



Judy Kay Speaks

January 28, 1943 - July 1, 2018

A service will be at 1 p.m. Friday at First Baptist Church of Durant for Judy K. Speaks, 75, Mead, who died Sunday, July 1, 2018, in Denison, TX.

She was born January 28, 1943, in Durant to Elmer and Maxine (Shaw) Owens. She was raised by her step father James F. Loper. She attended schools in Durant and also attended Southeastern Oklahoma State University. She married Bennie F. Speaks in Durant, Sept. 14, 1963. She was employed Durant Public School system as a teacher's aide in Robert E. Lee Elementary School.

Judy went on mission and choir trips with the First Baptist Church, where she was a member. In addition, she was involved in the church's Widow Ministries and Keenagers. She went on choir and band trips for both her children. Judy was a member of the Eastern Star, Durant Chapter 17 as well as a member of the Eager Homemakers where she was once its secretary. She enjoyed collecting bells, snow globes, and cake stuff. Garage sales and antiques were favorite activities. But the most enjoyment she got was being with and attending events for her granddaughters and great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, parents, step-father, sister Jimmye Sue Loper and brother LJ Owens.

She is survived by son Bennie F. Speaks-Tanner and his husband Lewis, Jackson Heights, NY, and daughter Rita K. Weatherly; grandchildren Chelsea Fite and husband Justin, Calera, Corby Weatherly and fiancé Jake Bell, Durant, and Carlee Richards, Mead; great-grandchildren Hunter, Coltin, Dillon, Layden, Presleigh, Maycie; first cousin Joy Hearon, Miami, OK and nephew, Chris Owens, Dallas, TX. She leaves behind many wonderful and lifelong friends. She loved her church, family and her animals. She will be greatly missed by friends and family.

Burial will be at Cedarlawn Cemetery, Sherman, TX with pallbearers Dr. Danny Craige, Clay Cole, Michael Garrett, Gary Hammel, Jake Bell and Justin Fite.

Those who wish may make donations in her memory to: Durant Animal Rescue Alliance, Inc., P.O. Box 103; Durant, OK 74702. Family hour is 6 - 8 p.m. Thursday at Brown's Funeral Service. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.brownsfuneralservice.com.

Arrangements are under the direction of Brown's Durant Funeral and Cremation Service.

Previous Events

Family Visitation

JUL **5**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Brown's Funeral Service - Durant
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Durant, OK 74701
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Funeral Service

JUL **6**. 1:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church
124 W. Evergreen
Durant, OK

Tribute Wall



“ *Judy Kay Speaks*

January 08, 2023 at 11:32 PM



“ *Being cousins, we have many many memories of Judy, Ben and family. Her Mom and my Mom were like sisters and she and my sister Jan were as well. It was so sad to say good bye but I got to see her just before she passed and am grateful for that.*

Mike Rose - July 09, 2018 at 07:43 PM



“ *I went to church with Judy and Benny until I was 18 years old. They were the kindest people and always had a moment to stop and speak with the youth of the congregation. It wasn't until later in life that I realized what just speaking to a child and remembering their name could mean. We all should be as special as the Speaks.*

Gail DeLashaw - July 06, 2018 at 04:28 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Judy Kay Speaks.*



July 05, 2018 at 10:37 AM

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“ Rita (Blair) and Dick Parady purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Judy Kay Speaks.



Rita (Blair) and Dick Parady - July 04, 2018 at 10:30 PM

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“ To say Judy Kay will be missed is a colossal understatement. Some of you have written about school and such, and I too have those precious memories. Judy Kay was wonderfully special. She was a friend to Mary Frances, my birth sister (whom I love very much). Judy Kay was my sister through friendship. She and I had our ups and downs for 58 years, but we made it through most of them. And right now my heart is hurting. I cannot make it to the memorial service. And I'm so sad to not be there. I grieve for the loss of her, and laugh at our memories. Through all her losses (especially Ben), her illnesses, and so much pain, she was almost always smiling. And now that she is past all that and in heaven with Ben, her smiles are filling heaven with an amazing GLOW. I can't wait to see that smile again. :-)



Rita Blair Parady

Rita Parady - July 04, 2018 at 10:12 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Judy Kay Speaks.*



July 04, 2018 at 12:05 AM



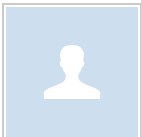
“ *Judy Kay Loper Speaks, what a outstanding member of the DHS Class of 1961. You were a friend to all and the driving force of the High School Pep Squad. We all have great memories of you from grade school thru high school and then Southeastern.*

My personal memory goes back to when your parents purchased the home on Olive Street, which my Granddad build, and then thru all the grades. Then you found one of the greatest guys in our class, Benny Speaks, and what a wonderful team you two made.

You were loved by all and will be dearly missed and never forgotten.

May your children, grandkids and greatkids cherish in the memories of you.

Noel McBee - July 03, 2018 at 08:48 PM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Judy Kay Speaks.*



July 03, 2018 at 08:45 PM



“ As I sat in my garage with my dogs Sunday because of fireworks not knowing Judy had passed I remembered a conversation we had several months ago. I asked her "Girl how do you get through all the tests, Mri's and such without going Bonkers?" She replied " as they start them I start singing to myself Jesus Loves me." This will stay with me out of all the memories we had till the day I die. R.I.P Judy Love you girlfriend and miss you dearly..

Mary Kegley - July 03, 2018 at 08:08 PM



“ Sweet Judy how you will me missed. I remember so many good times when we were growing up, from grade school all the way to Southeastern--we use to have so much fun on the school buss going to ballgames with the Pep Club, all of our making the drag up and down 1st street and Main. Georges Drive In--but most of all I will miss your laugh. Rest in peace my friend to be united with Benny again. Love you, Sandra Whitehead McKee.

Sandra McKee - July 03, 2018 at 07:54 PM



“ Judy was my 2nd momma. She helped get me out of a bad situation and didnt even think twice about helping me. Its a great loss. She will be missed dearly. I love u momma judy. Til we meet again. Tracey Kegley



Tracey Kegley - July 03, 2018 at 07:01 PM



Judy was my beautiful mommas best friend. Breaks my heart knowing shes gone but relieves me knowing she doesnt suffer anymore and with Ben

Tracey Kegley - July 03, 2018 at 07:06 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Judy Kay Speaks.*



July 03, 2018 at 05:26 PM



“ *Love, Robert and Travis purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Judy Kay Speaks.*



Love, Robert and Travis - July 03, 2018 at 04:50 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Judy Kay Speaks.*



July 03, 2018 at 04:04 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Judy Kay Speaks.*



July 03, 2018 at 09:56 AM

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“ *My classmate that is going to be missed. Judy and Benny who were so instrumental in our class reunions are now together in heaven. We have so many memories that they all could not be told. My thoughts and prayers be with the family at this sad time.*

Wanda Holcomb - July 02, 2018 at 05:40 PM