



Judy Lynne Wilkins

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On June 5, 2020, Judy transitioned from this life to heaven. She fought the good fight of faith and finished her race. She was born on the Skokomish Indian Reservation in Shelton Washington, but grew up in Tacoma. Attending Gault Junior High, and Lincoln High School, she played the flute in high school and was a member of the marching band. She started work right out of high school in 1968 retiring in 2010 as a Library Associate for the Tacoma Public Library. Judy married her husband Jerry in 1971 and they had two children. Judy was a loving and beautiful person who was a patient caregiver for her husband for the last 39 years of his life. She was in the second bout of breast cancer when events changed and was called home to be with our Lord. Judy was preceded by her father Vernon, mother Mabel, sister Irene, brother Dan Washington and husband Jerry Wilkins. She leaves behind her daughters LaVonne and Jamie Wilkins, special daughter Jacquie Doss, along with her brothers, Frank (Francine) and Vernon Roger Washington, Jr. (Lola), and sisters Roslynne (David) Reed and Stella (Max) Fields, along with a host of nieces and nephews, family and friends.

To ensure the health and safety of our community, we are following all guidelines set by local, state and CDC officials. Please contact the funeral home with any questions and we encourage friends and families to check back for service updates.



Events

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Cemetery Details



Mountain View Memorial Park

4100 Steilacoom Blvd. SW, Lakewood WA
98499





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Lavonne Wilkins lit a candle in honor of Judy.

It's going on a year now that you've been gone. It's still hard to believe. I love you and miss you and dad so much. Chunk misses you too. Thank you for everything.

June 4 at 6:34 AM



Stella August 2 at 1:40 PM

"Where do I begin, to tell the story of how great a love could be?" Thank you and I'm doing what I can for those babies of yours. All that they allow anyway. Ro\$Lynne could sure use you now. Love you.



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It's going on a year now that you've been gone. I still can't believe you're not here with us. Chunk misses you too. I love you mom. Thankn you for everything. I miss you and dad so much

June 4 at 6:32 AM



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I can only imagine how you felt in the hospital. I'm sorry we weren't there. But I know you didn't want us seeing you suffer. I'm so sorry for all you endured. I love you so much. You are our flower. 🌹❤️❤️❤️ thank you for everything mom. You're the best! 😞😞😞😞😞😞

March 24 at 10:46 AM



Lavonne Wilkins lit a candle in honor of Judy.

Not a day or a time has went by that I haven't missed you. It still seems unreal and it's almost been a year. Our birthdays, the holidays and your birthday and you and dads wedding Anniversary all have been tough days. I love and miss you so much. Chunk does too. He still looks for you and cries out to you. He looks in your room and everything. The only way I'm ok is knowing you're no longer suffering. I can onl

March 24 at 10:42 AM





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Stella posted:

Love and miss you more than I ever thought possible.

September 20 at 11:30 AM



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It's been a month already. It still doesn't seem real. I love you and miss you so much. 🙏❤️🌸❤️🙏😭

July 6 at 6:56 PM



Barbara (Yamashita) Asahara posted:

My deepest sympathy to the family of Judy Wilkins. Judy and I were friends since grade school. Even after graduation from Lincoln, we kept in touch via hand written letters. Those were the days! Sad to say, as years went by we lost touch, but I will always remember how kind and caring she was. She was soft spoken and I always loved to listen to her read aloud in school. She had the most soothing voice. Till we meet again...Barbara (Yamashita) Asahara

July 4 at 2:01 AM



Lavonne Wilkins July 6 at 8:19 AM

Thank you for sharing. I remember hearing about you. ❤️❤️❤️❤️



Larry Miller posted:

When I tried to look up Judy on classmates.com, it showed that she was "missing". I went to junior high and high school with her. She even signed my year book, " Friends forever". Our classmates of 1968 were planning a group 70th birthday party in August. It saddens my heart that I won't be able to see my childhood friend again. Hopefully, we'll meet again in Heaven. We should have a lot to talk about.

