



Judy Abbott Wright

March 28, 1941 - December 1, 2021

Judy May Abbott Wright, aged 80, traveled to her heavenly home on Wednesday, December 1, 2021. Born March 28, 1941, she was the first of four daughters to Ira Earnest and Betty Jenkins Abbott. Their mother was the glue that always held the family together, with the sisters striving to have a close, loving bond with one another and their families no matter the distance in miles between their lives.

Judy grew up in Kingston, TN. After graduating from high school, she became a licensed hairdresser, then worked at Cas Walker's Grocery Store and later as a bus driver for Michael Dunn Rehab Center. Judy married and had two sons. She moved to California in the late 1970s. There she married her second husband, Donald Ray Wright (Harriman native). She was a school bus driver for many years in California. In 2003, the family moved back to Kingston, TN, for their retirement years, where they built their dream house.

Judy loved to travel. Her happiest times were in California and RVing across the country. Her most cherished homes were always on wheels. As her travels became her home, she loved her church families, especially her church in Holtville, CA. Her Pastor, Rev. Richard Moore, and his wife Tammy coincidentally had roots in Kingston, and they became terrific friends with Judy & her family. While in Tennessee, they were members of Faith Promise Church.

She is preceded in death by parents: Ira Earnest and Betty Jenkins Abbott, husband, Donald Ray Wright, and the father of her children, Marlin Ralph Westmoreland.

Survivors include two sons, Marlin Chuck Westmoreland (Sherwood) of Knoxville & Steven Alan Westmoreland of Lansing, one granddaughter, Kristy Lynn Wright, who she adopted and raised. Three sisters, Jane Abbott Cofer of Mobile, AL, Joan Abbott Parish (Eddie) of Kingston, TN, and Foniah Kay Abbott of Henderson, NV. Also, four nephews, Marc Cofer, Bradley and Adam Parish, and Michael Pento. And one niece, Kristina Tandy.

Kyker Funeral Home in Kingston, TN, is handling the final arrangements

Tribute Wall

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“ Thinking of the family at this time. OES

Pam Kirthlink - December 03, 2021 at 11:20 AM

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“ I always felt Judy was happy to see me. I hope to share that feeling with others when our paths meet. As the oldest child, Judy's life was lived through her free will and not to others' standards. Nevertheless, the love Judy and Donald shared was right in front of me basically my entire life, but I really didn't see it until their final years. It was an evident bond of love on a spiritual level with Donald's devotion to make her happy. Likewise, Judy's admiration of Donald was evident in her missing him daily when he was gone, even though the distortions of her Alzheimer's. As such, even with complex beginnings, it was a love story and the story of them living life their own way even when they could no longer safely care for each other. This brings me to the care and concern for Judy that I witnessed from her sisters, especially my mother, Joan and Aunt Foniah. And lastly, the sacrifice her son Alan gave as he lived out the love from his heart to his mother even in the complexity of the free will passed that she passed on to him from her own free will without truly appreciating the lessons she taught. However, all her children saw her perseverance, and I see the same perseverance in each of them. Judy lived her life her way, and I find respect for that fact as she's finished her journey.

Brad Parish - December 03, 2021 at 12:59 AM

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On April 26, 2023 we met at East TN Veterans Cemetery in Knoxville, TN & had Judy's ashes (my oldest sister) buried above her veteran husband's grave (Donald Wright). She died 12/01/2021. So Thankful to the Lord that Judy & Donald are rejoicing & praising God together in their Heavenly Home above. A bittersweet time of love & remembrance. She was a wonderful big sister always 🌹

Joan Abbott Parish - May 10, 2023 at 06:29 PM

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“ I want to thank you for everything you've ever done for me...for my life. There's never been a second of it that I didn't love you and always will.

The world isn't the same without you in it.

I hope I made you proud more times than I didn't.

I miss you Mom & love you forever.

Alan - December 02, 2021 at 11:42 PM



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Eddie Parish - December 02, 2021 at 10:54 PM

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I hadn't seen some of these Thank you.

Alan - December 03, 2021 at 12:30 AM



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Eddie Parish - December 02, 2021 at 10:23 PM



“ So sorry for your loss

David&Bernice Hennessee - December 02, 2021 at 07:37 PM



Thank you.

Alan - December 03, 2021 at 12:29 AM