



Judith Carole Smith

December 17, 1931 - July 31, 2024

Judy passed away peacefully on July 31, 2024 in Holladay Utah with her husband at her side.

Judy was born in 1931, in Monroe Michigan near the shores of Lake Eerie to James C. and Mary Cassada. She graduated from Monroe High school and attended the University of Colorado, Boulder, where she affiliated with Alpha Delta Pi Sorority, studied journalism, and met her future husband, Cecil W. (Bill) Smith. They were married in Denver Co in 1954.

With Bill's early career they lived in ME, NJ, CO, and WY before settling in Salt Lake City in 1960. She participated in many volunteer activities including Girl Scouts, League of Women Voters, and women's organizations of Wasatch Presbyterian Church (WOW). She served as a Sunday School teacher, choir member, and Deacon of Wasatch Presbyterian and was proud to become a Docent at the Natural History Museum of Utah. Her professional career began with the Utah Girl Scout Council, and she retired from the Utah Department of Health.

Judy was an outdoor enthusiast year-round. With Bill and their three daughters, she participated in adventures with the Wasatch Mountain Club as well as snowshoeing, skiing, hiking, camping, 4-wheeling, and many hours viewing the beauty of the stars and excitement of meteor showers. Judy and Bill also loved to travel and together explored Alaska, Hawaii, most of the continental U.S. states, Canada, Mexico, and the British Isles.

Of her many talents, Judy was an excellent seamstress. She loved a good murder mystery and enjoyed learning about diverse cultures, archeology, and was a big fan of Carl Sagan's "Cosmos".

Judy is survived by her sister Ann Davis (Floyd), husband Bill Smith, daughters Sue Heavenrich (Lou), Laura Peterson (Lloyd), Kathryn Sonzini (Mike), grandchildren Coulter, Toby, Skylar, Kim, and four great grandchildren.

The family would like to extend their sincere appreciation and gratitude for the loving care and compassion Judy received at Spring Gardens Holladay Memory Care, as well as Bristol Hospice during her final months of life. You are amazing angels.

A service celebrating her life will be held at 11:00 am on Saturday Aug 17, at Wasatch Presbyterian Church, 1626 SO 1700 E, SLC. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to: BLM – Grand Staircase Escalante NM, UT Girl Scout Council, Wasatch Presbyterian Church, a charity of your choice, or consider volunteering in your community to make the world a better place.

Please share memories and condolences at www.serenityfhs.com

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

AUG 17. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (MT)

Wasatch Presbyterian Church
1626 SO 1700 E
Salt Lake City, UT

Tribute Wall

SH

“ Mom encouraged our creativity, curiosity, and imagination. She pulled out her ancient Royal typewriter when I wanted to write stories (hey, mom - I'm still writing those stories!). She taught us to stand up for ourselves and what we believe in. And she got us involved in Girl Scouts, which became an important part of our lives. Mom was a scout leader and a Day Camp director. She taught me how to sew a ditty bag (that's a net bag you put your mess kit in so you can dunk it into a bucket of scalding water), how to weave a sit-upon from old Salt Lake Tribunes, and that value of a well-made s'more.



Sue Heavenrich - August 19, 2024 at 02:56 PM

KH

Beautiful memories, dear Sue

Kathy Halsey - August 20, 2024 at 01:58 PM

KS

“ My mom was smart and sometimes silly, she had an amazing breadth of skills and a zest for adventure, but her "superpower" was simply being present. Mom loved Christmas, and never missed celebrating a birthday or graduation. She was a great friend to many, a wonderful mother, and a true partner in her marriage to my dad. While we kids didn't get away with too many shenanigans, we sure had a lifetime of fun! A true Midwesterner, my mother was genuinely friendly, gracious, and kind. She may not have been particularly athletic but that never stopped her from participating in outdoor activities, and she is our only family member to boast a ski trophy. I'll sure miss you mom, but will do my best to be a responsible citizen, respect nature, be courageous, be a good friend, and hopefully leave the world a better place.

Kathy Sonzini - August 15, 2024 at 02:59 PM

JO

Lovely, thank you!

joe O'Connor - August 16, 2024 at 12:50 PM

MW

*I love this write up of your momma. I only met your mom at the end of her life....I caried for
At Spring Garden's as well as others. I know I only saw a bite size of who she was but
I did see her. I was very aware that she was well loved by her children and her dear
husband. No question.
Now released from her stiff sore body she is free.*

Mary Workman - August 17, 2024 at 11:08 AM

BL

*As former Mainers, we were immediately attracted to Judy and Bill in the distant past.
Their smiles and enthusiasm for life were contagious and we always enjoyed time with
them. Sue, Laura and Kathy, you were lucky to have them as your mom and dad and
from what you wrote, it's clear they made sure you knew what's important in our short
lives - yes we are now in our 80's! Well done, Judy, and now it's up to you, Bill, to keep
the coffee pot hot and the cupboard full of goodies for the kids, grand kids and great
grand kids! Bob & Linda Lux*

Bob & Linda Lux - September 03, 2024 at 09:44 AM

CD

*I knew cousin Judy and her sister Ann many years ago in Monroe Michigan. They
were lovely kind young women. I last saw Judy when I visited her in I think it was Salt
Lake City in the 1960s. I had been living a few years in Alaska. She was just as before
loving and kind. She welcomed us lovingly and made us feel at home. I'm so happy to
read about her life and dear family.
Katherine Diehl, Petersham, Massachusetts*

cousin Katherine Diehl - November 21, 2024 at 08:06 AM