



## Judy Patterson

September 29, 1944 - March 8, 2024

A Memorial Mass for Judy (Ernstman) Patterson, 79, of Tyler will be held on Friday, March 22, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception with Father Gus Tharappel officiating under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home.

Ms. Patterson passed away peacefully Friday, March 8, 2024, in Tyler, surrounded by her family. She was born September 29, 1944, in Wichita, Kansas to Edward Ernstman and Charlene Fleming.

Judy was a member of The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Tyler, where she served for many years on the Altar Society. In more recent years, she became an active member of the Wellspring Ministry community.

Judy attended Kansas University and was an avid lifelong Jayhawker. In her twenties, she was a flight attendant for Continental Airlines and traveled the world. She continued her love for travels for the rest of her life, and enjoyed many trips with friends, eventually achieving her goal of visiting all fifty United States.

After spending some years as a stay-at-home mom, she returned to college to fulfill a yearning to teach. She graduated from the University of Texas at Tyler with a Master's Degree in Early Childhood Education. She taught Head Start

for 21 years, retiring in 2009. Following retirement from the classroom, she became a tutor for TISD, working with students who needed help passing the STAAR test, which she did for another 13 years. She truly loved finding ways to connect with each of her students to help them succeed.

Judy's other passions were "coaching" the Dallas Cowboys football games and KU Jayhawks basketball games, playing mah-jongg, attending her Women Growing in Faith Bible Study, baking treats to share with others, and spending time with her grandchildren.

Judy was preceded in death by her parents, Ed and Charlene. She will be deeply missed by her family including her son, Alan Patterson; daughter, Ann Marie (Chris) Fate; granddaughters, Casey and Taylor Fate; grandson, Joshua Fate; brother, Alan Ernstman; and her loving nieces and great nieces and nephews.

Honorary pallbearers will be Alan Ernstman, Alan Patterson, Chris Fate, Joshua Fate, Rob Garcia, Ben Garcia, Quentin McDaniel, George Singleton, and Roger McLaren.

There will be a Rosary at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 21, 2024, with visitation from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Wellspring Ministry, 16828 FM 2964, Whitehouse.

If desired, memorials may be made to Wellspring Ministry, P. O. Box 440, Whitehouse, TX 75791.

# Previous Events

## Rosary

MAR 21. 5:30 PM (CT)

Wellspring Ministry  
16828 FM 2964  
Whitehouse, TX 75791

## Visitation

MAR 21. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Wellspring Ministry  
16828 FM 2964  
Whitehouse, TX 75791

## Memorial Mass

MAR 22. 10:00 AM (CT)

Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception  
423 S. Broadway  
Tyler, TX 75702

# Tribute Wall



“ Stewart Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Judy Patterson



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**Stewart Family Funeral Home** - March 21, 2024 at 10:30 AM

YK

*I will miss you love you Until till we meet again*

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**Yolanda Kay** - March 21, 2024 at 01:28 PM

DC

“ I dated Judy back in the late 60's when she was a Flight Attendant with Continental and I was a Ticket Agent Agent with Eastern Airlines and finishing my Bachelor's Degree at North Texas State-- Now University of North Texas.

We were both based out of Love Field at the time. My memories of Judy were simply wonderful. She was the quintessential Continental F/A..... pure grace, class, elegance and sophistication. As I recall, there were only 40 F/A's based there in Dallas, as Continental only had about 10 flights a day out of Love. First planes that flew out of there were Vickers Viscounts (turboprops) which were then eventually replaced by DC-9's. I still have a photo of Judy at the rear stairs of the DC-9 in her black uniform with her RED hat and bag wearing the signature string of pearls about her neck.... Those were the days of grand flying that we will never recapture. I also remember flying to New Orleans with Judy and met her brother, Alan, who was just starting out in the restaurant business-- Taco Bell if I recall.

They were so kind to me and took me to the legendary Brennan's for breakfast one day. Very fond memories of those times with Judy!

And I remember meeting Judy's Mom and Dad--Ed and Charlene. What nice people they were---from Wichita!

Not really sure why Judy and I stopped seeing each other---it has been so long ago. But I have never forgotten her and even contacted Judy last year when I looked her up on the internet. We had not spoken to one another in at least 50 years. It was great fun catching up after all those years. We talked for hours telling each other all about ourselves that had happened over the past 5 decades!!!

I knew she had been going through a lot of physical issues, but have not talked to her for at least 6 months. And when I emailed her today--- the emailed was returned. It was then that I did a search for her to only see that she has passed away only a few weeks ago. I

*am terribly saddened that I had not contacted her sooner.*

*May she rest in peace.....and be with the Lord for eternity.*

*And to all her extended family who may read this, please accept my sincerest sympathies on the loss of this very sweet lady!!*

*David Cree*

*Peachtree City, Georgia*

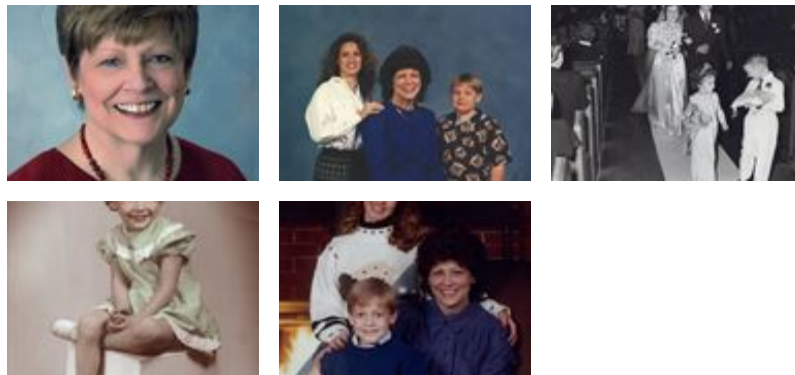
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**David Cree** - April 09, 2024 at 05:36 PM



“ 109 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



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**Stewart Family Funeral Home** - March 21, 2024 at 10:11 AM

FT

“ *FTC purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Judy Patterson.*



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**FTC** - March 19, 2024 at 09:26 AM

FT

“ FTC planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Judy Patterson.

FTC - March 19, 2024 at 09:26 AM

JS

“ I will treasure memories of the many over-night trips to Shreveport/Bossier. Judy was the perfect traveling companion.  
Joyce Singleton

Joyce Singleton - March 18, 2024 at 10:07 PM

DC

“ I was with Judy when she finally visited her 50th state, Delaware. We took the train from New Jersey to visit the Nemours Mansion.

Donnette Cowgill - March 17, 2024 at 10:41 AM