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Judy passed away on September 25th, 2023, after bravely battling stage 4 melanoma cancer. She was born on May 9th, 1945, in Wenatchee, Washington, to her loving parents, Beryle and Russel Whitehall. Judy was their spirited fourth red-headed child, and she brought joy to their lives from the very beginning. Growing up in Entiat, she attended Entiat High School and graduated in 1963 with a sense of determination and a love for her community. In 1965, she married Jack Williams, and the couple welcomed their first child, Heidi, in 1966. They moved and made their home in Port Orchard, Washington. This is where they would go on to have Holly, in 1969, and in 1978, Kirk. Entiat would always remain home to her.

Judy held various jobs, including positions at Charles Furniture and Bremer's Department Store. However, her true calling emerged when she became a Para Educator in the South Kitsap School District. She had a passion for teaching and helped students with all subjects, but she had a special affection for math, history, and reading. She also had the privilege of sharing her love for these subjects with her grandchildren.

Judy had a lifelong passion for volunteering, dedicating herself to the

betterment of her community. She served as her daughters' Brownie and Girl Scout leader, fostering growth and camaraderie among the girls. Then also as a den mother and leader for her son, she instilled valuable life lessons and cherished memories.

In later years, continued her dedication by actively participating in her granddaughters' Girl Scout troop, and she eagerly led the way at the annual Girl Scout Day camp every summer. Her commitment to empowering young minds and fostering a spirit of service will be remembered by those she inspired. She enjoyed taking all the groups on camping trips and doing community service work to improve the community she lived in.

Upon retiring, she discovered a unique love for raising and showing chickens. Not only did she earn numerous blue and red ribbons but also involved her grandchildren in caring for the chickens. While some of them embraced this responsibility with open arms, others found it more challenging, and Judy found it absolutely hilarious to watch each of them navigate the world of chicken care in their own way.

Judy had an overwhelming plethora of knowledge if you were willing to listen. She had this remarkable gift for not only identifying and naming various birds, and flowers but every tree she ever came across. She graciously shared her knowledge with anyone who showed even a twinge of interest. She had a deep passion for tending her beautiful flowers. Her garden and her ability to distinguish one tree from another was a true testament to her deep connection and love with nature. The beauty she created there will be remembered by all who had the privilege of seeing it and her wisdom will be missed by all who knew her.

Judy had a gift for storytelling, whether it was tales from her youth, her life's adventures, or just the ordinary moments that became extraordinary in her

animated retelling. Her stories were a source of laughter and warmth, connecting generations and preserving memories. Her laughter was contagious just like her personality and it was perhaps her most cherished gift. She truly had one of those infectious laughs, a sound that resonated with all who knew her. It's a treasure we will collectively miss, a reminder of the happiness and warmth she brought to our lives.

Judy's love for her family was immeasurable. She rarely missed a game or event, always there to support her loved ones. Her home was a sanctuary filled with cherished memories, where every corner was adorned with pictures of her beloved family and friends. Judy's warm and inviting spirit extended to all who entered her home, leaving an indelible mark on the hearts of those she held dear.

Judy loved the family holiday tradition of baking cookies together. Those moments were pure chaos but also brought joy seeing the family gather in the kitchen, creating sweet memories and delicious treats. Her love for these traditions will live on in the hearts of her family. A reminder that even in the midst of pure chaos, we can take away a bit of joy, warmth and togetherness that she brought to every celebration.

In 2017, Judy returned to her roots in Entiat to be near family and friends. Where she eagerly embraced her community once again. Generously giving her time to the Entiat Museum, the Arbor Tree Association, and was actively involved in the Entiat Valley Church. In addition she help with the all school reunion this last July and enjoyed every minute of it. Helping her brother Bob cut firewood up the river was also on her agenda and she never missed an opportunity to ride along and take photos of their adventures.

Judy's commitment to her faith and community was unwavering. She was a

dedicated member of the Entiat Valley Church, belonging to the Ladies Guild and serving as its treasurer. She took pride in decorating the church for different seasons and holidays, finding joy in the fellowship of the quilting group, and participating in Valentine's Day parties and 4th of July picnics. Every week, she and Kirk diligently cleaned the church, all in the spirit of bringing glory to God.

Judy's legacy is one of love, service, and dedication to family, community, and faith. Her warm and giving spirit touched the lives of many, leaving an enduring impact that will be cherished and remembered.

She was predeceased by her parents Beryle and Russel, stepfather Don, and sister Joan. Judy, a beloved mother, sister, aunt, grandmother, great-grandmother, and friend, has passed away. She leaves behind her children's father, Jack, who shared in the journey of raising their family and their three children Heidi, Holly (Harry) and Kirk. As well as her siblings Cleo, Ted (Karen),

Bob (Kathy) and Marcia (Malcolm). Her legacy lives on through her grandchildren Ashley (Justin), Amanda (Seth), Kyle (Sharon), Alek, Jason (Brianna), Aiden and Michelle. She was also blessed to know her great-grandchildren Wyatt, Elijah, Demri and Hayden, who brought her joy and warmth throughout her life. Along with a big bunch of nieces, nephews, and cousins that she enjoyed visiting with and making them laugh.

A Celebration of Life is scheduled for November 4, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. at Entiat Valley Church, 2150 Entiat Way, Entiat, WA 98822 with a reception to follow. In lieu of flowers, please consider contributing to the Entiat Museum, in honor of Judy's memory.

