

Judith Christensen

February 12, 1941 ~ August 25, 2024

Judith Christensen completed her mortal journey on August 25, 2024. She was born in Idaho Falls, Idaho to Neils D. Andersen and Lois Parduhn Andersen. Judy attended schools in Idaho Falls and graduated from Idaho Falls High School. Judy continued her education at Rick's College and then went on to receive a bachelor's degree in education at Utah State University.

While attending college, Judy met Darwin Christensen at a party. They fell in love and were married in June 1964. Judy and Darwin have two beautiful daughters; Lora Lynn Cale and Leslie Ann Heiden. A couple of years out of college, Darwin was drafted into the army and Judy was able to join him in Butzbach, Germany where their oldest daughter Lora was born. This was just one of the many moves the couple would make over the next 60 years together.

Judy had a passion for teaching kids in middle school where she taught English and physical education. She was a "kid at heart" and loved her students and they loved her. She was loved for her enthusiasm, sense of humor, and her ability to interact with her students on their level. She began her teaching career at Clair E. Gale Middle school in Idaho Falls. She retired from teaching from Indian Hills Middle School in Sandy, Utah. Judy seemed to have a soft spot in her heart for kids who had poor or questionable home life situations. Many of these students would seek her out and she was a good listener. Judy always said "working with children keeps you young."

Judy had her dad's love of sports. She liked to bowl on league play. She excelled at snow skiing and was Snow Queen at Utah State her Junior year. She played golf for many years and also loved teams sports and played on a competitive girls softball league where she was the pitcher.

Judy had a strong testimony of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Judy and Darwin, along with their daughters were sealed together in 2008 at the Jordan River Temple. She accepted many church callings and along with her husband served as ordnance workers at the Draper Temple for 10 years.

Judy found great pleasure interacting with her family. She loved her daughters, son in laws, and the grandchildren and great grandchildren. They were her pride and joy. She started many events with her family that later became family traditions to be repeated every year such as Easter egg hunts, ice skating at Christmas, bingo night with prizes, and taking the kids shopping on their birthdays.

Judy had a great love for her mother, father and her older sister Arlene. She remembers her and her sister having to cuddle together at night to keep warm while they slept in the basement. She so enjoyed traveling back to Idaho Falls to see the family and Arlene's children. She valued her relationship with each one of them.

Preceded in death by her parents, her sister Arlene Adams and brother in law, Conroy Adams.

She is survived by her husband, Darwin Christensen, her daughters, Lora Cale and her husband Mark Cale and Leslie Heiden. Her grandchildren; Victoria Heaton (Jeff), Natasha Cale, Kylee Kroll (Jameson), Brandon Cale (Kaelee), Kira Hawk (Daniel), Parker Heiden, and Jaxon Heiden. Her Great Grandchildren; Grant, Hailey, Boeden, Liv, Kennedy, Wilder and Rory.

A viewing will be held Friday evening August 30, 2024 from 6pm to 8pm at Larkin Funeral Home 1950 E 10600 S, Sandy, UT. On Saturday, August 31, 2024 at the LDS Cameo Park chapel (8945 S 1700 E Sandy, UT) a viewing will be held for friends and family from 9:30 to 10:30, with the funeral service beginning at 11:00 a.m. Graveside services at the South Jordan cemetery will follow.