



# Judith Ann Ragland

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Judith Ragland, born March 2, 1944, went to join her husband of 42 years, Ottis, on April 7, 2006. She was a proud member of the Red Hat Society, known as "Lady Poke-N-Prod", actively involved in the Soundlife A.O.G, and bowled for many years at Pacific Lanes. Judith, our loving and generous wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend to all who she met, will be greatly missed but never forgotten. Survivors include children Darlene Brunette (Kalvin), Kimberly Trujillo (Jimmy), and Steven Ragland (Melanie), grandchildren Wade, Anthony, Tori, Samuel, Devan, and Kimberlee, siblings Tim (Linda), Tom, Richard, Mary, Karen, Connie and Pamela (Brian), brother-in-law Millard, sister-in-law Margie, Ardith, Della, and Dora, and numerous nieces, nephews and friends. The family would like to extend their special thanks to Dr. Senecal and his staff. Visitation will be from 1-9 PM, Thursday, April 13, 2006 at Mountain View Funeral Home. Funeral service will be held at 1:00 PM, Friday, April 14, 2006 in the Mountain View Valley Chapel, with a reception following. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the American Cancer Society.



## Tribute Wall

Judith Ann Ragland



**Anonymous** posted:

Dear Judy, it seems to be a habit in my life to remember to say "thank you" when it's just a little too late. Once again, I am too late, but I want to thank you and your family for taking me in when I had no other place to go. I enjoyed my time with your family, even though it was much too short. When I close my eyes I can still hear your laughter. I look forward to the day we meet again. Thank you for being "mom" to me and sharing your family with me. I love you Kim.##imported-begin##Melissa Boyer (Steffensen)##imported-end##

April 19 at 6:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

My aunt Judy was a wonderful woman and I will always cherish my time with her. I think of the life she lead and the person she was and I am honored to have known her. You could always count on Aunt Judy to be there for your special occassions and be proud of your achievements. I was honored to have both Judy and Ottis at my wedding in 2003. I knew Judy would be there, but knowing how much my uncle Ottis hates attending wedding's I truly felt privelaged to have him there. I'll always remember how happy my aunt Judy was when I was born. She reminded me over the years of her anticipation at the hospital and her excitement when I arrived. I always looked forward to the day I would have a child of my own and I could wrap my baby in one of her wonderful blankets. Unfortunately I will not have the opportunity to share thatexperience with my child/children, but I will always cherish the memories. Judy truly was an amazing woman and she will always be in my heart. Judy, I love you and look forward to the day when I can see you again in heaven. Love your niece, Jen##imported-begin##Jennifer Hughes##imported-end##

April 14 at 6:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

We will miss this wonderful lady who brightened everyones lives with her presence. Our condolences to the family. With all our love,Neil & Lisa##imported-begin##Neil & Lisa Edwards##imported-end##

April 13 at 6:00 PM



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**Anonymous** posted:

The best memory I have of Aunt Judy takes me back to first grade at Mann Elementary. I used to barter my lunch for more cookies and take them out to the playground for a snack since she was our recess lady. Aunt Judy was always smiling, laughing, and was so loving. I used to frequently stay at Aunt Judy and Uncle Otis' house where I would usually become homesick but Aunt Judy always had a way of making me feel better. Before Madison was born, Aunt Judy made her a yellow blanket. She was so particular about it being perfect, that when she saw a loose piece of yarn, she had to fix it right then and there. Madison will grow up knowing that her great Aunt Judy made it for her. Aunt Judy, we love you and will miss you. Love~ Jeremy, Becca, and Madison##imported-begin##Jeremy, Becca, and Madison Jolliff##imported-end##