Previous Events

Service

NOV 4. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (PT)

Entiat Valley Church
2150 Entiat
Entiat, WA

Tribute Wall

CB

“ Judy my mom Jane and their best friend Carol were all Girl Scout leaders way back in the day. She was the sweetest funniest lady I ever knew. I could tell many camping stories that we all went on. She loved camping, as did her two best friends. Together they were so silly and crazy. I will always love you and miss you. Fly high and rest easy. I love you

Chandra Baker - January 27, 2024 at 02:50 PM

TK

“ Back in the mid to late 80s I was known as Timothy Bassett. I dated Heidi for a year and in that time came to know her family. Should've kind and gentle spirit with appreciation for life and her family. Nothing was more important to her than her family. I am very pleased to have known her if not for a short period of time. Judy was impeccably kind and community oriented. I greatly lament her passing.

Timothy Kusherets/Bassett - January 18, 2024 at 10:51 PM

WW

“ I'm not sure if it was when Holly and I were in brownies or Peggy and Heidi were in Girl scouts I just remember my mom and Judy becoming fast friends watching them was like watching an episode of Lucille ball and Ethel Mertz. Judy had an infectious smile and laugh and always brought out the best in my mom. The two of them would spend hours creating apple pies or raspberry Jam, from basket parties to Tupperware they were always sharing laughter and up to one thing or another. I remember when Judy was pregnant with Kirk and how when he came into the world my mother fell in love with the adorable red haired boy. I can remember mom taking Kirk to Bremmer's so Judy could spend time feeding Kirk their friendship was unwavering and Judy was always there helping mom to laugh through the hard times. Till this day I can't hear a Lionel Richie song without the memory of mom and Judy coming home from his concert you could here them singing a block away windows rolled down music loud as can be. Every year at Christmas they would get together to make Spritz cookies dozens and dozens of them. The hours they spent talking on the phone or together at each others house. I can never look at a boat with ores with out hearing Judy yell Air, Water trying to teach girl scouts to row together. Judy was the hardest call I ever had to make when I told her of the sudden death of my mother and it broke my heart but as selfless as Judy was she called me a day later to check in and see how I was, it was like having a piece of mom there and I don't think she will ever know how much that ment to me. I will miss her so but know the two of them are catching up in Heaven and I'm sure the laughter continues as they catch up and share in the latest stories. My love goes out to you all. As hard as it is to mourn her loss just know she made so many other peoples lives better for having known her.

Wendy Wesseler - November 03, 2023 at 10:02 PM

MK

“ I’m not sure how we will get along without “our favorite red-headed sister”! She remembered every holiday, birthday, anniversary, etc., with a card and that signature. We would laugh together until we cried and our sides hurt! And I don’t know what I’ll do without that! But knowing that you woke up in God’s arms with no pain, makes my heart smile. I love you Judy! Thanks for being the best red-headed sister ever!

Marcia Keithley - October 31, 2023 at 02:53 PM

DW

“ Judy and Joan came to visit our family (Uncle Don, Aunt Bev and little cousin Diane) when I was only five or six in San Francisco. They were teenagers and I loved them! My last memory of Judy was being together as we both visited mom the year she passed. She always made us laugh and was always emotional talking about family and events. I remember going through Grandma Moe’s stuff passed down to Dad (Don) and watching her tear up and then laugh a bunch together. I always enjoyed being with Judy. I wish I could have spent more time with her. I’m so glad she ended up back in Entiat where she really was at “Home”.

Diane (Moe) Wallingford - October 30, 2023 at 05:41 PM

DR

“ Judy was a sincere friend who loved her Lord & others. She lived to care for her son Kirk, meeting his every need. I shall miss her and her quick smile but tender heart which was always close to tears shed for others. I was so thankful that she made the move from Port Orchard to Entiat to be near her family. I think the small town atmosphere was very healthy for Kirk & herself. I offer my condolences to her daughters Holly & Heidi, praying for wisdom & joy as they live life without their Mother and especially to Kirk whom I love.

Sincerely, Deanie Remenak

Deanie Remenak - September 30, 2023 at 03:26 PM

KC

“ SEE ya when I get there. Will love to see tht great smile of yours dear Friend xoxo Konnie xoxo

Konnie CUNNINGHAM - September 28, 2023 at 07:49 PM

KC

“ Dearest Friend Judy. What a ride. You always gave your all to your three children. They and friends like me were blessed to have such a loving friend. Heaven suits you. You earned it. See ya when I get there. God bless the kiddos Big hugs and smiles . With much love Konnie

Konnie CUNNINGHAM - September 28, 2023 at 06:54 PM

AW

I love this so much, Heaven truly does suit her, my Grammy was ready to meet our lord and savior, we just weren't ready for her bright heart to leave us yet, but I know she isn't far, and we will see her again

amanda williams - October 30, 2023 at 09:47 PM

MJ

“ Our prayers go out to Kirk, Holly, and Heidi as well as other family members on the passing of Judy. She was a member of our church, Adventure of Faith. We spent many years in the same Sunday School class. Her sense of humor was one of her best qualities. When she retired and moved to Entiat we were happy for her to be closer to her family but she was definitely missed by so many of us in Port Orchard. God was ready for Judy to be with Him and I know she was welcomed with His open arms. We will miss you my dear friend.

Vern and Marilyn Judd.

Marilyn Judd - September 28, 2023 at 03:20 PM