



## Judy Granberry Sanders

March 20, 1941 - February 15, 2015

Services for Judy Granberry Sanders, 73, of Tyler, will be held on Thursday, February 19, 2015 at 2:30 PM at Stewart Family Funeral Home with Rev. Larry Wickham and Rev. Kendall Shuler officiating.

Burial will follow at Cathedral in the Pines Cemetery in Tyler under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home.

Mrs. Sanders passed away Sunday, February 15, 2015. She was born March 20, 1941 in Red Springs, Texas to Thomas Henry and Mary Lee Carter Granberry.

Judy grew up in Lindale, Texas. She graduated from Lindale High School and was crowned "Miss Lindale". Judy went on to graduate from U.T. Tyler with a Bachelor's Degree in Education. She worked at Southern Oaks Baptist Church as a pre-k teacher and taught in the Mother's Day Out program. Judy served as a Sunday school teacher at First Baptist Church downtown and at Midway Baptist Church for many years. She enjoyed painting, drawing and gardening. Birds of all kinds always brought her joy. Judy loved teaching her students, serving the Church and most of all, spending time with her family.

Judy was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Robert, Carter, Travis, Bill Jack and Fred Granberry; and sisters, Beth Bryant and Ruth Talbert.

She is survived by her loving family including her husband of 53 years, Brian Sanders; daughters, Kathy Cope of Flint, Karen French and husband Steven of Rockett, Robin Sanders of Tyler; grandchildren, Michael H. Hammonds, Bridgette D. Hammonds, Brandon T. Cope, Benjamin T. Cope, Rick L. Cope;

siblings, James Granberry and wife Edwina of Hide-away Lake and Peggy Stone of Flower Mound.

Visitation is scheduled from 5:00 to 7:00 PM on Wednesday, February 18, 2015 at Stewart Family Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Highway, in Tyler.

If desired, memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, 1301 South Broadway Avenue, Tyler, TX 75701, The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, 1515 Holcombe Blvd, Houston, TX 77030 or the Stewart Blood Center, 815 South Baxter Avenue, Tyler, TX 75701.

# Cemetery Details

## Cathedral in the Pines Cemetery

7825 South Broadway Avenue  
Tyler, TX 75703

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 18. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Stewart Family Funeral Home  
7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy  
Tyler, TX 75703  
(903) 581-2008

## Service

FEB 19. 2:30 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *The wonderful thing about Judy was that when she said she would pray for you, you could rest assured that she did, because, she would ask you later about it, like she needed some further instructions on how to continue praying. She was an awesome lady of such grace and dignity.*

*Sandy Hayley*

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sandra hayley - March 07, 2015 at 01:18 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Judy Granberry Sanders.*



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February 18, 2015 at 05:08 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Judy Granberry Sanders.*



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February 18, 2015 at 05:08 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Judy Granberry Sanders.*



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February 18, 2015 at 11:06 AM



“ *I worked with Judy for the 10 years she taught at Southern Oaks MDO. All three of my boys were blessed to have her as their pre-k teacher. Judy was one of the sweetest, loveliest people I have ever had the privilege of knowing. When she would speak encouraging words to me, it always meant so much because I thought so highly of her and her walk with the Lord. You really could see Jesus all over her face...all over her life. My children would come home from her class asking spiritual questions and they all 3 truly loved her. Even though my heart is hurting at the loss, and hurting for her family, I am so grateful that we do not grieve as those who have no hope. We have not "lost" Judy...we can be sure we know exactly where she is...worshipping the One she loved so much! Thank You, Jesus, for this hope...even when our hearts are hurting. If you do not understand the hope of salvation in Jesus Christ, I know of little else that would please Judy more than for you to find that Hope today. All of the beautiful things that we can say about Judy are true because she lived out the gratitude of a person whose sins were forgiven...a person who has received much grace through the blood of Jesus. Her life was a testimony to that truth, and I for one am so grateful that I got to be a part of it...however small. Judy, words cannot express the extent to which you will be missed...but this is not a "goodbye"...only a "see you later"...*

*Renee French*

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**Renee French** - February 18, 2015 at 10:47 AM

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“ I had the privilege and honor to work with Mrs. Judy at MDO. She was my wing woman, sidekick, adopted mother, adopted grandmother to my kids, and one of my dearest friends. She loved teaching our little ones upstairs and loved talking about her own children and grand babies all the time. She had such a love for birds as well and passed that along to anyone that knew her. Her hugs were infectious and her laugh and smile could light up the darkest of days. She is the reason I loved my job so very dearly because she openly accepted me as her partner in crime for teaching. I will miss her every day as will my three babies that got the honor of knowing her as well during our time together. I know she is face to face with Jesus now and praising our Father with her beautiful voice. May God give you all the strength needed to face the days ahead and He will wrap you in His loving arms to provide the comfort you need knowing she is with Him in paradise. Love to all of the family!!!!