April 13 at 6:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

When I was very small our backyard met with the Raglands. Ottis worked with my dad, Judy was my second mom, Darlene and Kim were our sisters since I was Darlene's age and Kim Laura's age. We thrived on being at their house every chance we could get. The atmosphere was so comfortable and Judy always had a project we could be involved in. She let us cook our own breakfast. We helped make her signature cakes, paint on pillowcases. Anyway I could go on forever on how she impacted my life. She always had time to be a part of our lives, and we were just the neighbor girls. I just want to say thank you for everything. We'll see you soon.##imported-begin##Lorraine Schuster##imported-end##

April 13 at 6:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Lola and I have been friends of the family for over forty years and Judy and Ottis have been an extension of our family the whole time. Lola and Ottis knew each other in school in Sandpoint and we met Judy and Ottis when shopping at Gov Mart in Tacoma. Lola had spotted Martha (Ottis's mom) and call out to her--Mrs. Ragland, Mrs. Ragland and Judy was with her and turned around and started to wonder who this person was that was calling out to her that she didn't know. One thing lead to another and we became an extended family from that point on. Whenever any thing was planned or something happened Judy always became part of it. We are part of all Judy's children and have become one way or another involved in all their happy moments as well as the sad ones. Our children and Judy's children played together and got into trouble together on many occasions. Our children still talk the times they had together. Thanks for all the memories Judy and you will remain in our hearts until the day comes when we meet in the big sky above. To the children of Judy and Ottis you all can be assured we will continue to be part of your family as long as you wish and you can call upon us at any time. Judy we love you and Ottis and it has really been a pleasure to be part of your lives. You have gave us so many memories of what life is really about. We say God Bless you both until we meet again. In christian love--Don and Lola##imported-begin##Don & Lola Zeth##imported-end##

April 13 at 6:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

When Wayne and I first moved to Tacoma from California in 1952 we lived with Gramma and Papa and this little 8 year old girl named Judith Ann. She was so outgoing and personable. She never lost that quality. When she was in 3rd grade she came down with the mumps. I spent the next 2 weeks on daily trips to Mary Lyon Elementary school to pick up her work. We would sit and do her homework including math, which was not her favorite subject. Family meant an awful lot to her. If it was graduation parties, birthday parties, Christmas parties or Labor Day parties she was always there sharing her laughter. When Uncle Wayne and I celebrated our 25th wedding anniversary she helped our daughter Debby with it. She even baked and decorated the cake in my kitchen that day. I will never forget Mother's Day weekend in 2005. My 3 daughters were home together. Judy came for dinner that Saturday night. We played UNO attack - a game she loved to play. She kept saying, "I have to go home." She must have said that a dozen times from about 11pm until the game ended at 4AM with a bunch of laughter and fun. I've always had a fondness for Judy in my heart. To my nieces and nephews: I'm sorry that Uncle Wayne and I were not there today for you, but my thoughts were there with you all. Love, Uncle Wayne and Aunt Elaine##imported-begin##Aunt Elaine & Uncle Wayne##imported-end##

April 13 at 6:00 PM



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**Anonymous** posted:

Judy taught me a lot about acceptance, forgiveness and loving others. I can honestly say I never heard her say a bad word about anybody. Her family was so important to her and she loved everybody, and though her relationships with her brothers and sisters were not always what she had wished for, she always loved them all and yearned for deeper relationships with them. Judy and Ottis helped my family financially when our son Nick had cancer and we didn't have money to pay our rent. They couldn't afford to do it but they did it anyway, that's just the kind of people they were. Pam was right, they did have the least and gave the most. I will never forget their faces when they got off the plane in London, they were so happy to see us and us to see them. We had a great time together and these are memories that I will always treasure. I will also miss laughing and joking with Judy..... Especially teasing her about PAYDAY!!!! You are gone now to be with our Lord but you will NEVER be forgotten. Your Brother-in-Law. Brian.##imported-begin##Brian Snowdon##imported-end##

