



Judy Mae Keefer

December 3, 1944 - August 9, 2023

Judy Mae Keefer, 78, a fiercely independent, loyal and loving wife, mother, grandmother, and sister, died peacefully on Wednesday, August 9, 2023 at her residence in Mulliken. Judy was born December 3, 1944 in Plainwell, MI, the first daughter of Lester William and Katherine Susanne (Wahmhoff) Kennicott. She graduated from Olivet High School in 1962 and went on to study physical therapy and began her time of caring for others. Judy married the love of her life, Larry Keefer, on July 23, 1966. Together, they raised three sons on the family farm. Their life was one of farming. Larry, with Judy's help, raised corn and soy beans for crops. Judy would be there for all of it, sometimes driving the tractors or trucks during harvest time. Nothing would slow her down.

Judy enjoyed time spent with her two sisters. Together they were known as the "Three Amigos," and made spring and fall trips every year together, most notably to Traverse City. Their time spent together as sisters will be forever cherished and remembered. Judy made all who knew her feel like family, and to know Judy was to become a better person. She brought out the best in everyone, and always remained positive, even when she lost her leg. Judy and her family loved riding horses, and loved raising goats. Judy became a 4H goat leader in Eaton County for several years while her kids would show goats. She always maintained a soft spot in her heart for all animals.

Judy was also fiercely patriotic and a Faith-filled person. She maintained great

pride and respect for those serving in the armed forces, even picking up the tab when she would see a service person at a restaurant. The American Flag was always close by her, and she was extremely proud of her family members who served. Judy and Larry were faithful members of Mount Hope Church of the Flags in Lansing. She lived a life of devotion to others, to God, and to her family.

Judy is survived by her husband of 57 years, Larry; their sons, Keith (Jennifer) Keefer; Scott (Virginia) Keefer and Dan (Audra) Keefer; 14 grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren; brother, Jim Kennicott; sisters, Jane (Pat) Dotson and Pat (Bob) Fuller; and several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her parents; brothers, Bill and Bruce Kennicott; and numerous aunts and uncles.

Friends are encouraged to support Judy's family by attending services or sharing memories on her Tribute Page at www.prayfuneral.com. Funeral services will be 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, August 16, 2023 at Pray Funeral Home in Charlotte. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. Interment will take place in Meadowbrook Cemetery in Mulliken. The funeral will be webcast so you may watch it from any computer, smartphone, or mobile device that has internet access. Go to www.prayfuneral.com, click on Judy's tribute, then click on Photos and Videos from your computer (or Media from your smart phone). If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions to the Wounded Warriors Project. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

Cemetery Details

Meadowbrook Cemetery-Roxand Twp

100 Ionia Street
PO Box 127
Mulliken, MI 48861

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **16.** 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Pray Funeral Home
401 W Seminary St
Charlotte, MI 48813

Funeral

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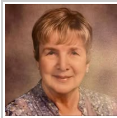
Tribute Wall



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Webcast in memory of Judy Mae Keefer*

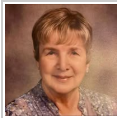


Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - August 16, 2023 at 09:33 AM



It locked up on me—□

Alice Mow - August 16, 2023 at 11:17 AM



I was able to watch until 11:15.

Alice Mow - August 16, 2023 at 11:20 AM

CL

*It was a beautiful service, so nice to be “present” from a distance.
Thank you*

Christina L - August 16, 2023 at 12:10 PM

AB

My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. May the lord give your family comfort and peace in in your sorrow. Judy was such a great Friend I will never forget her.

Arlene B. - August 22, 2023 at 11:05 PM

KH

Both my brothers (Copen) were guided by the Keefer's in the Big Brother program. Went for dinner at their home. What a wonderful cook! Larry and Judy even came to my brothers army funeral a few years ago at FT. Custer. What a gracious and giving family. Our family still talk about the Keefer family.

Kelly Copen Hamilton - September 19, 2023 at 08:29 AM



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Judy Mae Keefer*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - August 14, 2023 at 02:47 PM

MA

“ *My fondest memory with Judy was spending Christmas-time with family in their home. There was a warmth, festive cheer, comfort and joy there, and I got to see their commendable and admirable property and projects.*

I was so touched too, when she stayed in touch with me via Facebook and cared so much to know and remember my boyfriend, now fiancé's, name.

Marianna - August 16, 2023 at 07:31 PM

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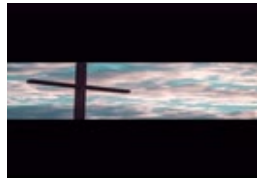
“ I want to add my thoughts and prayers with memories of good times with cousin Judy. 🙏💕



Alice Mow - August 16, 2023 at 10:56 AM

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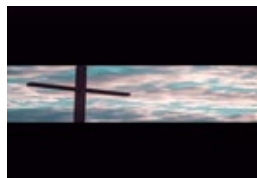
“ Those left behind will have you etched in our hearts for eternity. Soar with the butterflies, touch the stars, dance with the angels and talk to the moon. May your sweet & gentle soul Rest in Perfect Peace, Jay & Christina



Christina L - August 16, 2023 at 12:08 AM

CL

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Christina L - August 15, 2023 at 11:33 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Judy Mae Keefer.*



August 15, 2023 at 03:27 PM



“ *33 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - August 14, 2023 at 02:44 PM



“ *Annette lit a candle in memory of Judy Mae Keefer*



Annette - August 12, 2023 at 09:28 AM

AN

“ Judy was a member of the Harrington family! I can still smell those fresh chocolate chip cookies - she would bake as she & mom spent time together with us kids while Larry & my dad would go out hunting! When I spoke to Judy on the phone in June she was so optimistic & excited to begin therapy with her new prosthetic! We will miss her laugh - but we know the family in Christ has welcomed her home with open arms!

Annette - August 12, 2023 at 09:25 AM



“ Ruth Overholt lit a candle in memory of Judy Mae Keefer



Ruth Overholt - August 10, 2023 at 03:50 PM