



## Judith Ann Kurtz

October 3, 1939 - April 14, 2023

Judith Kurtz, 83, died on April 14, 2023, after a long, heroic battle with RA. She was surrounded by her family including her devoted caregiver and great-granddaughter, Allisson Renee, who was her constant companion for the last 5 months of her life. She is survived by two sons, Duane Silano (Cindy) and Gene Kurtz (Lynn), and two daughters, Robin Jenkins and Donna (Allen) Smith. She leaves eight grandchildren: Amanda, Gene, Kimberly, Ben, Nicole, Kevin, Matthew, and Jordan, twelve great-grandchildren, a brother, Phil (Peggy) in Pennsylvania, a sister, Donna, in Florida, and a grandpuppy, Jack-Jack, who was her four-legged bestie. She will be missed by her nephews, Russ and Rick, who were also her neighbors and a daily part of her life. Judy also leaves behind beautiful friendships: Robin B., Barb, Karen, and Mari all showered her with love and were like daughters to her.

Judy was pre-deceased by her parents, Freda and Dante, her beloved son, Danny, and her husband, Gene, who in life and death was the man of her dreams. Their love lasted 50 years on earth, and she continued to love him with her whole heart after his death in 2010.

Judy's grandchildren and great-grandchildren filled her heart with immeasurable love and helped heal her heart after losing Gene. She was the quintessential caretaker and loved nothing more than to rock a cranky baby to sleep, dress them, bathe them, feed them, or do whatever needed to be done. She loved spending time with her older grandchildren and great-grandchildren as well. Until her later years, you could find her doing whatever she could to help at any family function and running errands for anyone who needed her help.

Judy spent much of her younger days working 2-3 jobs at a time. She's been a waitress, a data entry supervisor, and a payroll clerk, and worked plenty of side jobs, but whatever she did she showed up on time, gave 100%, and did her best not to complain. She was always the hardest worker in the room. As a child she dreamed of being a nurse, but she traded that dream for motherhood. She volunteered wherever she could: Roosevelt High School clean up with SouthLake Church, Greenacres Farm Sanctuary, baking snacks for

church service, or cooking “dinner with the pastor” for a new church plant. Judy was a fabulous cook!

Judy was a little lady who leaves a giant hole in the lives of her friends and family. She was greatly loved by many and will be thought of and missed every day.

# Tribute Wall

AR

“ *Allisson Reneé lit a candle in memory of Judith Ann Kurtz*



Allisson Reneé - April 22, 2025 at 01:54 PM

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“ *Allisson Reneé lit a candle in memory of Judith Ann Kurtz*



Allisson Reneé - April 22, 2024 at 04:50 PM

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Allisson Reneè - July 17, 2023 at 12:58 AM

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“ *Allisson Reneè lit a candle in memory of Judith Ann Kurtz*



Allisson Reneè - April 26, 2023 at 03:28 AM

RJ

“ I have been struggling to put the words together here. Not because there's a lack of something to say, but the opposite! There it's sooo much to say about my mom and I'm struggling with which to choose from. My mom was definitely a hard worker her whole life... As my siblings have noted. She taught us that. She also made it clear if you didn't go to school, you couldn't go out to play that afternoon. Well... She carried that into adulthood. When my parents and my son and I all rented a big house together, I remember having a migraine one day and having to call out of work. My migraine went away sometime during the day. After work, my girlfriend wanted me to meet her at a pub near my house. I was getting ready to leave when my mom told me that I couldn't go out... Because I stayed home from work that day!

But mom was more than just a workaholic... She was a loveaholic when it came to her family and friends! She was always there for any one of us and did whatever it took to be what we needed at that time. Mom, nurse, teacher, counselor, taxi driver, whatever! She even took me in when I filed for disability and couldn't work much and had nowhere to live. That was definitely challenging for both of us. Lol. We had some hard times living together, both stubborn and set in our own ways. But when I was able to move out and go back home to Florida... I cried because of how much I loved her and would miss her.