July 3 at 5:11 PM



Stella June 4 at 6:43 PM

I miss you. I love you.



Lavonne Wilkins July 6 at 8:20 AM

Thank you for sharing ❤️❤️❤️❤️



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Stella posted:

I'm so thankful that I was able to spend time you that last week. You would try to be so strong but, I saw through it. When you realized that I did, you finally told me your concerns, the things that were troubling you. Every thing was about your "Bad Butt Babies" but you called them your little girls. I hadn't heard you call them that before. I promised that Max and I would always be there for them. When LaVonne let you know all the things that they had accomplished that day, you were really at peace, for the first time ever, I looked at you and all I could think was that you were at peace. You were so surprised at what they had done, telling you how smart and grown they were wasn't enough, you had to realize it on your own. You did a great job, I know you never thought so but, I'm thankful that at the end, you were able to see that. You finished your race, I think you earned your rest and I can hardly wait to see y'all again. I'll cherish those last few days forever, thank GOD I could be there. I miss you and I love you, 'til we meet again sis....

July 3 at 4:26 PM



Lavonne Wilkins July 3 at 7:30 PM



Wanda Cross posted:

To the Family of Judy Wilkins, my deepest and sincerest condolences to you all.I was stunned to learn of Judy's death late yesterday, June 28, 2020. I began working at the Reference desk at Tacoma Public Library's Main location more than 30 years ago. But I still remember Judy Wilkins because of her poise, professional manner and smile. Regardless of the questions directed at Quick Information and Reference, which came fast and furious, she handled them all with patience, a sense of humor and a continued willingness to provide the best public service possible. I was able to communicate with her briefly but often because of the close association between our two departments. She was very knowledgeable, helpful and always considerate toward patrons as well as other library employees. It was truly a pleasure to have known Judy for the three years that I worked in the Tacoma Public Library system.Wanda Cross

June 29 at 12:02 PM



Lavonne Wilkins June 29 at 6:41 PM

Thank you for sharing



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Thinking of you, missing you and loving you. 😭

June 27 at 9:46 AM



Lavonne Wilkins posted:

Thank you for letting me know about Judy. Her passing is a real loss, a real tragedy. She was a very smart, gracious, dignified woman. She was particularly good in QI. I don't think she liked having to work in circulation. She was smarter than a lot of us. I thought her retirement very premature and unfortunate. She must have been five to ten years younger than us. Bob Pankl

June 26 at 7:31 AM



Ilona Perry posted:

I was one week into my employment at the Tacoma Public Library 23 years ago, and was training at the Main library's check out desk. I saw this beautiful woman with a regal posture and poise come, pick up the phone and respond to patrons' queries with a voice that conveyed reassurance, knowledge and respect. I learned that she was one of the Associates at the Quick Information telephone reference. Within that first week I knew I wanted to do what she did and I wanted to be like her. Quick Information became my goal and Judy Wilkins became my professional role model. It took me a few years, but I finally made it to QI and was privileged to work with her, observe and admire her and strive to reach her level of service. That latter part I'm still working on - the bar is that high. Judy was the consummate professional, always treating all patrons with respect, dignity and endless patience. She was a kind and considerate co-worker with a sense of humor, beautiful inside and out - even when she lost her hair during cancer treatments. I will miss her dearly and I'll keep trying even on my tippy-toes to reach that bar. You'll always be in my mind, Judy..Ilona Perry

June 22 at 12:39 PM



Lavonne Wilkins June 29 at 6:44 PM

Thank you for sharing. I'm glad you were able to attend moms service. ❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️



