Judy Kathleen Ellis

December 29, 1943 - January 22, 2022

Judy Kathleen (Smith) Ellis of St. James, Missouri passed away on Saturday, January 22, 2022 at the Phelps Health Hospital in Rolla, Missouri. Judy was born in Gainesville, Missouri on December 29, 1943 to the late Vernie Lee and Euthel Mandy (Freeman) Smith.

After graduation from high school, Judy went to the school of cosmetology. On June 20, 1964, Miss Judy Smith was united in marriage to the love of her life, and best friend, Dewayne Ellis. This union was blessed with two children. Judy loved being a wife and mother, she cooked three meals a day for her family, the littles were such a huge part of her life, it was a known fact the grands were always her favorite...until, the next generation came along, then they like before them took a back seat to the newest members of the family. But it did not matter to her family, they both loved and adored her, and the way she was with the grandchildren. She was an excellent cook, and made meals for her family to bring them together, the tables were always filled with each child's favorite. There wasn't a holiday that she didn't decorate for: Easter, Christmas, etc, she always went all out to make sure everyone knew how special they were.
She and Dewayne rarely missed a sporting event that one of the kids were in, traveling all around the state to hold her spot on the bleachers and cheer on her favorite players. Judy was an avid M&M collector, and had a whole room dedicated to her collection. She also enjoyed yard sales, shopping, and

BINGO. Judy retired from Town & Country Supermarkets after 49 years.

Judy Kathleen Ellis is survived by her husband Dewayne Ellis, of the home; daughter, Delayne Lancaster and husband Bobby, of St. James, MO; son R.V. Ellis, of St. James, MO; grandchildren, Rebecca Sandusky, Samantha Gaddy (Ryan), and Zack Russell;
great-grandchildren, Lillian, Piper, Mason, and Ryker; sisters, Ellamae Jackson, of Branson, MO, and Annie Scarlett, of Kansas City, MO; brother, Gerald Smith, of Denver, CO; a host of nieces, nephews, extended family and many, many friends. In addition to her parents, Vernie and Euthel Smith, Judy was preceded in death by two sisters, Patty Garrett, and Janet Moses.

Funeral service will be held on Thursday, January 27, 2022 at 11:00 AM at the St. James Chapel of the James & Gahr Mortuary with Mike Southard officiating, and grandchildren Rebecca Sandusky, Samantha Gaddy, and Zack Russell doing the eulogy. Interment will be at the St. James Cemetery with Rebecca Sandusky, Samantha Gaddy, Zack Russell, Ben Swan, LeeRay Garrett, and Johnny Jackson serving as pallbearers. Serving as honorary pallbearers will be Bobby Lancaster, Ryan Gaddy, Justin Wantland, and David Paul Whitley. A visitation for family and friends will be held at the Chapel on Wednesday, January 26, 2022 from 5-7 PM. Memorials are suggested and greatly appreciated to the Ellis Grandchildren College Fund, cards are available at all James & Gahr locations

Cemetery Details

St. James Cemetery

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **26**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

James & Gahr Mortuary - St. James
117 Seymour St.
St. James, MO 65559
(573) 265-3232
dcjames@fidnet.com
https://www.jamesgahrmortuary.com/

Service

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Graveside Service

JAN **27**. 1:45 PM (CT)

St. James Cemetery

Tribute Wall

Judy Kathleen Ellis

January 30, 2023 at 04:37 AM

Judy Kathleen Ellis

January 30, 2023 at 02:54 AM

I will always remember Aunt Judy's smile and laugh. She will be missed. I am so sorry for your loss.

Sincerely, Beth Pohlman (Smith)

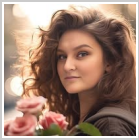
Beth Pohlman - January 29, 2022 at 06:17 AM

Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Judy Kathleen Ellis.

January 26, 2022 at 12:30 PM

Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Judy Kathleen Ellis.

January 26, 2022 at 09:14 AM



May peace be with you.

Edie Yvonne Mullins - January 25, 2022 at 09:03 PM

Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Judy Kathleen Ellis.

January 25, 2022 at 08:33 PM

DC

Dudley Lightning Softball Club purchased the Se ntiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Judy Kathleen Ellis.

Dudley Lightning Softball Club - January 25, 2022 at 06:40 PM

PF

Pop's and the Sandusky family. purchased the La vender Reflections Spray for the family of Judy Kathleen Ellis.

Pop's and the Sandusky family. - January 25, 2022 at 03:09 PM

KJ

1 file added to the album Aunt Judy Ellis

Kathy Jerome - January 25, 2022 at 02:18 PM

KJ

We will miss Aunt Judy very much. We enjoyed all of our times when we visited and played cards. We had fun times camping at Hodgson Mill during our annual family reunions. Aunt Judy was a loving and caring woman who cared for and loved her family dearly. She always welcomed us and made us feel at home every time we visited with her and Uncle Dewayne. She was so proud of her family. We love all of you and our heart is broken as we suffer together during this time of such a devastating loss. Kathy and David Jerome

Kathy Jerome - January 25, 2022 at 02:17 PM

KJ

1 file added to the album Memories Album

Kathy Jerome - January 25, 2022 at 02:08 PM

Awesome Photo

Beth Pohlman - January 29, 2022 at 06:18 AM

Rose Garden Heart was purchased for the family of Judy Kathleen Ellis.

January 25, 2022 at 12:52 PM

LF

LOVE FRED,BRENDA,DAWN,SCOOBY purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Judy Kathleen Ellis.

LOVE FRED,BRENDA,DAWN,SCOOBY - January 25, 2022 at 12:19 PM

Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Judy Kathleen Ellis.

January 25, 2022 at 09:53 AM

RH

Rick, Andrea, Jaxon and Sydney Harris purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Judy Kathleen Ellis.

Rick, Andrea, Jaxon and Sydney Harris - January 25, 2022 at 09:52 AM

Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Judy Kathleen Ellis.

January 24, 2022 at 09:43 PM

AG

So sorry for the family's loss.
Judy was a good friend of mine for many years. RIP Judy you will be missed!

Almyra Gargus - January 24, 2022 at 08:41 PM

The Endless Sky Spray was purchased for the family of Judy Kathleen Ellis.

January 24, 2022 at 07:39 PM

Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Judy Kathleen Ellis.

January 24, 2022 at 07:15 PM

Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Judy Kathleen Ellis.

January 24, 2022 at 05:13 PM