I am so very grateful I was able to visit her right before she passed. I was there when she had her "Rally" right before slipping away. She had one of the best days that she'd had in years. That's all she kept saying that day. She was laughing, perky and just so happy. She told that to everyone she talked to that day. I will forever be grateful to have been a part of that day.

If you knew my mom, you knew love! Be at peace now, mom. No more pain and you're with daddy again. Watch over us always. I love you so much mom and I'll miss you always!

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**Robin Jenkins** - April 24, 2023 at 05:50 AM

DS

She was a stubborn woman who raised stubborn women, I like to say. ❤️ She rescued so many of us from ourselves. She was always there for me when I was sick - even when I was in my 50's! She would show up with soup, cold medicine, or whatever she thought we needed to feel better.

Her rally day was a mere two days before she stopped being lucid and was no longer able to walk. It blows my mind how normal, happy, and downright AMAZING that Monday was for her - she was pre-stroke mom! I am so grateful the 4 of us were able to share that day with her. ❤️❤️

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**Donna Smith** - April 27, 2023 at 09:49 AM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Judith Ann Kurtz.*



April 24, 2023 at 04:02 AM

DS

“ *Donna Smith lit a candle in memory of Judith Ann Kurtz*



**Donna Smith** - April 23, 2023 at 10:18 AM

RJ

“ *Robin Kurtz Jenkins lit a candle in memory of Judith Ann Kurtz*



**Robin Kurtz Jenkins** - April 23, 2023 at 07:59 AM

KC

“ *Judy was the most awesome woman I ever met. She was the bestest friend. She always had your back. She was a good mother, grandma, and great grandmother. She loved her family more than life itself. If I had any problems at all I would go to Judy and she would solve them for me. She had a backbone harder than steel and she wouldn't take guff off nobody. I know she's with Jesus and the love of her life, her honey bunny Gene. I want her to see her place pretty again when she goes bye. I miss you. I love you Judy. I'll remember her always. My bestest buddy. I've fallen in love with her family. I didn't know there were so many kind people in the world.*  
*Love Karen*



**Karen C** - April 22, 2023 at 07:42 PM

AR

“ She was an absolute amazing great grandmother. I couldn't have asked for a better one. She was there for me my entire life, my #1 supporter. I'm so glad I got to take care of my Grammy in her last 5 months. My soulmate, I'll miss her. ❤️



Allisson Reneè - April 22, 2023 at 05:15 PM

DS

“ My mom was the hardest working person I've ever met. She cared deeply about people, and even when she wasn't well she would be there to help them the best she could. She would sacrifice for her family without hesitation.

Mom was my coffee buddy, yard sale adventurer, weekend partner-in-crime, and favorite harmless tea spiller. I am thankful for every day I had with her, even the hard ones at the end.



Donna Smith - April 22, 2023 at 11:24 AM

RB

“ The friendship that I shared with Judy was so special to me. She helped me get through the toughest time of my life with the passing of my mother and we grew closer everyday. We went on a few adventures and always had a great time. She has been such a big part of my life for the last 10 years I will miss her terribly. I am blessed to have known her and will cherish every moment for the rest of my life. Until we meet again sweet lady.

Robin Bowen - April 21, 2023 at 11:06 PM

MI

This beautiful lady and I hit it off right away. I will cherish all the fun times "mom" and I had. All our special moments are locked in my heart. I miss her terribly and miss visiting her daily. Until we meet again beautiful lady. I will love you forever.

Mari Isermann - April 22, 2023 at 12:27 AM

GK

“ *My mother worked what seemed like around the clock to provide for the family. She always made sure we were in incredible school districts and that we always had nice clothes and supplies for school. She also tried her best to keep us off free lunches so we wouldn't get picked on in school.*

*She always made us a priority and sacrificed so much for us.*

*I love you Mom. Give Dad a hug for me.*

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**Gene Kurtz** - April 21, 2023 at 09:46 PM