



Judith Ann Ward

September 22, 1946 - January 14, 2023

Judith Ann Ward, 76, passed away January 14, 2023 in Austin, TX surrounded by her family. Judith was the daughter of Otis Hill and Roberta Marie Hill of Eagle Point, OR and the wife of Terry A. Ward of Austin, TX, married 24 years.

She is survived by her husband, children: Jane (Ronsey) Chawla of Austin, TX and John W. Sperry of Portland, OR; and grandchildren Rijik, Leela and Taran Chawla. Judith was preceded in death by her parents and her brother Lester Hill.

Born September 22, 1946, Judith grew up in humble circumstances on an Oregon ranch where she had no electricity in her home until her teenage years! She was very active in 4-H raising pigs and sheep for state fair, designing and modeling clothes and competing in demonstration cooking events.

She pursued an undergraduate music degree at Warner Pacific College and obtained a Master's Degree in Music Education from the University of Oregon. With that background, she spent fifty years sharing the joys of music with everyone from pre-schoolers to college students.

After retirement, Judith and her husband, Terry, moved to Austin, TX to be

near her grandchildren who were the absolute joy of her life.

She enjoyed playing the piano, especially ragtime, making jewelry, gardening, and participating in water aerobics (which is where she met her husband).

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made in her memory to the Texas Oncology Foundation.

The Celebration of Life for Judy will be held Saturday, March 4th, at 2:00 p.m. at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, 8314 Mesa Drive, Austin, Texas. Dress colorfully, it's a celebration.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAR 4. 2:00 PM (CT)

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church
8134 Mesa Dr.
Austin, TX 78759