



Judith (Judy) Flippen Wadsworth

April 10, 1947 - May 4, 2023

Judith (Judy) Kay Flippen Wadsworth, 76 of El Campo, Texas passed away on Thursday May 4, 2023 after a brief illness.

Judy was born April 10, 1947 in Dallas, Texas. She was raised in Ferris, Texas by her loving parents M.C. Flippen Jr. and Elaine Jeffers Flippen. Judy graduated from Ferris High School in 1964. She then began studies at Baylor University in Waco, Texas.

However, while in high school Judy had met a fellow member of Methodist Youth Fellowship who was from a small neighboring town. The two began dating and after graduating a year earlier than Judy the young man started his studies at Texas A&M University. As love would have it, Judy packed her belongings and traded her green and yellow for maroon and white.

On August 6th of 1965 Judy Kay Flippen and Grady Lynn Wadsworth were united in marriage. After which Grady would finish his Bachelor's degree in 1967 then continue with graduate studies horticulture. While supporting her husband to achieve his Master's degree in 1969, Judy also earned her PHT, most commonly referred to as "Putting Hubby Through."

Yet, these accomplishments would not be the best nor brightest of the couple's time in College Station. They also welcomed their firstborn, Susan

Elaine Wadsworth, born on July 11, 1969. Three years later Judy gave birth to their second daughter, Pamela Kay Wadsworth on May 30, 1972.

Soon after, Grady was offered a supervisory job in the small town of El Campo, Texas with the horticulture company Greenleaf Nursery. After visiting with the company and exploring the small community, Judy and Grady sat down at the local Dairy Queen and decided the town and the company were a great fit for their family and moved to El Campo in 1973.

Three years later their third child was born. It was finally a boy! Jeffrey Lynn Wadsworth was born on April 21, 1977 completing the Judy and Grady Wadsworth family.

As Grady's job was thriving this allowed Judy to essentially be a stay-at-home mom, although she did work part-time for a non-profit organization called The Opportunity Center as well as other part-time jobs. While the couple was becoming very well established and respected within the community, Judy made a decision that would ultimately make her one of the most beloved and respected educators within the city's school district.

Continuing being a wonderful mother to her three children, Judy drove the hour back and forth to Victoria until she earned her Bachelor's degree in Education through the University of Houston system. In 1984 she began her career in education at ECISD Middle School and became a very well regarded and cherished teacher by many.

A former student recently wrote:

"...She's one of only two of my teachers that I have remained in contact with throughout the decades. She was a treasure and impacted my life in such an incredibly important way... She was an extraordinary human, an amazing educator, and, in recent years, a sweet, supportive friend. She will be

missed...”

Judy taught English, Reading and Language Arts for ECISD from 1984 – 1998. During this time, and after 27 years of marriage, she would experience the most significant loss of her life. Her husband, life love, confidant and best friend Grady died unexpectedly in September of 1992. Through the comfort, support and teaching assistance from many friends and fellow teachers Judy found the strength in continuing to be a loving mother and an essential educator to the community’s youth.

In 1999, Judy made the decision to move away from El Campo. She spent several years in the Texas cities of College Station, Richmond, and the Galleria area of Houston. Not only did she retire from teaching during this time, most importantly she became a grandmother to four beautiful and amazing grandchildren.

Judy eventually moved back to the town she loved and where she and her husband raised their three children. To fill some of her time she became a differently well-regarded member of the community. She worked as an adored cashier for a local beverage company. Judy was thrilled to have been given the “shot” to work at this beverage store. It was certainly the right “spot” for the conclusion of Judy Kay Flippen Wadsworth’s working career.

