



Judith Coffman Stickley

April 17, 2023

The staff at Heishman Funeral Home Inc. sends condolences to the family of Judith Coffman Stickley.

Judith Coffman Stickley of Woodstock passed away peacefully surrounded by family on Monday, April 17, 2023, at Shenandoah Memorial Hospital. She was 82.

Judy was born in Woodstock, the oldest daughter of Russell and Wilda Coffman. Judy graduated from Woodstock High School in 1959 and attended Madison College (now James Madison University). She married Keith Stickley of Woodstock and raised five children. They divorced in 1988.

Judy was known by all as a compassionate and supportive friend who knew everyone. She loved her hometown of Woodstock. Shenandoah County was truly her home and a place she never wanted to leave.

Professionally, Judy worked various jobs while raising her children and thereafter, most recently in the radiology department at the hospital in Woodstock and, volunteered at the Edinburg Library. She was trusted to such a degree by the medical staff at the hospital that, prior to electronic medical records, she typed patient files and records for many of the local doctors.

Her passion however was her chronical of all of the deaths in Shenandoah County from 2020 all the way back to the 1780's. Her work resulted in two copyrighted bound volumes, both of which are in the Library of Congress, entitled 'Someone You Knew.' The volumes list those deceased along with their family relatives, allowing for cross references often sought by genealogists, both professional and amateur. She might best be described as a genealogical compiler. This massive undertaking and publication, compiled from reading thousands and thousands of printed newspaper obituaries, was the result of over 20 years of research on nights and weekends. Judy continued to sell copies of Someone You Knew right up until her passing.

Judy loved to laugh and had a great sense of humor. She was quite sporty as a youth, playing basketball for Woodstock High and often played tennis with all five kids, whom she raised with a backdrop of sports for their entire young lives. A very authentic Southern cook, she could fry anything, make it taste great and was a master of chipped beef and sausage gravy.

Judy is survived by a sister, Karen Jones and her husband Phil, of Bradenton, Florida. She was predeceased by a brother, Russell Vernon (RV) of Sarasota, Florida, a sister, Deborah Strickland of Apopka, Florida and a grandson, Kyle Coffman Stickley of Sandy Springs, Georgia.

She is survived by all five children: son Jeff (and wife Victoria) Stickley of Mattapoisett, Massachusetts and daughter Lane (and husband Tommy) Mullin of Honolulu, Hawaii; son Dave (and wife Tonya) Stickley and daughters Emma Kate (15) and Molly Ann (13) Stickley of Maurertown, Virginia; daughter Valerie (and husband Walter) Coleman of Midlothian, Virginia and sons Benjamin Clay (29), Samuel Coffman (26) and Olivia Claire (24) Coleman, all of Richmond, Virginia; daughter Andrea Kee and children Tucker Cameron (25), Sadie Catherine (23) and Collin Coffman Kee (18), all of Midlothian, Virginia; son Wes (and wife Tracy) Stickley and children Hannah Mae (26),

Olivia Kate (24), Grace Elaine (21) and Luke Wesley (19) all of Leesburg, Virginia.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Judy's honor to the Shenandoah County Library, 514 Stoney Creek Blvd, Edinburg, VA 22824.

A private memorial service will be held.

Online condolences can be made at www.valleyfs.com

Arrangements by Heishman Funeral Home Inc., Valley Funeral Service Branch, Edinburg.

Tribute Wall

KH

“ Please accept my deepest condolences in the loss of your mother. Judy touched so many lives in the very best way. I was blessed to know her as a colleague and a friend. May your heart find peace and comfort.

Kay Hamman - April 24, 2023 at 09:21 PM

AP

“ So sorry for your loss, may you find comfort in all your special memories at this difficult time .
With Our Deepest Sympathy,
Phil & April Baker



April - April 24, 2023 at 06:40 PM

JS

“ Mrs. Stickley was always so kind in her quiet way. Please accept my condolences as you grieve her passing.
Janet Lillard Smith, Dayton, Virginia

Janet Lillard Smith - April 22, 2023 at 01:52 PM

FP

“ May God Bless the Stickley family at this time of sorrow.

FRANK PAINTER - April 22, 2023 at 08:36 AM

JS

“ I had the pleasure of working with Judy at the SMH. She was the type of lady that you wanted to know... she always had something special to say and I always listened. Judy was such a blessing to so many of us that had the pleasure of knowing her. God bless her family.

Jill Shipp - April 21, 2023 at 05:48 PM

EB

“ I always enjoyed talking to Judy at SMH. She was so friendly and nice to everyone. My deepest condolences to her family and friends.

Evelyn Barb - April 21, 2023 at 05:41 PM

KA

“ I enjoyed taking care of Judy she always thanked me for what I did to help her she will be missed

Karen - April 21, 2023 at 02:49 PM