



Dr. Judy Wilson

July 1, 1940 - January 25, 2017

Dr. Judy Wilson, of Weatherby Lake, MO, passed away on Wednesday, January 25, 2017 at the age of 76. Judy was born the daughter of Charles and Dorothy Leininger on July 1, 1940 in Kansas City, KS.

Judy enjoyed many roles in her life. She was a daughter, sister, wife, step-mother, educator, friend and mentor. Passionate about education, she was happiest sharing her knowledge with others.

She was proud of her Argentine roots and was a graduate of Argentine High School. She received her associate's degree from KCK Junior College. Her undergraduate master's degree programs were completed at Emporia State University. She received a doctorate from the University of Kansas. Her educational background focused on the field of special education.

Judy began her professional career as a middle school social studies teacher in the Shawnee Mission School District. She also worked teaching life skills to special education students in the same district. She was part of the Special Education Instructional Materials Center (SEIMC) at the University of Kansas. Skills from that experience led her to develop a grant program designed to teach special education graduate students specialized skills in a variety of areas related to curriculum development, managing an instructional materials center and staff development. Judy was passionate about the program and the students who were a part of it. As a result, many of those she trained carried those skills into their professions. Always the mentor, Judy constantly looked for opportunities to enhance students' knowledge with a vast array of

opportunities. She sought out experiences which took students beyond the typical classroom setting. Attending professional conferences and networking with leaders in the field of special education were among her priorities for her students. Many of her former students are still her lifelong friends. She served on thesis and dissertation committees for many KU special education students.

Judy belonged to a number of professional organizations. Among them are the Council for Exceptional Children (CEC), the Association for Special Education Technology and the Association for Children with Learning Disabilities (ACLD). She was a past president of ACLD. She had many professional contacts with publishers of instructional materials and she was a contributing author to professional textbooks and journals.

Later in her professional career, she managed the Instructional Medical Center for the Kansas City Kansas Schools Special Education Department. She created and presented staff development to special education paraprofessionals in Kansas City Kansas as well.

Lest one think her life was totally centered on the serious business of teaching, she delighted friends and colleagues with special celebrations marking their milestone events. Happy hour with friends and colleagues were always great experiences. She always enjoyed entertaining friends in her home. Those who knew Judy well will always remember her infectious laugh. It was always easy to find Judy at any gathering, just follow the laugh and you would find her.

Dan and Judy were longtime do-it yourselfers. They rehabbed a condominium in Chicago, a house in Kansas City, Kansas and their current home at Weatherby Lake, Missouri.

Judy was a voracious reader and enjoyed completing the daily crossword puzzle.

She and Dan enjoyed getting together with friends at the Argosy or Hollywood casinos.

She will be greatly missed by many, many people.

Survivors include her two step-sons, Boyd Daniel Herrin II and his fiancé JoAnne Chiera of Lenexa, KS and Bayley Daniel Herrin of Missoula, MT. She also leaves behind many friends and colleagues. Judy is preceded in death by her parents; beloved husband, Danny Lee Herrin; and one brother. A Celebration of Judy's life will be held on Saturday, February 18, 2017 from 4-6:00 PM at the Argosy Casino (Athens Room) 777 N W Argosy Casino Parkway, Riverside, MO 64150. Memorial contributions can be made in Judy's memory to the Humane Society of Greater KC, 5445 Parallel Pkwy, Kansas City, KS 66104. To share a memory or to leave condolences, please visit www.maplehillfuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

FEB 18. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Argosy Casino Hotel & Spa
777 N W Argosy Casino Parkway
Riverside, MO 64150

Tribute Wall



“ *Maple Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery created a Tribute Video in memory of Dr. Judy Wilson*



Maple Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery - February 14, 2017 at 04:46 PM



“ *Dr. Judy Wilson*

October 08, 2023 at 10:59 AM



“ *Dr. Judy Wilson*

September 17, 2022 at 08:24 PM




“ *Judy was so special and kind! Whenever I needed help in the IRMC library she was always there to help with a smile! She was always a "friend" to our school social work department too! What a special woman!!!!*

Barb Y. Innes - February 16, 2017 at 11:11 AM

SM

“ Judy was one of my very best friends. She was such a caring and forgiving person. I told her I wanted to be just like her when I grew up. I worked for her at KU Med and had the most fun ever! She knew a lot about everything and she was my personal source of information. I love her so much and will miss her greatly.

Susan Matney - February 13, 2017 at 10:48 AM

 Susan
Leininger

“ I was Judy's only blood niece. My father, Charles Leininger, was her brother. She was very important to us in our small family.

Susan Leininger - February 05, 2017 at 05:47 PM

PK

“ Judy went to school with my Aunt, Sandy Ketner. They remained friends for the rest of their lives. Always loved Judy and her laugh. I feel honored to have known her. She taught at SM North for special education students back when I went there from '65 to '67. Never will forget that little white house just west of the school. Always thought of Judy when we went by there.

Pamela Kempf

Pamela Kempf - February 01, 2017 at 09:15 AM

SJ

“ We will miss Judy.
Dan and Judy were so much fun and we
enjoyed their friendship. Now they are
together again.
Our deepest sympathy,
John and Susan Weber



Susan & John - January 31, 2017 at 01:03 PM

JR

“ JUDY WAS A GOOD FRIEND FOR THE
PAST 40 YEARS, I WILL MISS HER AND
HAVE MANY FOND MEMORIES OF OUR
TIMES TOGETHER DURING HER LIFE.



Judy Williams Reber - January 29, 2017 at 02:00 PM

MB

*Judy was my thesis advisor at KU and I would never have gotten my
Master's without her guidance- She was amazing and made it fun as
well- I loved her sense of humor. Marilyn Foster Borel*

Marilyn Borel - February 16, 2017 at 09:37 AM