Judy is survived by her three children, daughter Susan Wadsworth Prazak and husband Chris of East Bernard, Texas, her daughter Pam Wadsworth and spouse Sandy Angulo of College Station, Texas, and son Jeff Wadsworth of El Campo, Texas. Grandchildren Grady Prazak and Grant Prazak of East Bernard, Texas and Lake Wadsworth and Aspen Wadsworth of El Campo, Texas. She is also survived by many cousins, nieces, and nephews within the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

Judy was preceded in death by her loving and devoted husband Grady

Wadsworth of El Campo, Texas, her parents M.C. and Elaine Flippen of Ferris, Texas, her uncle Buddy Jeffers of Ennis, Texas, and first cousin Nancy Jeffers. She was also preceded in death by dear friend Josh McCown of Bend, Oregon, formerly of El Campo, Texas.

Pallbearers will be Grady Prazak, Grant Prazak, Lake Wadsworth, Chad Nichols, Jr., Mickey Walker, and Chris Pustejovsky. Aspen Wadsworth will serve as honorary pallbearer.

Visitation will take place from 4:00pm – 7:00pm on Thursday, May 11, at Triska Funeral Home: 612 Merchant St., El Campo, Texas. Funeral service will be at 2:00pm Friday, May 12 at the First Presbyterian Church: 203 West Calhoun St., El Campo, Texas. Graveside service will immediately follow at Oaklawn Memorial Park: 4509 State Highway 71, El Campo, Texas.

The family expresses great appreciation for the staff at Meridian Assisted Living in El Campo, Texas, where Judy spent the last three years of her life. Also, our sincere gratitude to Houston Hospice – El Campo for comforting our loved one in her final days.

As Judy was an avid reader, please submit any memorial donations in honor of her to ECISD libraries (700 West Norris St., El Campo, TX 77437) or Wharton County Library (Attn: Friends of the Library – 1920 N. Fulton, Wharton, TX 77488.)

Donations may also be made in her honor to the El Campo division of Houston Hospice or any charity of your choice.

Triska Funeral Home, El Campo, 979-543-3681

Cemetery Details

Oaklawn Memorial Park

4609 State Hwy 71
El Campo, TX 77437

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 11. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Triska Funeral Home
612 Merchant Street
El Campo, TX 77437-3440
(979) 543-3681
triskafh@sbcglobal.net

Funeral Service

MAY 12. 2:00 PM (CT)

First Presbyterian Church
312 Depot Street
El Campo, TX 77437

Tribute Wall

GM

“ Having taught at ECMS with Judy for several years, I can truthfully say that she was one of the most pleasant, caring teachers that I had the pleasure of working with. She seemed to always be in a good mood and her smile would always make you feel welcome. My condolences to the family and prayers for God's peace and comfort for family and friends.

George and Kay Matthews

George Matthews - May 18, 2023 at 12:34 AM

PT

“ Patricia Taylor lit a candle in memory of Judith (Judy) Flippen Wadsworth



Patricia Taylor - May 12, 2023 at 04:39 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Judith (Judy) Flippen Wadsworth.



May 11, 2023 at 09:23 AM

EC

“ Elaine Cook lit a candle in memory of Judith
(Judy) Flippen Wadsworth



Elaine Cook - May 11, 2023 at 12:52 AM

JM

“ Janet Moon
Judy n I taught together on the same team at
ECMS. She visited with Ed n me while we
were in Pittsburgh. She always planned
something to get us away from the hospital.
We went to a John Denver concert, Penguin game and several
movies. We continued to spend time together when she left El
Campo. I loved her laugh. I loved her like a sister and will really
miss her.



Janet Moon - May 10, 2023 at 10:57 PM

CG

“ Cynthia Goerig lit a candle in memory of
Judith (Judy) Flippen Wadsworth



cynthia goerig - May 10, 2023 at 10:12 PM

EH

“ Judy and Grady were a wonderful part of First Presbyterian and glad I had the opportunity to know the family while living in El Campo. One night at choir practice Grady was wearing a cap from Ferris Texas. I later found out that my cousin, Randal Willis (from the area of Ferris) had known her since she was young. Made knowing Judy even more special! Rest in peace Judy. Wadsworth kids be sure and share all your wonderful memories of your mom and dad! They were special

Enda Herzog - May 10, 2023 at 05:48 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Judith (Judy) Flippen Wadsworth.



