



Judy Kay Youngberg

January 25, 1947 - November 19, 2024

Judy Kay Youngberg, beloved wife, mother, grandmother, sister, and friend, peacefully passed away surrounded by loved ones on Tuesday, November 19th, 2024, at the age of 77 in Ham Lake, Minnesota. Judy was born January 25, 1947 in New Haven Township, Minnesota to Harold and Mary Shanks. After growing up in the Pine Island area with her eight siblings she graduated from Pine Island High School in 1965. Judy continued her education at St. Cloud State University graduating in 1969 and went on to obtain her master's degree in education at St. Mary's University.

Judy and her devoted husband, Barry, shared a beautiful 50-year journey together. More than just partners, Barry was her unwavering support and safe haven through life's challenges. Their enduring bond stood as a true testament to the power of companionship and love.

She taught first and third grade at Pinewood Elementary for 34 years until her retirement in 2003. Judy was a dedicated teacher and cared greatly for her students and their families as shown by the generations of students who keep in touch to this day.

Judy was a devoted mother and leaves behind her children, Todd (Shannon), Scott (Christi), and Jillian. She deeply treasured her role as a grandmother and found great joy in spending time with her grandchildren Ava, Adeline,

Peighton, Jordan, Myles and Presley.

Judy is also survived by her siblings Jody (Brian) Krause, Jerry (Nancy) Shanks, Carle (Cheryl) Shanks, Amy Cogswell and John Shanks, sisters-in-law Jane Shanks and Betty Shanks, brother-in-law Rich Hagens, as well as many beloved nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, Harold and Mary Shanks, and siblings David Shanks, Ed Shanks and Barbara Hagens.

Judy loved her trips up north to the lake, where the beauty of nature provided the perfect backdrop for hosting family gatherings. Whether it was sharing meals by the water, s'mores around the campfire, a book in her hand, or enjoying quiet moments together, those trips were filled with laughter, love, and cherished memories.

Judy had a deep love for traveling the world with Barry, cherishing every journey they took together and the memories they created along the way. Throughout her travels, she delighted in bringing back special treasures and souvenirs for her family and loved ones, each item chosen with care and thoughtfulness, a small piece of the world that she wanted to share with them.

Her battle with Corticobasal Degeneration was fought with extraordinary courage; she never complained but faced each day with grace and strength. Judy's family expresses their thanks to North Memorial Hospice for their compassionate care and commitment.

Her family and friends will forever remember her beautiful smile and kind spirit. Judy was a selfless person who made everyone around her feel like the most important person in the world. She will be dearly missed and fondly remembered by all who were fortunate to know her. Her legacy of love, strength, and joy will live on, continuing to inspire those who loved her.

A Celebration of Life will be held Saturday, December 7, 2024 with visitation at 10 am and a service following at 11 am at Glen Cary Lutheran Church 15531 Central Ave NE, Ham Lake, MN. A luncheon will be held at the church following the service. Graveside memorial will take place at a later date. Memorials to Family Promise in Anoka County.

"My flesh and my heart may fail but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever." Psalm 73:26

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 7. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

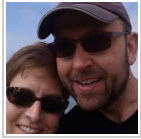
Glen Cary Lutheran Church
15531 Central Ave. NE
Ham Lake, MN 55304

Memorial Service

DEC 7. 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ O Captain, My Captain! She was the best, the absolute best. As my 3rd and 4th grade teacher at Pinewood from 1977 to 1979, she made me feel loved and supported through all my insecurities. She saw my potential, set high expectations for me, and celebrated me when I met them. I am forever grateful to have had her mentorship, and my world dims with her passing. She was greatly loved, and gave this world much more than she took from it.

Tom Breske - December 09, 2024 at 01:42 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Judy Kay Youngberg.

December 06, 2024 at 06:35 PM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Judy Kay Youngberg.



December 06, 2024 at 10:05 AM



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“ We have such wonderful memories of our times with the Youngberg family. Judy was always so welcoming and friendly. We instantly felt like part of the family. We feel blessed to have known her. Thinking of all of you this weekend. Much love from the Kessel Family

Christie Kessel - December 06, 2024 at 09:49 AM



“ Loving Brothers and Sisters planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Judy Kay Youngberg.

Loving Brothers and Sisters - December 05, 2024 at 10:28 PM



“ Loving Brothers and Sisters purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Judy Kay Youngberg.