April 13 at 6:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Judy was one of my very first friends here in Tacoma. Our children grew up together and she was always there when I needed a good friend to talk to or lean on. We shared crafts and recipes. We sat and drank our Saturday morning coffee together and smoked our cigarettes and just talked about life. She had such an infectious laugh and joyfulness about her. She was always so full of inspiration and I learned a lot about life from her. She had such a good heart. She always seemed to be centered and had a gentleness about her. Thank you Judy for all the wonderful memories you have left us through your life here on earth. Today, I attended the celebration of Judy's life and realized how she not only touched me and my families lives, but so many others. When the Lord decided to take Judy home, he added a Beautiful Rose to his Garden. She deserves to enjoy her Dance in Heaven !For the family of Judy, please know that we are always here to be your friend and to comfort and support you.##imported-begin##Lenore Donnenwirth##imported-end##

April 13 at 6:00 PM



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**Anonymous** posted:

Today,It was a privilege to be part of the beautiful service at Mountain View Chapel, in remembrance of a very special lady, Judy Ragland!The love shown and felt there by all her family and friends, just epitomized Judy. She gave of herself generously and willingly.Thankyou, dear Judy, for being a wonderful Sister-in-Law to our son, Brian and for the love and support you always showed towards him.We will miss you and always remember you with a special fondness.You are now safe in the arms of Jesus.Love.Margaret and Brian.##imported-begin##Margaret & Brian Snowdon##imported-end##

April 13 at 6:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

NULL##imported-begin##steven ragland##imported-end##

April 12 at 6:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Judy,My memories of you are of a warm, funny lady who always had a nice thing to say to me. My mother Bernie would tell stories of when you both were young and it was often like being there. I know mom and dad are there with you and everyone is probably starting up a bowling league. The world is a little less bright without you in it. God Bless.Kara##imported-begin##Kara Moore##imported-end##

April 12 at 6:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

You will always be family to me, and I can't believe that you are gone. I share many happy memories of her, and always admired her for her strength and courage through out it all. She loved her family, and all that came with it. She helped me in some hard times, and never turned her back on anyone. She would give you the shirt off of her back if you needed it. I learned alot from Judy. I could never thank her enough for accepting Richie and all that came with him. She was a gift and will be missed. I love you guys, and hope you know how much your Mother/Sister loved you all.Love Susan##imported-begin##Susan Savo (Wilson)##imported-end##

April 12 at 6:00 PM



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**Anonymous** posted:

I knew Judy before I was even born. My mom and her mom were the best of friends and Judy would babysit all of us kids, all of us. We would run wild, I always told her that she was the reason I can't to this day watch vampire movies, which she thought was so funny, although as a kid, those old ones would scare me to death. She was the one who taught us where the best places in their old house were to hide and which vents were the best to ease drop on our mom's conversations. I remember spending many summer days/nights hanging out at their place. One of the saddest things about being a military family was moving away one of the happiest was coming home. Judy remained my mom's very good friend over these many many years and I remember the nights of card playing and how much fun it was and of course the bowling. I also have a beautiful baby blanket for my oldest daughter which I have always cherished. Judy was one of the most sweetest ladies I have ever known and I cherish all of my memories of her, there are so many, my favorite are from my childhood but also when I became an adult. Judy is family to me and I will miss her more than words can say but one thing I know is that my mom is full of joy at her friends arrival. Richie, I am sorry that I won't be able to see you please take care of yourself!!! Judy, I will miss you and I am grateful for the wonderful blessing The Lord provided me by having you as a part of my life, you were a wonderful influence to me. Kandi##imported-begin##Kandi (Moore) Thomas##imported-end##

April 12 at 6:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

well i think i have this right this time?mom i will love you more than i can ever say or put into words.you were kind and taught me alot about life.your grandson devan is going to miss you.and we will see you soon..i love you mom steve##imported-begin##steven ragland##imported-end##

April 12 at 6:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Darlene, Kimmy, and Stevie,I'm so sorry to hear of your loss.I'll always remember your Mom's smile, and how she always made a point of saying hi if we passed in a store.She will be missed by all whose lives were touched by her. She definitely made a difference in this crazy world we live in.Our thoughts and prayers are with your entire family at this very rough time in life.T hinking of you.Jimmy & Joann Porritt##imported-begin##James Porritt##imported-end##

