



## Francene Ilene Sorensen Rex

November 12, 1963 - March 22, 2023

Francene Ilene Sorensen Rex, 59, passed away quietly in her sleep with her husband by her side in the early morning of March 22, 2023, in her home in Leeds, UT after courageously battling brain cancer.

She was born on 12 November 1963 in Mesa, Arizona. Fran was the youngest of 8 children born to Nyron and Elaine Sorensen. She made a few lifelong friends in Vegas before their family moved to Washington, UT to the area that has now become Coral Canyon. She graduated from Dixie High School in 1981 and went on to Dixie State College.

It was during College that Fran found her long-lasting love of Photography. She worked as a photographer for the Spectrum Newspaper and has taken many engagement and wedding pictures of family and friends. She loved to give her favorite picture of the St. George LDS temple away as gifts.

One of Fran's favorite stories to tell was of how she met and married (after 2 short months), the love of her life, Jay Rex. They were set up by Jay's brother, John Rex, and it was love at first sight. They soon moved to Leeds, UT in 1992 to raise their new blended family.

Fran's family was everything to her. She loved being a wife, a mother, and really loved being a grandmother. She loved having tea parties and doing

crafts with her granddaughters and attending all the events. She made sure everyone felt included and was the ultimate hostess. She truly cared for everyone that she met and spent most of her time serving others.

Fran was a faithful member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints and had many callings. Some of her favorite memories included being involved with the Young Women's program for many years on the Ward and Stake level.

Throughout her cancer journey, Fran kept her spirits up by writing poems, letters, and would journal often. She was never far from a pen and would write on whatever she could find. She wrote a poem which she later turned into a song with the help of her sister-in-law Joette Marie Rex, titled "Our Father's Plan."

Fran will be greatly missed by her husband of 33 years, Jamie Bruce (JB) Rex, son Ian (Darla) Rex, daughter Mara (Wade) Turley, son Michael (Jenny) Rex, daughter Tiffany (Dallin) Olson, son Sean (Kristel) Rex, her 6 remaining siblings, 12 grandchildren, 6 great grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

Fran was preceded in death by her parents, Bruce Sorensen (brother), and Berry Michael Wilson (son).

Fran's family would like to thank those that showed their love through transportation arrangements, running errands, visiting with her, and feeding Jay. A special thank you to Salli Kae Egbert and team at Dixie Home, granddaughter McKel Wardell, and the staff at Advanced Health Care of St George for the great care they provided.

Funeral services will be held in Leeds, Utah at 11:00 am at the LDS Church on

75 N Main St, Leeds, UT 84746, on Saturday, April 1, 2023. Friends and family are invited to attend the viewing on the same day from 9:30 am to 10:45 am.

Fran, your body is now gone but your spirit and influence will live on in the hearts of those who loved and knew you forever.

The service can be attended via zoom at:

<https://zoom.us/j/98984699862?pwd=YVdUUUVVYYUdDanM1cEZ0N3RQVUhMZz09>

# Previous Events

## Viewing

APR 1. 9:30 AM - 10:45 AM (MT)

Leeds LDS Church  
75 N Main Street  
Leeds, UT 84746

## Funeral Service

APR 1. 11:00 AM (MT)

Leeds LDS Church  
75 N Main Street  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Serenity Funeral Home of Southern Utah created a Webcast in memory of Francene Ilene Sorensen Rex*



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**Serenity Funeral Home of Southern Utah** - March 30, 2023 at 12:57 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Funeral Recording*



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**Serenity Funeral Home of Southern Utah** - April 24, 2023 at 01:26 PM

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“ *Francine and I grew up on the same street in Las Vegas together (San Gorgonio), we met when we were just 3 years old. There were 3 of us , Michelle, Frannie and I (The 3 Amigos). We’ve all remained close friends all these years later. She taught me so much as she did for so many others over the years, such a special person, and one of my favorite persons! I will miss my best friend always, and I feel very blessed I had the time I did on earth with her. She will forever remain in our hearts! My deepest sympathy for her family and I pray that your special memories you made together will help you through this difficult time.*



Terri Wilkins - April 01, 2023 at 10:09 AM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Francene Ilene Sorensen Rex.*



March 29, 2023 at 06:12 PM



“ *Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of Francene Ilene Sorensen Rex.*



March 29, 2023 at 11:55 AM

CJ

“ We send our love, prayers, and condolences to Jay and the whole Rex family. We will miss her. --Craig and Lenora Johnson

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**Craig Robert Johnson** - March 28, 2023 at 06:06 PM

JZ

“ Fran was the Leeds town recorder when we moved here 13 years ago. She was so kind, so nice and so helpful that I thought, " this has GOT to be A great place to live!" And it has been. But it is greatly diminished with Fran's passing. My sympathy for Jay and all her family.

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**Judy Zumwalt** - March 28, 2023 at 03:26 PM

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“ I got to spend some time with Fran during her final days on earth. I do lots of paintings for people’s families of loved ones in the saviors arms who have passed away. Fran called me before Christmas and asked me to do a painting for her family. She wanted the painting to be of her with the Angels following Christ watching over her family on earth. The message she wanted to portray in the painting was that she would be able to help her family on earth more from the other side than she was able to from this side with the physical and mental limitations from her brain tumor. When I do these paintings, many of the clients tell me their loved ones send messages from the other side to let them know they are OK or send comfort to a loved one. The messages have special meaning to the person that has passed that the family recognizes. For example, my grandma loved butterflies and since her passing she has sent me and other family members many butterflies often at times when we have been discouraged or needed comfort. I asked Fran what message she would send her family when they needed to know she was close. She didn’t hesitate when she said sunflowers. She said she loved sunflowers because they follow the “sun” and so does she, meaning, she follows the Savior also known as the “Son” of God. Fran was a dear friend of mine and will be dearly missed. She was a great example of following the Son. I will always be grateful for the friend and example she was to me.

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**Laurel Peine** - March 28, 2023 at 12:17 AM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Francene Ilene Sorensen Rex.



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March 27, 2023 at 03:58 PM