



Susan Rene Knight

November 16, 1955 - September 5, 2025

Susan “Rene” Knight, beloved wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, daughter-in-law, and friend, passed away peacefully on Friday, September 5th at 8:11 PM. She was 69 years young.

Born on Wednesday, November 16th, 1955, in Beckley, West Virginia, to Tom and Peggy Knight, Rene lived a life defined by love, generosity, and joy. She was a radiant presence, known for her signature dimples and smile that could brighten even the darkest room.

Rene attended Florida State University, where she earned both her undergraduate and master’s degrees. A dedicated public servant, she devoted 39 years to the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, rising to the role of Chief of Staff. In 2012, she transitioned to become the Operations Director at the Florida Housing Finance Corporation, where she served for another five years. Rene made lasting connections wherever she went, bringing warmth, integrity, and purpose to everything she did.

Her greatest joy came from spending time with her family, friends, and especially her cherished pets. Her compassion extended to every living being, and her life was a beautiful testament to kindness, humor, and the motto she lived by: Carpe Diem – Seize the Day.

Rene was preceded in death by her beloved mother Peggy, her father Tom,

and her firstborn daughter, Sandra. We take comfort in the thought of their joyful reunion in Heaven—no doubt enjoying her mother's famous chocolate chip cookies together.

She leaves behind a loving legacy and a family who adored her. Rene is survived by her husband of 20 years, Jim; her children Krista, Sean (Kerri), and Samantha Rene; her grandchildren Makensie, Cameron, Kylie Rene, Alyssa, Dylan, and Madison Rene; her great-grandchild Kylo; and her brothers Kevin and James. Her presence will be deeply missed and forever remembered by all who knew and loved her.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, November 8th in Tallahassee. More details will be shared in the near future.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests donations be made to the ASPCA, a cause that was close to Rene's heart.

Susie Mozolic of Bevis Funeral Home is assisting the family with their arrangements. (www.bevisfh.com or 850-385-2193)

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Lucy Miller - October 02, 2025 at 09:06 AM

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“ RIP.

Chris Roady, Jr. - September 24, 2025 at 04:59 PM

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“ I met Renee about 10 years ago. We became friends, enjoying lunches, walks and even a shopping trip here and there. I was always touched by her kindness and loving spirit. I will cherish the time I got to spend time with her.

Christie Faison - September 24, 2025 at 02:30 PM

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“ I applied for a job in Personnel at DHSMV in 1981. Maurice Helms was the Bureau Chief and Rene was his Secretary. She interviewed me first and then Mr. Helms. I was hired and we became fast friends. Our oldest girls were similar in age and our youngest at that time were in the same grade. My daughters watched her daughter Krista after school along with my son. Over the years we remained good friends and in the last several years we didn't see each other often but the visits were good and we reminisced over our memories. We managed to get in a few lunch dates or phone conversations. When she told me what she was dealing with about 7 years ago I never dreamed we would lose her so soon. I have so many memories with her that bring me an automatic smile and sometimes a belly laugh for our shenanigans. She was a wonderful friend, was incredibly smart, and she loved her family fiercely. My heart and prayers go out to Jim, the kids (grands), and her brothers.

Cinda Nichols - September 22, 2025 at 08:51 PM