



Judith Lynn (Sorenson) Ryerse

January 11, 1944 - November 27, 2024

Judith Lynn (Sorenson) Ryerse, age 80, of St. Ignace, Michigan, died on November 27, 2024, at the Straits Area Assisted Living Center in St. Ignace. She was born on January 11, 1944, in Edmore, Michigan, to Neil Stanley and Esther Wanda (Novenske) Sorenson.

Judith grew up in St. Ignace and graduated from LaSalle High School. After graduation, she attended Davenport University for one year studying business. She moved around and finally settled back in St. Ignace where she went to work at Brown & Brown Law Office off and on for ten years. In 1981 Judith went to work for Mackinac County as a probate register until her retirement in 2009.

Judith was a member of the Zion Lutheran Church in St. Ignace where she was also a member of their woman's group, choir, and Sunday school. She was a member of the Red Hats Society and JC Auxiliary.

Judith enjoyed crafting, knitting, counter cross stitch, and reading.

Judith is survived by her daughter, Amber (Dustin) Anderson; son, James Ryerse; grandchildren, Cooper James Johnston and Bailey Gail Ryerse; brother, Gary (Monica) Sorenson; sister, Susan Fenlon; and brother, Steven (Carol) Sorenson.

Judith was preceded in death by parents, Neil and Esther; sisters, Cathy Jean Sorenson and Linda (Michael) Wilkins; and brother-in-law, Jerry Fenlon.

A Memorial Gathering will be held on Saturday, May 3, 2025, at Family Life Funeral Homes, 999 S. State St. St. Ignace, MI 49781. The visitation will be from 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM with the Memorial Service to follow at 11:00 AM.

Final resting place is Lakeside Cemetery in St. Ignace Township.

Condolences may be left to the family at www.familylifefh.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Gathering

MAY 3. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ I have known Judy all my life through church and school. She would always have a nice smile to greet you with. I will always remember a Luther League trip that Judy and 4 others of us took to San Antonio, TX for a conference in 1959. It was through the Zion Luther Church. Many GREAT memories. A wonderful individual.

Gary Nickel - December 22, 2024 at 08:36 AM

Dave
North

“ There was no finer person that I've known. Judy made everyone in her presence feel good. My thoughts will be with the Ryerse/Sorenson families.



Dave North - December 04, 2024 at 09:18 PM

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“ Judy was the Mackinac County Probate Court Register the entire time (14 years) that I served as Probate Judge, as well as before and after. She was a very trustworthy and competent employee of the county in her job, and well thought of throughout the state Probate Court system. In addition and more importantly, she was a wonderful Christian, humble person who walked the walk, of living life the right way. My utmost condolences and prayers for her family. I have her memorial on my calendar. Even though I normally visit my brother in Georgia in early May, I'll make every effort to change my travel schedule if at all possible, to be in attendance. I owe that effort to her, as she was very loyal to the court and myself.

Thomas North - December 03, 2024 at 12:31 PM