NY and Baltimore, MD before settling in Upper Darby during the 1980's. Susan studied Music and Economics at the University of Maryland, and earned her Master's degree in Library Science from Drexel University in 1995. She had worked as a librarian at several local universities. Besides Peter and her family, music was Susan's primary interest in life. She had a beautiful voice and was an active member in the Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church Choir. Becoming an Elder in the church was one of her proudest accomplishments. She also sang with Singing City of Philadelphia in years past. Susan grew up in a musical family, her love of singing started at a young age. She will be remembered most for her voice, her smile, her laughter, and for the joy and kindness she showed to all. Susan is survived by her brothers, David G. Rittenhouse (Judy Lennon) and Stephen M. Rittenhouse (Allyson); nephews Andrew James (AJ) Rittenhouse & Caleb Lennon; niece, Nadine Weil and godson, Jonathan Quinet. A Memorial Service will be held for Susan & Peter on Sat. April 1st. at 11 AM in the Sanctuary of Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church, 625 Montgomery Ave., Bryn

Mawr, PA. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to either The American Diabetes Assn., Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church, or The Philadelphia Orchestra.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

APR 1. 11:00 AM (ET)

Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church
625 Montgomery Avenue
Bryn Mawr, PA

Tribute Wall

PC

“ *The librarian at Eastern University that I always enjoyed talking to. A cheerful bookworm. God bless her forever.*

Phillip Cary - March 28, 2023 at 06:08 PM

KM

“ *Susan, you were a kindred spirit and I will miss you very much. Kat MacMurray*



Kat Macmurray - March 28, 2023 at 10:27 AM

SS

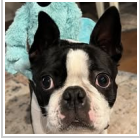
“ *An angel with a beautiful voice. Susan was like sunshine. She was always smiling and laughing. Susan and I graduated from SHS in 1966-we were also Rainbow sisters for many years. She was always such a joy to be around. I am very saddened by her passing-but know she is with her love again. My deepest condolences to the Rittenhouse and Joseph families. Sweet Susan you will be sorely missed. Sandie Smith-Andaloro*

Sandie Smith-Andaloro - March 27, 2023 at 12:23 PM

MS

“ *It is so sad to hear that Susan is gone. Our roots go all the way back to kindergarten in Old Mystic and on into our high school days. Though she moved from CT, it was always great to see her at the reunions we had along the way. May she keep on singing. My condolences to Susan's family during this difficult time.*

Mary Holdridge Sepowitz - March 26, 2023 at 07:00 PM



“ *Dave and Stephen and the Rittenhouse family--my condolences on the loss of one of the sweetest ladies to ever grace the planet. Jonathan--your mom now has her friend beside her again, and with Peter alongside, they are making beautiful music. I will miss the emails we shared and the memories of the past...the world is much less bright without her in it!*

Fred Souza - March 26, 2023 at 12:56 PM

MS

“ *Susan, a very quiet and precious soul. May you and your loving husband rest in eternal peace together. May God Bless your souls. Classmate, MaryAnn (Saporita) Serra*

Maryann Serra - March 26, 2023 at 11:10 AM

AS

“ *Susan was very talented in high school at all the school auditorium functions. My wife always talked to her at our reunions and mentioned how friendly she was. Our sympathy goes out to all her family.*

Al & Carol Smith

Albert J Smith - March 26, 2023 at 10:54 AM

LP

“ Susan and I were classmates in Stonington. I ran into her some years ago in a Broadway theater where she was ushering during performances of Siobhan McKenna's one-woman show, "Here Are Ladies." After the show Susan invited my friend and I to meet the actor in her dressing room. Susan then invited us to her Manhattan apartment to extend our visit. It was an enjoyable evening of Susan's kind and generous spirit.

Linda Panciera - March 26, 2023 at 10:33 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Susan Rittenhouse Joseph.



March 26, 2023 at 12:26 AM

JA

“ Susan RIP 🙏🙏🙏❤️❤️❤�
You will be missed

Jeri Abernathy

Jeri Abernathy - March 25, 2023 at 11:07 PM



“ Susan and I were high school classmates. We loved singing. Singing together. She had a beautiful voice. Sending condolences and comfort to Rittenhouse/Joseph families.

Brenda Worth - March 25, 2023 at 08:58 PM

BM

“ My condolences to the Rittenhouse and Joseph families. Susan was one of my classmates at Stonington High School. She was one of a kind and will be missed. Please take care and stay safe.

Bill Mitchell

Bill Mitchell - March 25, 2023 at 06:09 PM

DG

Susan and I were classmates all through school. We enjoyed singing together - and she had a beautiful voice. She was always a joy to see at class reunions.

It's time for this, seeing classmates and friends pass away; but Susan was so special - this is difficult.

Well, I hope her family finds comfort in the proud memories she and her husband helped create. And they are together at last. Rest in peace you two.

Doug Greene

Doug Greene - March 25, 2023 at 06:59 PM

TP

“ My condolences to Susan and her family. We graduated together and you had a great voice, Will remember you playing Maria in our musical production of the Sound of Music. May she RIP with her Peter.

Tony Previty

Tony Previty - March 25, 2023 at 06:03 PM



“ Sincere condolences to Susan's entire family. Susan and I were classmates and served in Rainbow Girls together. I will miss her smile, and sparkling personality. May she RIP beside her beloved Peter.

Mary-Margaret Critcherson-Schlais - March 25, 2023 at 05:42 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Susan Rittenhouse Joseph.



March 25, 2023 at 05:00 PM



“ i am so sad to hear about susan. i have great memories. sending my sympathy to her family.

Kathleen Bechta - March 25, 2023 at 03:46 PM