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Mom, no matter when this day came. I could never be ready for it. The days and weeks leading up to this.. you were laying in bed. Usually, you were trying to stay busy. I just thought your stomach was bothering you. I wish I knew or we knew just how bad you felt. You never complained, you never said you had trouble breathing. You went on like it was just another day. When I saw you up and dressed that Sunday morning.. I asked where you were going. You didn't answer. Jamie told me you wanted to go to the ER. She said you said God told you to go. It took me by surprise. Then I thought if God told you to go, it's not your time and everything will be alright. I even told Francine that. She was worried. When I said that she felt better. We both did. Then you were transferred from St. Joe's to UW. I thought ok, they'll start the medicine and get your dosage and everything straight and you'll be home. I was happy to hear they started the med right away and that you began to have some relief. Tuesday and Wednesday you sound really good. You were talking and laughing. I even tried to let you go a couple times to order your meals and get some rest. You said no, that's ok. We kept talking for about a hour.. It was nice and we did this like twice. I felt optimistic and that you were getting and feeling better. You're discharge day was coming up on Friday. We were getting excited since we hadn't seen you in almost 2 weeks now since Jamie took you to the ER.. We were trying to get everything together that you needed and that they said to have. We were excited we getting things done and accomplished. Thursday morning, I called and you said your nose was bleeding all night and you were exhausted from removing the oxygen to blow your nose. So, i let you go to rest. We went out and got the shower chair, bedside commode and scooter all to be prepared for you coming home. I was so excited. I wanted to tell you what we had done. I called and you answered. I asked how you were, you still sound tired. I told you what we did. I was thinking you might sound excited but instead you said ohhh. It wasnt a oh like you did good. It was more a oh you shouldn't have but without saying it All week, I was noticing your comments and paying attention to your emotions. I was feeling worried but didn't want to think anything. I felt like you shouldn't be alone. I heard tears in your voice when you were telling us what was found on test during the week. Still I didn't want to think anything bad. I was praying constantly and hoping things were getting better. Then Friday came... we couldn't reach you. I called the nurses station after calling several times and no answer. They said you were exhausted and didnt want to talk. You needed to rest. You had a rough night last night with the nose bleed and was exhausted. I was calling to get updates to see if you were getting better. That's when I was told you were moved to another room due to staffing. I was like ok... Then hours later a social worker calls and says they need to move you to another floor. I was like she was just moved. Then the doctor called to explain.. he said he'd call back in a hour with a update. He wasn't sute which way things would go. Within 5 to 10 minutes he called. I knew it wasnt good. He said you were gone. 😞😞😞

June 10 at 3:05 PM



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Anonymous sent a Sweet Liberty to the Wilkins family.



June 16 at 2:56 PM



Barbara Tackett posted:

Judy has been an inspiration to many who have worked with her at the former Quick Information Department at Tacoma Public Library. She patiently shared her immense knowledge with us, finding answers to questions we would get from the public on a daily basis. She knew exactly which reference book to consult or which website to research in order to get results. There was never a "stupid question", she treated everyone with respect, courtesy and sincerity, even if the rest of us might have cringed a little at the "repeat offenders", who were unable to find a simple phone number on their own. She never complained, felt it was her job as a Library Associate to help people, and she was following through with patience and professionalism. She would gather her presence somehow before responding in conversation, and you had the impression it was coming directly from the source. Her opinions were well thought out and direct, she had a "tell it like it is" attitude, but always in a positive way! Her great sense of humor especially came through when we saw how much she appreciated the crazy human foibles she encountered in interactions with co-workers and patrons. We thought we'd have lots of time after her retirement for coffees, lunches, leisurely walks. We never expected to have her taken from us so soon, and will miss her terribly. We will forever remember our dear friend Judy.

June 16 at 11:41 AM



Lavonne Wilkins June 20 at 6:18 AM

I remember when I was younger I called in to ask a question. Just playing around.. I asked why do people wear underwear? She had a answer for that too. My Uncle Daniel called and asked who was Howdy Doodies lil sister. . She had that answer too. No matter what it was or how silly it seemed, she always had a answer.



Ruth K shared an album called **Memories Album**.



