



Judith Ellen Kemp

September 6, 1942 - July 25, 2022

Lakeland - Judy Kemp, 79, passed away on Monday, July 25, 2022, at her residence due to natural causes.

Judy was born in Albany, NY, on September 6, 1942, to Otto and Ella Bruins. She spent many summers at the Methodist Farm in Averill Park, NY, just like her mother and her grandmother. Judy was a graduate of Albany High School, and much of her professional career was in banking.

She lived a life of service to others. Judy took great pleasure in singing, gardening, and family. She was a devoted wife to Rev. Don Kemp and enjoyed being involved in many aspects of his military and church life. She always said Charleston, SC, was her favorite duty station, however, Lakeland quickly took over her heart.

Judy was a member of First Presbyterian Church since 1995 and served as Elder. Judy sang in the Chancel Choir and in Jubilation for many years and also performed with the Bell Choir. She was a counter on Monday mornings and volunteered many days at the front desk. Judy was on staff for 2 years as Coordinator of Older Adult Ministry (following in Don's footsteps). Judy most recently attended the Person of Jesus Sunday School Class. She was loved by all.

For the last 11 years, Judy lived at Florida Presbyterian Homes in Lakeland. She and Don had planned to move there for as long as the family can

remember. While living there, Judy was in the Joyful Singers, helped with gardening projects, and was very involved in any cause that caught her attention. The family is incredibly grateful to the residents and staff at FPH. She loved them all.

Judy is survived by her and Don's 8 children, Charlene Gangel, Cheryl Burgandine, Louis W. Kemp, II, Martha Fisher, Linda Kemp, Kathy Mussler, Debi Pace, and Ken Greene; 14 grandchildren, 20 great grandchildren, 8 great great grandchildren; and her siblings, Bill Bruins, Richard Bruins, Barbara Bruins, Doug Bruins, Faye Gilbar, Diane Bruins, Paula Bruins, and Jayne Parker. She was preceded in death by her brother, Neil Bruins.

A service celebrating Judy's life, followed by a reception, will begin at 1:30 pm on Saturday, August 20th, at First Presbyterian Church. Donations in Judy's memory may be made to Older Adult Ministries at First Presbyterian Church, 175 Lake Hollingsworth Drive, Lakeland, FL 33801.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

AUG **20**. 1:30 PM (ET)

First Presbyterian Church
175 Lake Hollingsworth Dr.
Lakeland, FL 33801

Tribute Wall



“ *Rose Remembrance was purchased for the family of Judith Ellen Kemp.*



August 19, 2022 at 05:49 PM



“ *Brenda (Gilbar) Callahan purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Judith Ellen Kemp.*



Brenda (Gilbar) Callahan - August 19, 2022 at 01:44 PM



“ *My deepest sympathy to the Bruins family and especially to Faye. I'm truly sorry for your loss.*

Brenda (Gilbar) Callahan - August 19, 2022 at 01:41 PM



“ *Judy is (was) the first sister I have (had) and the first I've lost. I will miss her. When I called her to catch up on things she would give me ALL the news. She raised three wonderful children who are each in their own ways very accomplished. She is missed.*

O William Bruins - August 17, 2022 at 08:56 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Judith Ellen Kemp.*



August 15, 2022 at 02:07 PM



“ *My favorite memory is when she was Mrs. Claus to my Santa for the children in Little Shepherd school. She still called me Santa. I'll miss her! Rev. Dick Huggins,.*

Richard Leonard Huggins - August 05, 2022 at 05:20 PM



“ *Judy was quite the lady, many memories at the farm and she didn't even get mad at me for painting her tomatoes red one year, rip my friend*

Mark Miller - August 05, 2022 at 01:35 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Judith Ellen Kemp.*



July 29, 2022 at 11:12 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Judith Ellen Kemp.*



July 29, 2022 at 05:45 PM



“ *Mary Beth and Patrick Connolly purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Judith Ellen Kemp.*



Mary Beth and Patrick Connolly - July 29, 2022 at 04:50 PM