



Judy A. Preston

December 18, 1940 - May 21, 2024

Judy A. Preston, 83, of Morton, peacefully passed away on Tuesday, May 21, 2024, at Brandon Wood Retirement Center in Morton, surrounded with love and close family. She was born in Kenney, IL on December 18, 1940, to Richard and Margaret (Thrift) Williamson. She was whisked away in marriage to Robert “Bob” Preston on January 21, 1978; he preceded her in death on February 26, 2013. What a dance Heaven must have had recently.

Judy greatly enjoyed cooking, baking and simply serving her family with her love. She often had a knack for being the host with the most. She fervently enjoyed entertaining and caring for her family and friends. Among her talents, she was an avid seamstress, participating in the Salvation Army’s Dress A Doll for many years, putting much love into each doll outfit she designed. Judy also loved to ballroom dance—a pastime she and Bob often shared with others by performing for local nursing homes and assisted living centers. While Judy was resting her dancing feet, she especially enjoyed the time retirement allowed her as a snowbird in Orange Beach, FL. Judy retired from Pekin Insurance, where she worked as a commercial insurance underwriter. She was a valued member of the First United Methodist Church of East Peoria.

Judy was preceded in death by her sister, Mary Jo and three granddaughters. She is survived by her daughter, Lisa (Mike) Burrell of Medora, IN; Bob’s nine children, Bill (Terri) Preston, Judy (Ken) Caldwell, Roger Preston, Steve (Gail Mundt) Preston, Anne (Wendell Howdysshell) Jones, Brian (Brenda) Preston,

Donna (Nevin) McEldery, Phil Preston, and Kenny (Becky) Preston; her siblings, John (Donna) Williamson, Bea Sims, and Warren (SonHee) Williamson, and many grandchildren, great grandchildren, and great-great grandchildren.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A Celebration of Life will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 27, 2024, at First United Methodist Church in East Peoria. A luncheon will follow in the church fellowship hall. Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation Services in East Peoria is assisting the family. Private burial will be at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 30, 2024, at Pleasant Valley Cemetery in Kenney.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to First United Methodist Church of East Peoria or the East Peoria Food Pantry. Online condolences may be left at www.GaryDeitersFH.com.

Previous Events

Private Family Service

MAY 30. 1:00 PM (CT)

Pleasant Valley Cemetery
E 350 North Rd
Kenney, IL 61749

Celebration of Life

JUL 27. 1:00 PM (CT)

First United Methodist Church of East Peoria
154 E. Washington Street
East Peoria, IL

Tribute Wall



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Jill Wright - August 05, 2024 at 05:02 PM



This is the video from Judy's Memory of Life Celebration.

Jill Wright - August 05, 2024 at 05:11 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Judy A. Preston.



July 09, 2024 at 02:27 PM



“ Grandma Judy, I didn't get to spend as much time as I would have liked together due to the distance but the time we did get together I will always cherish. I still crave the homemade buckeyes you would make when we came to visit. You were always so kind and loving to us and I know how much my mom and grandpa loved you. You will be missed and we all love you very much. Love always, Alex Heuermann

Alexander Heuermann - May 27, 2024 at 06:52 PM

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“ *MaMa P was one of the loveliest women I knew. She was my best friends mother and a mother figure to me as well. I know heaven has a gained an angel as well as a woman who speaks her mind. I will morn your loss but rejoice to the peace you have found.*
Cindy Robison

Cindy Robison - May 26, 2024 at 01:50 PM

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“ *Dearest Judy,
Thank you for sharing your heart, wisdom and strength with me.
Thank you for all the homemade Christmas cookies I stole from the garage on my way to school.
Thank you for driving me to Chicago to take my test to be a hairdresser.
Thank you for helping me plan my wedding.
Thank you for using your free time to make and sew all the treasures you gave to my children.
Thank you for being such a great role model.
Thank you for loving and taking care of my father who loved you so.
Thank you for your support in my most difficult of times.
In other words, thank you for your love and for being such a great Mom to me for 46 years,
I will love you and miss you always.
Love
Donna*

donna mcelderry - May 26, 2024 at 10:40 AM

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“ *Judy was a very special lady in the short time we took care of her through hospice. I will always cherish the talks we had and how I looked forward to our visits.*
Angie T. Hospice CNA

Angie Tramel - May 25, 2024 at 05:53 PM