



Judy Ellen Knauer

March 14, 1941 - April 8, 2020

Judy Ellen Knauer,

79, of Indianapolis, passed away April 8, 2020. She was born March 14, 1941 to the late Lester and Doris Beaver. Judy was a graduate of Lawrence Central High School. She married Frederick Dean Knauer, and was employed with Western Electric for over 12 years. Judy enjoyed working in the yard, gardening and playing the accordion.

Judy is survived by her loving husband of 57 years, Fred Knauer; children, Laura Majors, Debbie Slusher (Berry), Steve Knauer and Carol Piper; 12 grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren. A son, David Knauer; a brother, Gary Beaver; and a daughter-in-law, Sherry Knauer, preceded her in death.

A Celebration of Life service will be held at a later date. Final care and arrangements are entrusted to Shirley Brothers Fishers-Castleton Chapel.

Cemetery Details

Oaklawn Memorial Gardens

9700 Allisonville Rd.
Indianapolis, IN

Tribute Wall

SA

“ To Carol and the Knauer family and friends, I send my deepest sympathy in your time of sorrow. May your hearts be comforted as you keep all of those wonderful memories of Judy near and dear to you, and may you continue through life sharing the rich examples that she shared with you.

Matthew 11:28 Jesus said, "Come to Me, all you who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest."

Stephanie Anderson

Stephanie Anderson - April 14, 2020 at 07:50 AM

CP

My deepest gratitude for the good Lord to provide me such a compassionate and kind friend, 'Stephanie', who truly cares about our family and providing us solace when it's needed most. The gift of your rosebush will join those of Momma Judy's, and it will serve as a reminder of love and 'living', as we remember all we were taught by such a wonderfully unselfish woman.

Thank you for reminding me what true friendship entails.

Bless you Stephanie! 🌹🌹🌹

Carol (Knauer) Piper - April 15, 2020 at 10:12 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Judy Ellen Knauer.



April 12, 2020 at 04:59 PM

CP

“ Our family would also like to thank "Heart to Heart Home Hospice Care". Sheila, Heather, Pam, and Sandra were extremely helpful and it was of particular comfort to have their assistance as they demonstrated such genuine care and compassion at a time when we needed it most. Thank you so very much!



Carol (Knauer) Piper - April 11, 2020 at 04:02 PM

“ There are so many tender memories of Judy we will cherish! She and Dad bowled for many years and usually won the championship trophies, which in later years, she donated to the Special Olympics. They also loved dancing together, and as our Dad would say, they'd 'cut a rug' out there on the dancefloor. She also had a pair of red stilts from her childhood, and during our younger years at family gatherings, she would bring those stilts out, and that's when we knew the party had just begun! She continued this practice even when she was in her 60's, and I never once saw her lose her balance or fall off those stilts! The Grandkids would look on in amazement...eyes wide with wonder, while we beamed with joy that 'Mom could still do it!' She also enjoyed painting, and would often become so engrossed in her gardens, that she would decide it was time to re-paint the rocks in the many gardens of their home. Everyone who knew her, knew in the Spring and Summer months, if it wasn't raining, there was no sense in ringing the doorbell, for she could be found outside hauling soil, (as well as weeds), mulch, and fresh flowering plants from the nursery; Hands covered in dirt; Sweat on her brow; A tissue tucked in her waistband, and the most satisfied smile as she looked back on her daily progress and commenced with the tour of the years' new additions. On rainy days she could be found in the garage or at the kitchen table, surrounded by painting projects such as the concrete garden gnomes and wooden grave markers (made by Dad) for the beloved pets of family and extended family members. Sometimes you might find her painting the walls of a bedroom using the latest trends such as 'sponge-painting' or 'rag rolling' to achieve a desired outcome. She was adventurous in that respect, even allowing my two young Stepsons to paint an apple tree on the wall, as well as a bushel basket filled with red apples alongside the tree. That basket of apples remains to this day, and she provided them a lasting and loving memory. Oh what a wonderful woman we were blessed to have! We couldn't have wished or dreamed of a better role model for a Mom, and Dad never could've been blessed with a better Wife of 57 years! She did it all with pure love and dedication, and we shall never ever forget

*her approach to life, love, and the hardships between it all.
We love you Mom! You're the BEST!*



Carol (Knauer) Piper - April 11, 2020 at 03:19 PM

HK

I just noticed the comment section and those are beautiful memories Carol. I dont think it has sunk in yet here. So much on everyones minds at this time. It will really be hard tho to go visit and her not be there putteribg in the yard and making sure everyone has something to eat and drink ...or showing us things she is giving away or gathering for a garage sale. We always felt welcome at Judys house and she loved her whole family very much. She always had something to share and that she did...even when she felt poorly. Godly we all can imitate 🌸🌻

Heather Knauer - April 12, 2020 at 04:35 PM

HK

"Godly qualities"

Heather Knauer - April 12, 2020 at 04:36 PM

CP

*Yes Heather! Beautiful memories, as I have learned, can carry us through some of the roughest of times, and she's helped to provide many to all of us. Her sense of style, wit, and charm brings a smile to my face, even during these days filled with such uncertainty.
Thank you!*



Carol (Knauer) Piper - April 13, 2020 at 12:04 PM