



## Judy Winkelmann

September 15, 1945 - September 2, 2025

Judith Ann Winkelmann (née Laibly) was a gentle, kind, creative light in the world, and the world was more beautiful because she was in it.

Judy passed away, after a long battle with cancer, on Tuesday, September 2, just shy of her 80th birthday. She was at home with her husband, Rich, their daughter, Jenni, and son, Jeff. No sentiments were left unspoken; those who loved Judy told her, and she was able to tell them how valuable they were to her.

Many who knew Judy were aware of how much she wished the world were a Doris Day movie, with soft focus filters and happy endings. So much of her life was that, popular cheerleader, talented artist, kind friend, and cheerful Christian.

Her heart surgery and cancer journey stretched her faith in God, but it was that same faith that brought her peace and comfort while she suffered.

Judy loved riding her electric bike, camping with friends, and more than anything, making things beautiful: on dining room tables, in gardens, in guest rooms, and in creative, personalized gifts.

Her most recent project, The Gratitude Garden, located at Our House in

Wenatchee, was a collaboration with longtime friend and colleague, Susan Cusick, and was completed in the day Judy died. She believed it was the legacy she was meant to leave to the world, and she was so proud to have contributed to the healing and rest of those who will walk and sit there for years to come.

Arrangements in the care of Chapel of the Valley, East Wenatchee, WA

# Tribute Wall

AT

“ *During my travels to the Seattle area, I stayed with Rich and Judy and we had an exceptional time of laughs and remembering our days in Ft. Wayne, IN.  
What a very special lady !!!  
May she rest in comfort and great peace.  
With love, Al Taylor*

Alan Taylor - December 13, 2025 at 07:42 PM

MS

“ *Margaret Schulz lit a candle in memory of Judy Winkelmann*



Margaret Schulz - September 15, 2025 at 09:14 PM

JW

“ *3 files added to the album Memories Album*



Jeff Winkelmann - September 09, 2025 at 02:34 PM

SK

*Such a special lady - I'll miss her for the rest of my life!*

Shannon Keller - October 13, 2025 at 06:24 PM