



## Judith Ann Russell-Becker

September 30, 1945 - January 28, 2025

Judith Ann Russell-Becker, 79, of Eureka, Missouri, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, January 28, 2025 at Mercy Hospital in St. Louis, Missouri. She was born on September 30, 1945, in St. Louis, Missouri and was the daughter of Roy Viston and Bertha Bernice (McCormick) Russell. Judith was united in marriage to John Becker on June 22, 2018, and he preceded her in death on August 19, 2022.

Judith graduated from Beaumont High School, continued her education at Southwest Missouri State, where she earned a teaching degree and a master's degree from Webster University. With a love for education, she was a teacher for the Zitzman Elementary School in Pacific, MO for over 30 years. She loved to study her family genealogy. Judith was an avid reader and enjoyed music. She valued the time she spent with her family and friends. Her contagious laugh will be deeply missed.

Judith is survived by her nieces: Sheri, Pam, Vickie and Jill; nephews: Mike, Dan and Tim; cousins and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents: Roy V. and Bertha B. Russell; husband, John Becker; two sisters: Joyce Moore and Shirley Neumann and two brothers-in-law: Edward Moore and Victor Neumann.

Services will be held private at KEMPER-KEIM Family Funeral Chapel in Troy, MO. In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may be made to Friends of Library Pacific or Donors Choice, in care of Kemper-Keim Family Funeral Chapel P.O. Box 222, Troy, MO 63379.

Arrangements are under the direction of Kemper-Keim Family Funeral Chapel; 351 Monroe Street Troy, MO 63379. Online condolences may be made at [www.kemperkeimfamilyfuneralchapel.com](http://www.kemperkeimfamilyfuneralchapel.com) Phone 636-528-8221

# Tribute Wall

JJ

“ I just learned that Judy passed a little while ago... I knew her and worked along side her and others at Zitzman Elementary. She was wonderful to her students and others.

Jane Jud-Almstedt - October 31, 2025 at 02:56 PM

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“ I have been searching forever trying to find out what happened to this sweet soul. She was my 3rd grade teacher at Zitzman back in the late 70's. I came from a not so great home, and going to her classroom was what made life worth living. She was always smiling. She made every child feel so special. She will always be my favorite teacher, and I will forever be grateful for her.

Kim Walker (Clayton) - March 31, 2025 at 05:17 PM

KM

“ I had the privilege of taking care of Judy every day for the last two and a half years. I wish I could have been there to keep you company the last couple days, I think talking was her favorite past time. 😭 I grew to care about you so very much. My kids and I will miss you! I hope you're at peace now with your sisters, husband, and your parents. Good bye for now 🙏

Katlynn Masters - February 01, 2025 at 01:06 AM

GM

“ She was the most caring and genuine teachers I ever had. Her class was home and she made all feel welcome.



Garret Mathenia - January 31, 2025 at 10:05 PM

SB

“ *Sandra K. Becker-Gurnow lit a candle in memory of Judith Ann Russell-Becker*



Sandra K. Becker-Gurnow - January 31, 2025 at 05:05 PM

SB

“ *I knew Judy as my sister-in-law. Her and my brother, John Becker, scooted off one day to the Franklin County Courthouse and got married!. They met at the Pacific Senior Center. They enjoyed going to many Bluegrass events and his 2-Cylinder engine hit and miss engine events. She was easy to like and get along with an infectious laugh. Unfortunately, after John passed Aug 19, 2022 we didn't see much of each other anymore. She moved from Labadie to Union. After that, I didn't know what became of her. The phone number I had for her did not work. I'm very sorry to hear of your families loss. Sandra K. Becker-Gurnow, 2272 Hwy T, Labadie, MO. 63055 636-249-3282*

Sandra K. Becker-Gurnow - January 31, 2025 at 05:03 PM

MW

“ *Madeleine Williams lit a candle in memory of Judith Ann Russell-Becker*



Madeleine Williams - January 30, 2025 at 10:15 PM

MW

*I am so very sorry for your loss. I had the pleasure of meeting Judith on Facebook we were both playing the game Slingo. When she found out I was from RI she asked if I could tape some episodes of the tv show "Caught in Providence" with Judge Frank Caprio, of course I agreed and sent her the VHS. She had seen an episode and loved the show. We talked back and forth for many years, lost touch and reconnected. May she Rest in Eternal Peace.*

Madeleine Williams - January 30, 2025 at 10:22 PM

KW

“ Thank you for teaching me that I had value and that I could be more than my circumstances. You will be truly missed.



Keshia Wagner - January 30, 2025 at 06:07 PM

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Keshia Wagner - January 30, 2025 at 06:08 PM

LS

“ Love, Sheri planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Judith Ann Russell-Becker.

Love, Sheri - January 29, 2025 at 12:54 PM

LS

“ Love, Sheri purchased the Purple Open Rose with White Mums (Silk Cemetery Flowers) for the family of Judith Ann Russell-Becker.



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**Love, Sheri** - January 29, 2025 at 12:54 PM