May 10, 2023 at 04:46 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Judith (Judy) Flippen Wadsworth.



May 10, 2023 at 04:09 PM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Judith (Judy) Flippen Wadsworth.



May 10, 2023 at 12:11 PM

JR

“*Mrs Wadsworth was a wonderful person. My prayers are with the family and I am comforted that she and Mr Wadsworth are reunited.*

Being such close friends with Jeff, I remember her as a Team Mom on the PeeWee League Mets (the most dominant PeeWee League team ever assembled). Mr Wadsworth coached that team. Those years remain one of my best sports memories...and that is saying something!

Mrs Wadsworth taught me for two years in Junior High. I don't think there would be many of my teachers at that time who would have signed up for a second tour with me, but she not only did that--but actually made me enjoy the time I had in her class. I enjoyed joking with her and I think she enjoyed putting me in my place. I am grateful to her for that.

As Jeff and I got older, Mrs Wadsworth showed extreme patience with the two of us and our friends-- even when we probably didn't deserve it. I spent countless nights at the Wadsworth house on Wallace, on 2546, and later on Sue St. Over the years and Mrs Wadsworth became one of those people who was just a constant in my life. I am grateful for having known her well.

Mrs Wadsworth will be missed.

James Russell - May 10, 2023 at 12:06 PM

BS

“*I remember the Wadsworth family as we all grew up in the Methodist church in El Campo. What a wonderful family! Judy was a sweet lady for sure. Thoughts & prayers to her family who will miss her!!*



Becky Swanson - May 10, 2023 at 11:16 AM

MC

“ *Missy Cox lit a candle in memory of Judith (Judy) Flippen Wadsworth*



Missy Cox - May 10, 2023 at 05:28 AM

CW

“ *I am truly sorry for the loss of your sweet and beautiful mother. I know you all will miss her dearly.*



Cindy Witcher - May 10, 2023 at 01:51 AM

JA

“ *Janice lit a candle in memory of Judith (Judy) Flippen Wadsworth*



Janice - May 09, 2023 at 11:38 PM

LW

“ *My heart goes out to the Wadsworth family. Judy was one of the kindest most generous people I have ever known. My prayers will be with you all. 💜*

Lisa Webb - May 09, 2023 at 11:20 PM

PD

“ Patricia Dybala lit a candle in memory of
Judith (Judy) Flippen Wadsworth



Patricia Dybala - May 09, 2023 at 08:18 PM

LK

“ Linda Kram lit a candle in memory of Judith
(Judy) Flippen Wadsworth



Linda Kram - May 09, 2023 at 07:49 PM

LK

We are so sorry to hear about your loss. Sending prayers and love ❤️
to your family & friends. Linda & Ken

Linda Kram - May 09, 2023 at 07:51 PM

MS

“ Martha Shofner lit a candle in memory of
Judith (Judy) Flippen Wadsworth



Martha Shofner - May 09, 2023 at 05:23 PM

DB

“ *Diane Busby lit a candle in memory of Judith (Judy) Flippen Wadsworth*



Diane Busby - May 09, 2023 at 04:10 PM

VW

“ *Vickie Wood purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Judith (Judy) Flippen Wadsworth.*



Vickie Wood - May 09, 2023 at 03:43 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Judith (Judy) Flippen Wadsworth.*



May 09, 2023 at 01:04 PM

SS

“ *Sandra Stary lit a candle in memory of Judith (Judy) Flippen Wadsworth*



Sandra Stary - May 09, 2023 at 12:53 PM

AR

“ *Anita Roye lit a candle in memory of Judith
(Judy) Flippen Wadsworth*



Anita Roye - May 09, 2023 at 12:06 PM

JN

“ *Jayme Nunez lit a candle in memory of Judith
(Judy) Flippen Wadsworth*



Jayme Nunez - May 09, 2023 at 11:32 AM