



## Judy Ruf

August 15, 1942 - July 15, 2020

Judy Ruf, 77, of Springville, Alabama, passed away on July 15, 2020. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, sister and friend. She was preceded in death by parents Frank and Mary Hames, and brother Charlie. Survived by her loving husband of 56 years, Tom Ruf; son Jim; daughters Laurie Cornell, Kristi (Chuck) Cook, Tricia, and Betsy; grandchildren Sean and Molly Cornell and Josh, Drew, and Ryan Cook; brother John (Valerie) Hames, and many nieces and nephews.

Judy was born in Great Falls, Montana, and the beloved northwest and the mountains always held a piece of her heart. A born nurturer with a keen mind for medicine, Judy graduated from Sacred Heart School of Nursing in Spokane, WA in 1963, making life-long friends and began a purpose-filled career in pediatric healthcare. She met and married the love of her life Tom in 1964 and they raised their family of five children as they crossed the country, making many treasured friends while living in seven states over the years. Judy and Tom retired and moved to Springville in 2003 and found a home at Holy Infant of Prague Catholic Church, where Judy was active in Ladies Sodality, church events, and founded and fostered a Prayer Shawl Ministry that has served so many in such a special way. She used her talent and creativity in a way that showed her love and served others, whether it was to decorate a house to make it a home; feed and nourish her family, friends, and friends who became family; or warm the bodies, hearts, and souls with her knitting and sewing. Judy modeled a loving and equal partnership with Tom,

and showed her unconditional love and care for her family and friends every day. A few words to describe her multi-faceted life are: Pancakes, prayer shawls, passion, pink hair, pinecones, playful wit, pictures, pots, procrastination, pediatrics, positivity, patience, practicality, parent, partner, protector.

Funeral services will be Thursday, July 23, 2020 at Holy Infant of Prague Catholic Church in Trussville, AL. Family will be receiving friends for visitation starting at 10:00 a.m. A Mass of Resurrection will begin at 11:00 a.m. In order to safely celebrate Judy's life, face coverings must be worn at all times and social distancing must be observed. Please follow guidelines and directions from ushers to protect all attendees. If you are unable to attend, you're invited to access Holy Infant of Prague Catholic Church's YouTube channel to live stream the service.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL **23**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Holy Infant of Prague  
8090 Gadsden Hwy  
Trussville, AL 35173

## Funeral Mass

JUL **23**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Holy Infant of Prague  
8090 Gadsden Hwy  
Trussville, AL 35173

# Tribute Wall

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Diiane Whilden - July 22, 2020 at 09:45 PM

DW

Judy was a very special member of our Sodality at Holy infant of Prague and a long time special friend. Love and prayers to her wonderful family.

Diiane Whilden - July 23, 2020 at 09:56 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Judy Ruf.



July 22, 2020 at 01:52 PM

CB

“ Carrie Puterbaugh & Eric Biese purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Judy Ruf.



Carrie Puterbaugh & Eric Biese - July 22, 2020 at 12:46 AM

DH

“ *Dick and Marybeth Hoesterey purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Judy Ruf.*



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**Dick and Marybeth Hoesterey** - July 21, 2020 at 04:29 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Judy Ruf.*



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July 21, 2020 at 01:54 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Judy Ruf.*



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July 21, 2020 at 11:18 AM

SK

“ *Susan Kervaski purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Judy Ruf.*



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**Susan Kervaski** - July 19, 2020 at 08:23 PM

TR

“ Holding you all in our Love and Prayers.

The Robinsons - July 19, 2020 at 01:16 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Judy Ruf.



July 19, 2020 at 01:05 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Judy Ruf.



July 18, 2020 at 06:12 PM

DF

“ Only met her a couple of times but she left a big impression. Mrs. Ruff was sweet, kind and had a big, beautiful smile. What a joy for Heaven!

Dianne Fowler - July 18, 2020 at 02:58 PM

SD

“ Stan D. purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Judy Ruf.



Stan D. - July 18, 2020 at 08:59 AM

LS

“ Love from the Balousek Cousins and Spouses purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Judy Ruf.



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**Love from the Balousek Cousins and Spouses** - July 17, 2020  
at 08:36 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Judy Ruf.



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July 17, 2020 at 07:55 PM

KS

“ I love the twinkle in her eyes as she beamed and talked with great joy about her family. I'm honored that we are from different branches our our high family Ruff tree. I loved your mom's acceptance and amazing love for me, my family and ALL OUR EXTENDED family. She will be sorely missed yet forever remembered.

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**Kim Stoeffler** - July 17, 2020 at 07:39 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Judy Ruf.



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July 17, 2020 at 05:02 PM

TH

“ *Ms. Judy was so sweet to me from the first moment we met (through Jim). One of my favorite memories is that she and my mom shared a birthday week (two days apart), and on my mom's first birthday after she passed away, I had gotten a memorial picture book from her funeral the day before Judy's birthday dinner. I brought it to show Jim but didn't want to be a wet blanket on Judy's day, but Jim insisted she would want to see it. So I showed it to her and Mr. Tom, and she just gushed over how special it was. She then proceeded to pull flowers from the bouquet Jim had given her and gave them to me, and we "set a place" for my mom at the table. At her own birthday celebration. She always had an encouraging word for me on the occasions she knew were hard. (I even got the "special plate" at the Ruf family Christmas dinner on my first Christmas without my mom.) A strong personality and a servant's heart. I'm heartbroken that she's gone but thankful that she's with her Father! I'm so honored I was able to know her.*

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**Tracie Hopwood** - July 17, 2020 at 04:54 PM



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**Olga Dale** - July 17, 2020 at 04:15 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Judy Ruf.*



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July 17, 2020 at 04:12 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Judy Ruf.*



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July 17, 2020 at 04:02 PM



“ *Your phData PMO family! purchased the Fiery Lily and Rose for the family of Judy Ruf.*



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**Your phData PMO family!** - July 17, 2020 at 03:54 PM



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



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July 17, 2020 at 02:51 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Judy Ruf.*



July 17, 2020 at 02:29 PM



“ *Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of Judy Ruf.*



July 17, 2020 at 02:09 PM



“ *Judy was such a beautiful person! She always thought of others even as she suffered! We have 2 wonderful Prayer shawls as memories of her!! I am so glad we got to meet her and share in her life!! We will miss her! Our hearts go out to all of you during this difficult time! We love all of you and are Praying and thinking about you! Bill and Geri Winston*

**Geri Winston** - July 17, 2020 at 01:36 PM

PB

*The Pot Ladies, Virginia, Irene, and Pam...many sweet memories, lots of laughs, and so much love! We will miss you!*

**pam bell** - July 21, 2020 at 07:29 PM

RK

“ *Betsy - my deepest condolences to you and your entire family. What a beautiful life she lived and shared with you all. Stay strong.* ”

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**Ruth Kersten** - July 17, 2020 at 01:32 PM