



Judith Workman

January 25, 1943 ~ April 17, 2023

In the early hours of April 17, 2023, Judith Jean Callister Workman peacefully returned home to the presence of her Heavenly Parents. Known throughout her life as “Judy”, she was born in Schenectady, New York on January 25, 1943, as the first child to Rulon and Merlene Callister.

After moving with her family to Delta, Utah, she graduated from Delta High School in 1961. As a child, she proved herself an exceptional caregiver and acted as a second mother to her siblings. Judy’s desire to serve and render aid to those in need would become magnified substantially as she later took upon herself the Florence Nightingale Pledge and devoted herself to nursing.

Upon graduating from the University of Utah in 1965 with a Bachelor’s degree in Nursing, Judy took up the post as a nurse at the county hospital before transferring to the newly-finished University of Utah Medical Center. During the next 35 years, she helped establish the U’s first burn unit, served diligently in many capacities and ultimately as President of the Utah Nurses Association. During that time, Judy also served as a captain and flight nurse in the Air National Guard where she met many dignitaries and saved many lives.

In 1972, Judy met and, after a brief courtship, married Gary Gene Workman. After years of camping adventures, bike rides, and peaceful afternoon saunters in the park, they later moved from the Avenues in Salt Lake City to Sandy where they welcomed their firstborn daughter, Natasha. Judy and Gary both wanted to continue to grow their family and several years later adopted their son, Franklin, from Bogotá, Colombia. Soon after Frankie’s adoption, they set their sights on the same orphanage and adopted their youngest daughter, Andréa.

Judy was a faithful member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, and she was devoted and true in her various callings and assignments. Although she struggled physically later in life, Judy remained firm and true in her testimony of the Savior and of the restored Gospel, along with a quaint belief that a well-timed piece of chocolate could make everything better.

Above all, Judy diligently cared for the needs of everyone around her. Like a true nurse to the end, she devoted herself to the welfare of those committed to her care. She loved her family, especially her 14 grandchildren, who knew her simply as “Gram”, and her beloved dog, Tobee,

whom she arguably loved the most.

Judy is survived by her devoted husband of 50 years, Gary, her 3 children and their spouses, Natasha (Keven), Frankie (Angie), Andr  a (Jason); grandchildren Amberlie (Trent), Tyler, Katelyn, Kaden, Olivia, JD, Logan, Jayden, Taylen, Erika, Maya, Ava, Liliana, and Dominic, and sister, Janet (Roger). She was preceded in death by her parents, Rulon and Merlene Callister as well as her brother, Robert (Alma), and her youngest sister, Ann Marie Hardcastle (Michael).

During this time of closure, we would like to thank the team at Elevation Hospice who provided comfort in her last days. We would also like to recognize and thank her granddaughter, Amberlie Carter, who committed herself wholly and selflessly to Judy's welfare as her primary caregiver for the last 18 months of her earthly journey.

Judy's viewing will take place on Saturday, April 22, 2023, beginning at 10:00AM at Larkin Sunset Gardens, 1950 East Dimple Dell Road (10600 South) in Sandy followed by a graveside service at 11:00AM where her body will be laid to rest following the service.