



## Judy Redden

June 16, 1947 - February 20, 2022

Judy Redden, beloved mother, grandmother, great grandmother, aunt and friend, passed away peacefully into the presence of her Savior on the morning of Feb. 20, 2022. Judy was born June 16, 1947 in Allen, Oklahoma to Lawrence and Carlene Baker, both of whom preceded her in death. Judy was lucky enough to be loved by two fathers. Her step-father, Bobbie Downs, also preceded her in death along with her brothers: Tommy Downs, Johnny Baker, Jerry Downs and sister in law, Debbie Downs and her step-mother, Mary Baker.

As a child, Judy contracted polio at the age of 18 months and spent time in an “iron lung”. Doctors were hesitant to give any kind of positive prognosis to her family. However, Judy’s tenacious and determined personality gave her the personality that enabled her to overcome her disability and her challenges. Upon meeting Judy, others were surprised to find that she had EVER experienced multiple challenges in that her upbeat personality encouraged others always. Throughout her life, she never missed an opportunity to excel in any activity she put her mind to. In school, and later in her professional career, Judy’s wonderful smile and sunny outlook were bright lights to others’ days. She worked as a bookkeeper in Dallas and then became a 911 dispatcher for Dallas County, where she retired from in 2015 after many years of dedicated service to the community and the first responders. Judy was very devoted to her family and was her childrens’ and (later grandchildrens’) biggest supporter. She always made sure to let her family know that they were

completely loved and uniquely special. In 2006, when Judy's mom passed, she again recognized the importance of family and her visible devotion and dedication to those she loved became priority in all she did daily. Judy had a strong faith in her Lord and she was a member of Wesleyan Bible Church in Mesquite where she attended regularly until she was no longer physically capable and made many friends. Never one to take a single day for granted, Judy's legacy of unconditional love and generosity will be proudly carried forward by her family into future generations.

Judy leaves to cherish her memories of love and devotion to her children: Jennifer George-Smith and husband, Mike, of Terrell, Janette Boatright and husband, James, of Mesquite and Amber Redden of Terrell; grandchildren: Steven Cobb and wife, Brittany, Summer Duckworth and husband, Chris, Sky Jacobs and partner, Seth Mojica, Nason Smith, Reagan Smith and fiancée, Destinee Belden; great grandchildren: Victoria, Nico, Grayson, Kensleigh, Lexy, Jordan and an expected great grandson on the way; brother, Tony Baker and wife Ramona; sister, Shirley Manuel-Richards; aunts, Dava Williams and Betty Morris; nephews: Shaun Downs and Mike Redden; niece, Tina Wicker as well as numerous other nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family and friends, all of whom will greatly miss her.

A celebration of Judy's life will be at 1:00pm, Monday, Feb. 28, 2022 at Max Slayton Funeral Chapel with a private interment at a later date. The family will receive friends beginning at 12:00pm to service time. Donation in memory of Judy can be made to the Kaufman County Children's Advocacy Center at <https://kaufmanccac.org/donate/>

# Cemetery Details

## Resthaven Memorial Park

2500 State Hwy 66  
Rockwall , TX 75087

# Previous Events

## Gathering

FEB 28. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Max Slayton Funeral Chapel  
642 N. Rockwall Ave.  
Terrell, TX 75160

## Celebration of Life

FEB 28. 1:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Judy Redden*

October 08, 2023 at 07:43 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Life Tributes*



**Max Slayton Funerals & Cremations** - February 28, 2022 at 10:54 AM



“ *Your Friends at ANBTX Mesquite Branch purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Judy Redden.*



**Your Friends at ANBTX Mesquite Branch** - February 25, 2022 at 07:03 PM



“ 107 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



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**Max Slayton Funerals & Cremations** - February 25, 2022 at 03:07 PM

MH

“ *Jennifer. You are a good daughter. Thank you for allowing us to care for your Mother at Mesquite Rehab Institute. She was always a joy. She and I had a special bond because she and my mother had the same diagnosis as young women. She was a warm, intelligent soul. Jennifer you were always pleasant and patient with us. God bless you and your sister.*

*Mary Hill, Case Manager  
Mesquite Rehab Institute*

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**Mary Hill** - February 24, 2022 at 01:35 PM

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“ Judy was a good friend all during high school at Southeast (OKC). One summer we, along with Linda Whitlock, commuted together to US Grant HS (OKC) to take a required history class; our reason was that SE was going to put all 300+ of us in one large class that fall and we sure didn't want that.

*Her polio handicap was never thought of or discussed; she was just Judy, with a smile, and one of the bunch. Boy, I haven't seen her in so many years but have often wondered where she was. I will cherish my memories of her.*

*Roy B. Young,  
SE Class of 1965*

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**Roy B. Young** - February 23, 2022 at 02:28 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Judy Redden.*



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February 23, 2022 at 01:45 PM

 Corky  
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“ *I never met her personally, but I feel I've known her all my life. We only texted, but we got to know each other enough to know we would have been good friends, neighbors, co-workers, confidants, and, even, business partners. The world is a lesser place without her and I will miss her dearly.*

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**Corky Huffine** - February 23, 2022 at 11:18 AM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Judy Redden.*



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February 23, 2022 at 11:11 AM



“ *From all of your friends at WMG. purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Judy Redden.*



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**From all of your friends at WMG.** - February 22, 2022 at 01:33 PM