June 10 at 3:05 PM



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DA

Derek Allen lit a candle in honor of Judy.

It's so hard to say good bye to such a nice person. I have known Judy for most of my life and to lose someone like this shakes me to my foundation. Family, I am so saddened by this loss but I must absolutely take solace in the fact that she is not only with Jesus, but the rest of the family as well. Our sincerest condolences to her precious daughters Lavonne and Jamie, and the rest of the family. Derek Allen and family.



June 12 at 4:05 PM

LW

Lavonne Wilkins June 29 at 6:47 PM

Thank you 🧡🧡🧡🧡🧡

TW

Tearie Wilkins lit a candle in honor of Judy.

Aunt Judy I love you so much. I will always keep close the times you feed us after church, let me borrow the car for prom and cracked jokes at several weddings. I will always cherish our moments together.



June 12 at 9:14 AM

JW

James L Wilkins posted:

If an award should be given to the world's best wife her picture would be on it. I will never forget you or how you stood by Jerry to the end. May you rest in heavenly slumber. One Love

June 12 at 7:58 AM

RC

Robin Clausen posted:

Judy Wilkins was a gem of a coworker and friend, a truly beautiful person inside and out. As one of the original members of the Quick Information team at Tacoma Public Library, she was highly skilled in telephone reference, interlibrary loans, and federal documents. She was gracious, kind, patient, helpful, flexible, resilient...her smile, laughter, and sense of humor brought sunshine into the room. She dearly loved her family and friends. Judy received her strength from her Lord and Savior and he now welcomes her into his loving arms. 'Well done, good and faithful servant!' for you 'have fought the good fight, have finished the race, and have kept the faith.' 'Enter into the joy of your Lord!'

June 11 at 5:35 AM



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Jody Gripp posted:

I had the pleasure of working with Judy for many years at Tacoma Public Library. She was a wonderful mentor in the Quick Information department, and the queen of gov docs. She was greatly respected, and a lot of fun. My heartfelt sympathy to her family—Judy will be missed!

June 10 at 3:05 PM



Peggy Conley June 17 at 8:45 AM

Judy lynn wilkins eas always one to encourage other in many ways, she will always be remembered and never forgotten our prayers goes out her family. Peggy Conley and family



Ruth K shared 3 photos to the **Memories Album** album.

June 13 at 2:01 PM



Courtesy of Tacoma Public Library

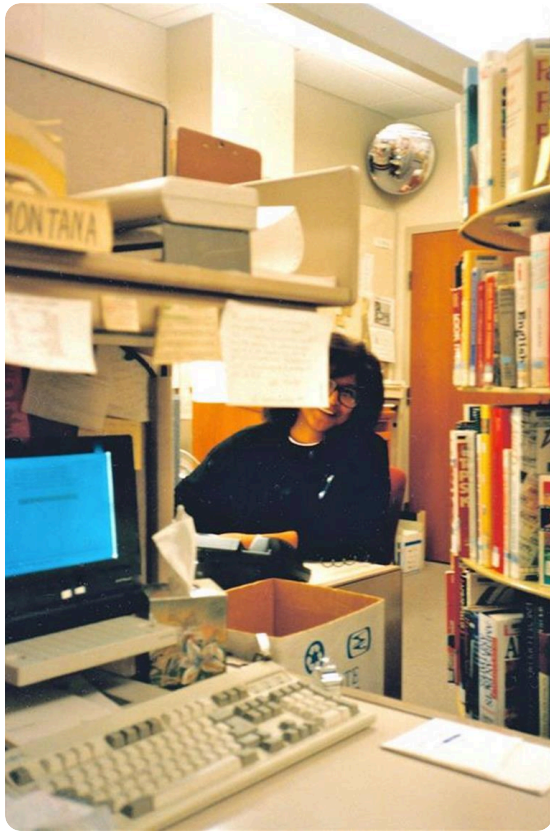


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RK





Memories only last if you share them

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



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