



Juanita Marie (Schwartzlow) Flater

April 15, 1949 - February 22, 2020

Obituary

Juanita Marie Flater was born on Good Friday, April 15, 1949, to Alvin and Leila (Badertscher) Schwartzlow in Monroe, WI, seven years after her sister Patricia. The only other time her birthday was on Good Friday was when she was 11 years old. Juanita went to be with her Precious Heavenly Father Saturday, February 22, 2020, after a courageous 11 year battle with cancer. Patricia and her husband Jim Cramblet's life ended tragically in 1964 eight months after their marriage, when their car was buried in a snowstorm on Hwy. 11 out of Janesville, WI.

In her childhood, she lived on various farms in Monroe and Juda. She graduated from Brodhead High School in 1967. She completed two semesters of accounting at Madison Business College and then worked full time for Ties Motors, then Walters Motors, Ayres Chevy & Pontiac, The Independent-Register, H&R Block, the Register Print Center, Swiss Colony (seasonal), as well as a City of Brodhead municipal election judge.

Her 'Double Trouble' double cousin, Sue and Vince Visger, were instrumental in helping her find faith in Jesus and accept His salvation, forgiveness of sin and the strongholds in her life. Jesus is her 'Precious Father'. While attending Footville Church of Christ she met Paul Flater and they were married by David Kinnick on June 24, 1977. They were able to build

a home in Brodhead where she could take care of his needs as a quadriplegic for 32 years. She assisted her husband Paul while he was Brodhead alderman for 12 years and while serving on various church committees. For 11 years they were very active in the missions outreach team at Monona Oaks Community Church and organized the JESUS Boxes sent to college students away from home and then expanded to military servicemen and others. Their travels included an airplane ride to Orlando, FL to visit brother-in-law Fred and family and take in Disney World and other attractions. Together they attended many family reunions on both sides. Their last flying venture was a scenic ride over Whitewater in an open-cockpit by-plane offered to the handicapped and their caregivers.

Juanita has had a love for kittens since she was a small child. When Mom could not find her she would just look for the kittens on the farm. It took 13 years to get Paul convinced to accepting Dusty and later Roman as house cats. Only days after she had to put Roman down after 13 years, Gabriella came into her life, fulfilling her lifetime wish for a tabby.

After Paul's passing in 2009, she got involved in prison ministries, after Pastor Bartz suggested people write letters to prisoners to encourage them in their faith. Juanita was invited to be a visitor at Oak Hill Correctional Institution, Oregon, WI, because of her faithful letter writing. June 23, 2010, just one day before she would have celebrated her and Paul's 32nd anniversary, she entered the doors of a prison for the first time and there met Michael, a fine Christian man who made poor choices in his youth and was ineligible for early release, since he was sentence under the 'Old Law'. She encouraged him with his schooling in pastoral ministry and she worked for prison reform with the WISDOM/MOSES Organization.

Her sister's funeral made her think about death and life. Her niece, Mary Franklin, funeral was the first Christian funeral service after becoming a

believer. The prison and nursing home ministries and the JESUS boxes have brought her great joy and the opportunity to show mercy.

She is survived by her significant love, Michael; Sister-in-law Sharon (George) Franklin (Evansville, WI); Brother-in-law Fred (Becky) Flater (Piedmont, SC); and many nieces and nephews. She is also survived by a special long time dear friend Peggy Ann Poss, and Aunt Alice (Allard) Badertscher and Albert Jr (Janice) Badertscher.

She is preceded in death by her sister Patricia and brother-in-law James Cramblet, grandparents Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Schwartzlow, parents Alvin and Leila Schwartzlow, niece Mary Franklin, father-in-law Marvin and mother-in-law Myrtle Flater, husband Paul Flater, sister-in-law Loretta and brother-in-law Keith Johnson, and second cousin Kristy Maresch, and special aunts & uncles.

Services will be held at the Living Word Church, Brodhead Saturday, February 29, 2020, at 11 a.m. Visitation from 10:00 a.m. until time of service. Burial in Greenwood Cemetery, Brodhead.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Living Word Church for distribution to her favorite ministries: Michael (prison ministries), Igor and Vita (missions) and Agrace Hospice Care.

To send flowers to the family or plant a tree in memory of Juanita Marie (Schwartzlow) Flater, please visit our floral store.

Tribute Wall

ML

“ Juanita and Paul were such good people my mom Martha Lopez worked for them for years. So sorry for your loss.

marie M Lopez - April 08 at 04:17 PM

WI

“ GARDEN PATH was purchased for the family of Juanita Marie Flater by WISDOM. Send FlowersWe know more about God's compassion and mercy because we saw what God did through JuanitaWISDOM

WISDOM - May 10, 2021 at 10:48 AM

JA

“ You had a beautiful heart Juanita and I'm sure you are in Glory before our precious Lord, I know your beloved Paul was glad to greet you after such a long time. God bless you my sister in Christ I will see you at home, and I'm sure that is not far away. Jesus is coming Maranatha!

Janette - May 19, 2020 at 05:25 PM

RO

“ Memories of Juanita's kindness and laughter while we were in high school still bring a smile years later.What a fine person.

Randy Pinnow, Rocky River, OH - March 11, 2020 at 01:35 PM

TA

“ Your kind soul will be missed by many. ❤️🙏

Tracy Ayen - March 08, 2020 at 09:11 AM

AO

“ *With our condolences.*

Allen and Donna Olson - February 27, 2020 at 08:14 AM

LD

“ *Juanita will be remembered as a kind caring person always putting others needs before her own. She was a very happy and positive person. I enjoyed our visits at the many family gatherings we attended. She was so brave in her battle with cancer, and never wavered in her faith. May she be at peace with the Lord.*

Linda Dean - February 26, 2020 at 09:51 AM

B6

“ *Rest in Peace Juanita*

Bernie class of 67 - February 25, 2020 at 07:22 PM

SH

“ *Juanita was a very determined and dedicated woman and social justice advocate. I admired her courage and passion to bring about changes for Old Law prisoners, especially her loyalty and support of Michael. She was a reliable secretary for our WISDOM Taskforce up until her last days, despite the illness she suffered. She had a strong faith and reliance on her God that drove all her efforts for good. I am blessed to have known her. May she rest in the loving arms of her God in peace and joy forever.*

S. Fran Hoffman - February 25, 2020 at 02:19 PM

NW

“ *A candle was lit in remembrance*

Nancy Walters - February 24, 2020 at 09:28 PM

VK

“ *Such a nice person to have lost.*

Virgil and Judy Keller - February 24, 2020 at 10:01 AM

BM

“ *I loved her with all my heart and she was always a good friend to me and my family. Will miss her.*

Barb Olson Menehan - February 24, 2020 at 12:00 AM