



# Judith Elizabeth Goodman

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**J**udith (Judy) Elizabeth Goodman, 74, died peacefully at home on May 26, 2024.

Judy is survived by her beloved husband and best friend of 50 years, Jerry; her children, Amy Goodman, David Goodman (Melanie), and Beth Knipp, who blessed her with her cherished grandchildren, Zoey Sheese, Abigail Sheese, Savannah McCoy, and Brayden Knipp; and her brothers, Tim Rettig (Chris), Dan Rettig (Sherrie), and Art Rettig (Deborah).

She is also survived by her special cousin and dear friend, Nancy (Charles) Haarlammert as well as numerous cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends. She will be greatly missed by her much-loved granddog, Cosmo.

Judy was preceded in death by her parents, Reverend Glenn and Ruth Rettig (Imhoff), and her twin sister, Beth (Dave) Goebels.

Judy was a proud graduate of Heidelberg University who started her teaching career in Port Clinton, OH, where she met Jerry. After raising her children, she returned to teaching at Granville Elementary School for 14 years.

A proud minister's daughter, Judy was a devoted, lifelong member of St. John's United Church of Christ. She began volunteering at church camps during her teens and continued through her early twenties. Over the past 40 years, she participated in and volunteered at numerous church events.

Judy had a passion for traveling to historic sites across the US, including the Outer Banks (where she and Jerry honeymooned), visiting lighthouses up and down the East Coast, and spending relaxing vacations at a quiet South Carolina beach with a good book. As an avid fan of The Ohio



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State Marching Band, Judy also enjoyed the Ohio State University football pre-game and half-time shows.

In her retirement, she enjoyed baking, spending time with her grandchildren, traveling with her best friend Jerry, and attending holiday concerts and plays. Judy's warmth, dedication, and love for her family and community will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

"Suffering passes, while love is eternal. That's a gift that you have received from God. Don't waste it." -Laura Ingalls Wilder

Visitation will be from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, May 31, 2024; and one hour prior to the service on Saturday at Vensil Chute Funeral Home, 1850 W. Main Street, Newark.

A Celebration of Life will be 11:00 a.m. Saturday, June 1, 2024 at the funeral home with Rev. Mark Katrick officiating. Burial will take place at a later date at St. John's Cemetery, Holgate, OH.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions be made to the Alzheimer's Association at [alz.org](http://alz.org) or the St. John's United Church of Christ Giving Fund at [support.ucc.org](http://support.ucc.org).



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JB

**Jane Biehl** posted:

I have known Judy for over 50 years, since we met in college. She was kind, loving, and special. She and her husband, Jerry, were devoted and caring, and both adored their children and grandchildren. I still miss her! You will be remembered always with love.

May 22 at 4:43 AM

CD

**Chaplain Darryl** posted:

On behalf of the entire Ohio Living Home Health and Hospice team, thank for the blessing of serving your family during this time. Our condolences on the passing of Judith. Our thoughts and prayers are with you today and in the days to come.

June 3 at 4:54 AM

BS

**Britney Wooles-Smith** posted:

My thoughts and prayers are with you. Amy & I were friends in high school. Although we haven't seen each other in many years, I have fond memories of being at their house & Judy was always very kind.

June 1 at 6:44 PM

DS

**Devon Spivey** posted:

May the love of friends and family carry you through your grief. So sorry for your loss.

May 31 at 12:26 PM

KA

**Katherine** posted:

Mrs. Goodman was my fifth grade teacher at Granville Elementary School. Even though I was only ten, I could tell even then that she would be one of the best teachers I would ever have. She was kind, engaging, and so patient with all of us---things I try to emulate as I now teach in a neighboring district. I am keeping you all in my prayers!

May 31 at 6:00 AM



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JS

**Jane Shoemaker** posted:

Judy was very friendly and always had a smile for everyone. My sympathies to Jerry and family. May good memories of Judy help you through this difficult time.

May 30 at 5:50 AM

CN

**Curt Norris** posted:

I'll be joining you in thought and spirit as we celebrate our wonderful memories of Judy and a life well lived.

May 30 at 5:15 AM

CA

**Cathy Van Atta** posted:

Eternal rest Grant unto her O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her. Jerry, Amy, David and Beth, thinking about you all at this time and sending my love and prayers.

May 28 at 8:42 AM



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Judith by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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