Christy Campise

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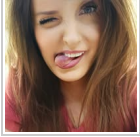
Christy Campise - February 18, 2015 at 03:24 AM

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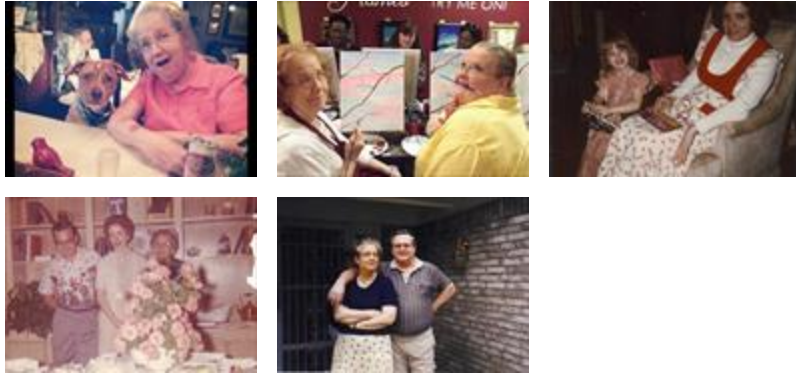
“ My daughter had the privilege of falling in love with Mrs. Judy at Southern Oaks Baptist Church Pre K program. Day after day D'Lyssa would talk about Mrs Judy and what they had done that day. I came to care for and love this dear precious lady because of the love that she had for all the kids and the love that she radiated because of Jesus Christ. I was blessed to know her for a short time but her impression on my daughters heart and mine will last for years to come. Our prayers for you, the family, as you adjust and grieve to life without her here but we rejoice knowing that Mrs. Judy had a relationship with Jesus and that one day we will see her again. Thank you, Mrs. Judy for your love and friendship.

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Lori Acker - February 17, 2015 at 09:12 PM



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**Robin Sanders** - February 17, 2015 at 07:58 PM

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“ We are so sorry for your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers.  
*Ron, Kellie, and Ashley Kethan*

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**Kellie Kethan** - February 17, 2015 at 01:49 PM

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“ *Ron, Kellie, and Ashley Kethan purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Judy Granberry Sanders.*



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**Ron, Kellie, and Ashley Kethan** - February 17, 2015 at 01:47 PM

## “ PRECIOUS AUNT JUDY

*My Aunt Judy Gale Granberry Sanders was quite a lady. When I was younger, I noticed this precious aunt of mine who was always smiling and her smile was very contagious. Jesus shined in her eyes then, but as we both aged, my oh my, her eyes shined ever more brightly with the joy of Jesus.*

*Have you ever seen that light in someone's eyes, in their countenance? It is a sight of beauty to behold and results in a longing to be with them. As we mature in our walk with our Abba Father, we recognize this light in others. Aunt Judy surely loved our Lord Jesus Christ and was a source of that light here on earth. She possessed the quiet spirit of our Lord, and that spirit of his presence drew you to her.*

*My aunt was precious and loved all God's birds and creatures in her backyard. She would talk with them just like I do. She also loved flowers of all kinds and gardened. I share these traits with her and will feel joy as I plant flowers in my yard and speak with the animals.*

*The last several times I visited with Aunt Judy were very special. We talked about Jesus and his all encompassing great love for us. Aunt Judy and I had a bond, a bond stronger because of our Savior. When we hugged it seemed as if it was a hug straight from Jesus! Have you ever felt that special love when you hugged someone? What joy it brought to my heart. She understood and loved Him in the same way I do. This morning as I sit here in my quiet time with the Lord, I truly am grateful for my Aunt Judy and for moments of joy with her, gifts from the King. You can't buy those moments of time with our precious loved ones.*

*I also enjoyed many moments of watching my Mom, Peggy and her sister, my Aunt Judy. Those two possessed such a friendship and loved each other greatly. I have inherited a very special piece of*

*furniture from my mother. It is a beautiful antique dresser in which she and her sister used to stand in front of and dress for school. What a blessing as I gaze upon it and imagine those two sisters and best friends giggling and talking about what they were wearing and how they looked each day. My Mom, Peggy, nicknamed her younger sister, tag along too-lou! How cute is that? Everyday as they walked to school, it was my mom and right behind her was Judy, tag along too-lou. Peggy and Judy, two sisters, had an amazing relationship, not only while growing up but their entire adult life. The love between these two sisters brought joy to many, especially to me and my cousins, Kathy, Karen and Robin. The four of us witnessed the terrific relationship between our Moms and just how genuine their love for each other truly was. Thank you Abba, Father for allowing us to witness this great love.*

*Aunt Judy was not only precious to me but also to my Mom, her sister, Peggy.*

*Both of us will greatly miss her as she added so much love and joy to our lives. We, along with many others were blessed to have been a part of her beautiful life.*

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**Lisa Mick** - February 17, 2015 at 08:29 AM