April 12 at 6:00 PM



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**Anonymous** posted:

Judy and I have been friends forever. We started writing to each other when she and Ottis were engaged and I still lived in Idaho. I was her maiden of honor and Judy and Ottis stood up for Ernie and I when we were married. I spent some time with Judy and family before she got married. Her mother and dad worked so she was mom to the brothers and sisters. I knew then how much they all loved her. And it has endured over the years and grew. I will always remember that Judy was just what anyone she met needed. She never knew a stranger. And OH how she loved to laugh. Always laughing at me and the silly things I say. I loved it when I could get her laughing out of control. What fun. Judy had hobbies and was always crocheting or cross stitching something for someone's birthday, new baby or a holiday. There are so many memories. I will cherish every one. I will miss you, Judy. I love you. Darlene, Kimberly, Steve. I love you. Aunt Dora##imported-begin##Dora [Ragland] Hale##imported-end##

April 12 at 6:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

We will miss you VERY MUCH. You were a wonderful and kind person who cared a great deal about your family & friends.##imported-begin##Byron & Lisa Nordlund & Kids##imported-end##

April 12 at 6:00 PM



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**Anonymous** posted:

It is so wonderful to see and hear the words of my Sister from so many people that loved her. Thank you Susan for the kind and beautiful thoughts and words. I am signing again, because those of you that will not be able to attend Judy's service; I wrote a poem that the pastor will read at the funeral. I am attaching a copy here for you to read. Richie. Judy's youngest brother. "How Do I Say Good-bye?" "How do you say good by to your substitute mother, Who picked you up every morning as a little child, Who fed you brown sugared oatmeal before taking you to kindergarten? How do you say good-bye to a teacher, Who taught you your enjoyment of arts and crafts? To crochet a blankets warmth like the arms around you on a cold night? To making many different things and learned to share them to others as I continue to do today? How do you say good bye to your best friend? Who you shared so many laughs till there were tears, or teeth that were dropped? How do you say good bye to someone who you shared so many tears of sadness, and whom you also shared tears of laughter, and also who lifted your life to it's fullest. How do you say good bye to a Sister, Who might not have always understood you but, Who also never judged you for who you were, you just were. Someone whom only had the best of wishes and hopes of joy and love for you? To my sister Judy I say; "Put your red hat on and Shine in all it's glory! You are free now to celebrate without pain, sadness and loneliness! These words I say to my substitute Mother, my teacher, my friend, and most of all my big Sister Judy; I say: "I have lost one of my favorite things in my life, and I know you will ALWAYS be in my heart and by my side!..I loved You" Your little brother Richie##imported-begin##Richie Wilson##imported-end##

April 12 at 6:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Sorry to hear about your mom our thought's and prayers go out to your family##imported-begin##Shaun Varner and family##imported-end##

