



Judith Mae Pecher

April 25, 1936 - April 13, 2021

Judith “Judy” Pecher, longtime resident of Bartlesville, Oklahoma, passed away on Tuesday, April 13, 2021 after a brief illness. She was surrounded by her family. Born April 25, 1936, in Jefferson City, Missouri, to Dewey and Crescentia Mosley, Judy grew up in Jeff City and attended Donnelly College, St. Mary’s School of Nursing, and Rockhurst College, all in Kansas City, Missouri.

Her first job was with Cardinal Glennon Hospital in St Louis, Missouri, where she shared a home with 4 other young career women. During that time, she reacquainted with her childhood friend and love of her life Fred Pecher, whom she had first met at church. In 1963, they married and subsequently had 4 children, Cathy, Mary, Joe, and Sara after moving to Bartlesville, Oklahoma, in 1967 to raise their family. They were married 57 years at the time of her death. She worked as a med-surg nurse at Jane Phillips Hospital in Bartlesville from 1970 to 1983. In 1980 Judy's career changed with the start of Hospice of Washington County, where she volunteered her time to care for the dying. She became the Clinical Director of Patient Care of Hospice in 1983. In 1987 Hospice of Washington County was acquired by Jane Phillips Episcopal Medical Center and she accepted the role as Manager of the new Jane Phillips Hospice.

Under Judy's leadership the philosophy of hospice care developed in the Bartlesville and the surrounding communities, forever changing the understanding and management of the dying process. During those years

Judy taught many nurses, social workers and aides the art of comforting, compassion and empathy as well as those at end of life who were helped by her advocacy.

Judy's nursing career ended with her retirement in November 1999, though her work never did. She stayed active as a consultant and gave speeches on Death and Dying and Palliative Care. She remained active as a Parish Nurse in the community, helping countless families. She leaves behind an unforgettable legacy as a healer, comforter of the sick, educator, and beloved friend, wife, and mother.

Judy loved spending time with her family and friends. She enjoyed creating a beautiful and loving home, going to her book club, and being involved in the Bartlesville Women's Network.

She is survived by her devoted husband, Fred Pecher; her 2 daughters, Cathy and Sara Pecher; her sister Catherine Weigel, and her aunt Katie Winer, as well as numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her 2 infant children, Mary and Joe, and her parents, Dewey and Crescentia Mosley. Services will be determined at a later date. The family requests in lieu of flowers that a contribution be made to Mary Martha Outreach in Bartlesville, Oklahoma.

Tribute Wall



“ *Judith Mae Pecher*

October 23, 2023 at 04:40 AM



“ *Judith Mae Pecher*

October 06, 2023 at 03:15 PM



“ *Elizabeth Booth lit a candle in memory of
Judith Mae Pecher*



Elizabeth Booth - April 22, 2021 at 11:07 AM



“ *Sara and Fred, I wish to send you my
condolences for the passing of a wonderful
mom and nurse.*



Your friend, Andrea “Coop” Smith

Andrea Smith - April 19, 2021 at 09:09 PM



“ *Judy took me under her wings as a Hospice Nurse. Her gift of care
and compassion will forever be a part of me.
God Bless you Judy!*

Helen Mc Hale - April 18, 2021 at 04:21 PM

KH

“ I am so thankful for Judy hiring me as a hospice nurse. I learned so much from her as a mentor, supervisor and friend. She was truly one of a kind and will be missed ❤️ .

Kimberly Hill - April 18, 2021 at 04:18 PM

Angela Scott

“ Judy was my mothers hospice nurse back in 1989. She was the reason that I became a nurse. I will never forget the impact she made on my life. Prayers for her family and friends.



Angela Scott - April 17, 2021 at 10:52 PM

AS

“ Judy and I met and became friends in the first grade and remained friends all these many years. Such a multitude of wonderful memories. There are two words that come to mind when I think of her -- unique and special. My deepest sympathy to Fred and the girls.

I will miss her immensely.

Alice Morris Shelton

Alice Shelton - April 17, 2021 at 01:02 PM

LQ

“ Judy was such a bright light to all who knew her. She was always kind and loving. She will be missed forever more.

Linda and Buddy Quinn

Linda Quinn - April 17, 2021 at 12:14 AM

NW

“ Judy was a special person that touched and blessed many people. She will be missed by many. I first worked with her many years ago at the Memorial building. Happy to have been her friend. Prayers for comfort at this difficult time for your dad, you girls and her friends.

Nancy Wake RN

Nancy Wake - April 16, 2021 at 10:46 PM

MB

I first met Judy when the hospice program was beginning in Bartlesville. She had a wealth of knowledge, passion and compassion for her work and patients. As a social worker, it was my privilege to work with her and I am grateful for the tremendous learning experience. She gave her best to her patients and their families and she challenged all of us to do the same. My deepest sympathy to her family.

Marilou G Bork - April 17, 2021 at 03:28 PM

MH

Our oldest son and Sara started school together at Will Rogers Elementary. Judy was always a sweet and caring person. I'm so sorry for your loss. Heaven sure gained one of the very best! Love and prayers,
Melda and Gary Howard

Melda Howard - April 18, 2021 at 01:13 AM

MS

“ Judy touched so many lives with her special gift. Everyone who knew her was blessed. I treasure her spirit in my life.

mj Strack - April 16, 2021 at 10:43 PM

PB

“ I met Judy through St. James parish and quickly became friends. She encouraged me to become a hospice volunteer and later hired me as volunteer coordinator. She always encouraged me as my hospice career lead to bereavement counseling and ultimately to my LCSW. She was a great encourager and good friend. I will miss her welcoming smile and her stories about the love of her life, Fred.

Peggy Boyce - April 16, 2021 at 10:36 PM

CG

“ Judy was a wonderful friend to my family, especially my mother, Susan Glass. Their birthdays were days apart and they always celebrated together. Thank you for being a friend and advocate to all those around you.



Cynthia Glass - April 16, 2021 at 08:18 PM

EH

“ Judy was a long-time member of my water exercise class at Phillips. We still have not been permitted to return to the building --- but we enjoyed knowing Judy. We had class on Tuesday and Thursday at 10:00 am in the shallow end of the pool. We were still going strong when she did not come because of her concern of her family. She put her family first. ---- Evelyn Helm

Evelyn Helm - April 16, 2021 at 07:56 PM

MP

“ Wonderful lady with a kind heart and a beautiful smile

margo proctor - April 16, 2021 at 07:20 PM

LJ

I first met Judy at St. James Church. We connected through Womens Club. She was caring and kind and a good friend over the years. She will be missed by all.

Linda Jacobs

Linda Jacobs - April 17, 2021 at 10:35 AM

MS

Judy will be missed.

Mary E. Siemens - April 17, 2021 at 02:21 PM

SL

Judy was a strong, loving woman and nurse. She was so kind about visiting the sick. A bright and shining light that will be missed.

Condolences to Fred, Cathy and Sara. Sue Lacey

Susan Lacey - April 20, 2021 at 02:32 PM