Loving Brothers and Sisters - December 05, 2024 at 10:28 PM

CF

“ Carl and Colleen Owen Families purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Judy Kay Youngberg.



Carl and Colleen Owen Families - December 05, 2024 at 07:03 AM

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“ Carl and Colleen Owen Families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Judy Kay Youngberg.

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LF

“ Love your Kann family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Judy Kay Youngberg.

Love your Kann family - December 04, 2024 at 09:01 PM

LF

“ Love your Kann family purchased the Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet for the family of Judy Kay Youngberg.



Love your Kann family - December 04, 2024 at 09:01 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Judy Kay Youngberg.*



December 03, 2024 at 07:29 PM



“ *Our family was so fond of both Barry and Judy . They were fabulous teachers at Pinewood.*

Barb Trostad-Peterson - November 25, 2024 at 01:42 PM



“ *I grew up next door to Judy and all her siblings. Judy was always a person who spread joy and love. God bless you all.*

Kari Feigal Helgen - November 24, 2024 at 12:06 PM



“ *I worked with Judy at Pinewood Elementary School and Judy and Barry taught my children. Her love of teaching, her smile, and her special care for her students was a special blessing to our family. Not everyone who teaches, loves the students the way she did. Rest now, Judy! You have touched so many lives and will be missed.*

Kathy Piche' - November 23, 2024 at 04:03 PM

LA

“ We met Judy and Barry on a trip to Costa Rico many years ago. Right away it was so easy to talk to both of them and I could feel we would have been friends if we had lived near them. Loved her FB posts enjoying their vacations and the love of their family and grandkids. I am sure she will be missed!!

Lillian Artus - November 22, 2024 at 05:26 PM

JF

“ John Dreshar and Kris Dreshar Fitch purchased the Pretty Please for the family of Judy Kay Youngberg.



John Dreshar and Kris Dreshar Fitch - November 22, 2024 at 02:54 PM

JM

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Judy was a very special lady. She always had a smile and a laugh and made you feel so welcome. Our families grew up together... And we always had so much fun. May God's loving arms, comfort all of you now during this time of loss. Joanne.(Yennie) Markee

Joanne Markee - November 22, 2024 at 02:09 PM

MZ

We always appreciated spending Thanksgiving together during the hockey years. It was especially fun going shopping with Judy after she retired. She especially loved looking at black dresses she could dress up or down. She loved her family very much and loved the Lord! RIP Judy!

Marilyn Zinken - November 22, 2024 at 10:01 PM

BS

I got to know Judy up at St Cloud State fall 1965 and with some mutual friends of Carolyn and Barb we had so much fun on road trips to Pine Island Cheese festival. Have continued catching up with what Judy has been up to and sharing and praying for Judy's journey. Sending heart felt prayers to Judy's loving family and friends.

Hugs Becky Schmieg 🙏

Becky Schmieg - November 25, 2024 at 12:10 AM

DC

Our deepest sympathy to Barry and family in the death of dear Judy. Judy was Megan's 3rd Grade teacher and loved her. Judy was so patient and kind with Megan and the students. I was a team mate of Judy's in the Third Grade at Pinewood. We always had a great time working and chatting together. Judy touched so many lives and will be missed tremendously. Our prayers for Judy as she rests in peace. Our love and prayers for Barry and family for strength and comfort as you grieve. May God's love and fond memories of all the happy times together bring you peace. Darlene, Bob and Megan Cuddigan

Darlene Cuddigan - November 27, 2024 at 09:49 PM

DO

We have a family cabinet next to Berry and Judy, She always had a genuine positive greeting and smile on her face . In her later years, I shared one of my wild Blackberry picking spots with Berry.

The next time I seen Judy she was very appreciative for sharing that spot with them.

Berry and Judy were a Great and loving couple, Judy was a very caring person, as Is Berry.

There Cabin was set up like a Activity center for there grandkids, Canoeing, kayaking, Giant Yard Genga, a four wheeler, Pontoon, Fishing, tubing, campfires, a make shift baseball field in back yard. What kid wouldn't want to send the weekend at that Grandma and Grandpas cabin.

My guess is Judy was one of those teachers that you would remember her as a first Grader and though the rest of your life.

She will be missed!

Dave O

David Olson - December 03, 2024 at 02:24 PM