April 11 at 6:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

What can i say about my sister Judy....she was my life, my second Mom, my teacher of life's little things, and best yet, she was one of my best friends. Due to just having open heart surgery to repair a valve, I wont be able to attend my sisters funeral so I am going to say here what I would tell everyone there about her. Judy had taught me how to crochet when I was only 7 and that was just the beginning of my arts and crafts career along with her and Beth Todd. My sister always walked through life, without ever feeling sorry for herself. I have some of the most hilarious memories of my sister...mostly the ones where she always would want me to imitate the Korean Man and his wife that would come into Costco. They spoke only 5 words of English: "You charga me too much!" Over and over again. Sometimes she would laugh so hard that she would actually lose her teeth. I remember the time when i was probably 13 and we went to spend a week with Aunt Ardith over the summer. Her son Paul was the biggest joker, and thought it was so funny to wait till Judy would get in the water (we swam in the river)then he would catch a water snake and let it loose across the top of the river...as soon as she saw that snake skimming towards her and me..Yikes! she was out of that water so fast that one time she ripped the side of her black and white one piece suit, or he would turn on the electric fence and shock her. She was one of the funnest people to go to a really funny movie (like "9 to 5") with because she would laugh so hard that the audience would end up laughing at her instead of the movie. Did it embarrass me? No, that was the fun of going with her. She loved to go to the Puyallup fair and eat scones.....who didn't. I remember the year they went up from .15 cents to .20, and you would have thought the roller coaster had burned down. She was so talented in both crochet and plastic canvas that she made hundreds of baby blankets and aphysans over the years, that i think everyone that ever knew her and had had a baby, they had one of her blankets. My sister and I both had shared the friendship of one of the most incredible people in the world; Beth Todd. Beth taught my sister almost as much as me when it came to crafts. She was my Sisters Red Hat Mother(that is like the Grand Duchess!) and they were inseperable, i know that Beth is losing one of if not her best friend. Judy had 3 kids that were all very special to me. My nieces Darlene, Kimberly and nephew Steven will all (i am sure) remember what i am talking about. They will learn how to accept to talk to their Mom in their hearts and minds and they will learn how to find and accept her responses. I believe that they will have their mother anytime that they want her. I know my sister will be with our Mother, Father and her Husband and I am sure they are all playing canasta or yahtzee or something where ever they are. This is one of the most difficult things for me to say and do, but here goes.... "Good Bye my sister Judy....I will miss and love you forever. Your little brother Richie"###imported-begin##Richard##imported-end##

April 8 at 6:00 PM



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**Anonymous** posted:

I was so saddened to hear of Judy's passing from Mom the other day. I was filled with so much sadness. My heartfelt sympathy and love goes out all my cousins. I will not be able to be with you, but rest assured my love and thoughts are with you all. I, too, remember the night we all stayed up until 4AM playing UNO attack. She loved that game so much she had to go buy it the next day. She said that she wore that one out and had to buy another one. We always had fun when she was around. I will never forget the kindness and love she gave. I love you and you will truly be missed.##imported-begin##Debbly Teachout##imported-end##

April 10 at 6:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Judy and I met not too long ago even though we lived close together in our early married years. But we had so much fun at the senior center where she loved to play canasta. Then with our Red Hatter Friends. I loved her sense of humor. She was a loving, caring person and my life was brighter for having her in it. My sympathies go out to her family. Donna Tompkins##imported-begin##Donna Tompkins##imported-end##

April 10 at 6:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Judy and I were friends from bowling at Pacific Lanes. Due to my work I was unable to spend much time with her after the leagues ended. Still I thought of her often and how nice and loving person, she was and who would do anything for her family and friends. She will be sorely missed. God Bless all her family and friends. Pat Conrad##imported-begin##Patricia Conrad##imported-end##

April 10 at 6:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

I was shocked to hear of Judys passing at such a young age. I have many fond memories of her and Ottis. I knew them both for over 20 years through my relationship with Lenore. Everytime I saw Judy, she would always give me a "Big Hug" and want to know all the latest information. She was a lot of fun and I will always remember seeing her at The Bowling Alley along with Ottis. Sometimes you meet people in life that really stand out, Judy and Ottis were those kind of people. RIP Judy and tell Ottis Hello. We shall all meet again. Love, Bud##imported-begin##Bud Gleim##imported-end##

April 9 at 6:00 PM



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**Anonymous** posted:

My deepest sorrow and love goes out to my cousins for their loss. When I talked to my Mom this am and she told me about Judy all I could think about was her contagious laughter and smiles. The time when I was in junior high and her I spent a day making these big sugar eggs for Easter we had fun that day. It was so nice to get to spend sometime with her last May when I went over to my parents house where Judy and I my Mom and sister's played UNO attack till 4am in the morning. We had so much fun and the laughter was all night. My cousin I will miss you. Love Kathy and family###imported-begin##Kathy Harris##imported-end##

April 8 at 6:00 PM



# Memories only last if you share them

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



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