



Judy Ernestine Low

March 15, 1951 - September 30, 2021

Judy Ernestine Ferrell Low of Gaithersburg, Maryland, passed away on September 30, 2021, after a brave and courageous fight with cancer. She was born March 15, 1951 to the late Willie H. Ferrell and the late Frances E. Davis Ferrell, both of Harrisonburg, Virginia.

Judy grew up in Mt. Airy, Howard County, MD. After graduating from Glenelg High School, she earned her bachelor's degree at Frostburg State College (now University), and her Master's in Education from Hood College. Judy taught English for more than 36 years in the Montgomery County public school system, primarily at Quince Orchard High School. Judy was not just a teacher to her students, but a compassionate advocate for and dedicated mentor to them. Even after retiring in 2013 she maintained relationships with many of her former students, and regularly received notes of gratitude for the impact she had on their lives.

Judy is greatly cherished and sadly missed by her surviving sister Karen "Kay" Flowers of Bel Air, MD, sister and brother-in-law Linda and Dennis Wilder of Church Hill, MD, and brother and sister-in-law William "Bill" and Lecia Ferrell, of Broadway, VA. Also surviving are nephews and nieces Craig (Gabrielle) Flowers, Chris (Natalie) Flowers, Kathy (Matthew) Ash, Matthew (Tracy) Wilder, Stephanie (Brian) Bugg, and Brandon Delawder, together with 9 great-nieces and nephews, all of whom dearly love and miss their Aunt Judy.

Visitation for Judy will be held Monday, October 4th from 12:00 pm-2:00 pm, followed by a service at 2:00 pm located at Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam

Funeral Home, 408 S Liberty Street Centreville, MD 21617. Burial will take place following the service at Chesterfield Cemetery, next door to the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to the Salvation Army, Montgomery Hospice of Rockville, MD, or Compass Hospice of Centreville, MD.

Cemetery Details

Chesterfield Cemetery

406 South Liberty Street
Centreville, MD

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 4. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Centreville Location
408 South Liberty Street
Centreville, MD 21617
(410) 758-1151
info@fhfuneralhome.com

Service

OCT 4. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Judy Ernestine Low*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - October 04, 2021 at 12:35 PM



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Judy Ernestine Low*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - October 01, 2021 at 10:56 AM

MV

Judy was a much beloved teacher and valued colleague. My condolences to her family.

Marcy Versel - October 04, 2021 at 10:12 AM



“ *Judy Ernestine Low*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Judy Ernestine Low*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Judy Ernestine Low*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Judy was one of those teachers who will stay in the hearts of her family, friends, fellow teachers, and students, especially her students. Sending my sympathy to her family and all friends for their great loss. Judy was a one of a kind bright light in our lives. We will miss you.
Fondly,
Paula FitzPatrick and family.*

Paula FitzPatrick - October 05, 2021 at 01:54 PM



“ *Judy, you were part of our family so many years ago. The "Hardy Road" gang. Our families spent most days and most weekends together. Simpler times, slower pace and easier fun. Fly high sweet one, you will be missed.
Drudy (VanFossen) Sealing*

Drudy VanFossen Sealing - October 04, 2021 at 04:45 PM

RP

So very sad to hear of Judy's passing. She was one of the most beloved and well-respected teachers with whom I have ever taught. Her classroom was always busy at lunch, after school, all those "off times," with students looking for advice, academic help or just a haven from the busy-ness that is so much a part of high school. And, Judy was always ready to lend a little advice or help or haven . . . and, always with love.

Richard Parker - October 12, 2021 at 10:03 AM

CB

“ *I will miss my friend. Love you!*”

Charles Banks - October 04, 2021 at 03:20 PM

AR

“ *My dearest Judy aka J.Low,*

Where do I even begin? You were not just a wonderful friend you were a part of my family. You've been a part of my life since I was a little girl, and when I came to high school you became my favorite teacher who taught me so many things. After high school our friendship grew even stronger: from getting our nails done together, monthly lunches or dinners, lots of calls and texts, all our conversations about our Bravo shows, holidays, my wedding, the birth of my sons, being next to me when my grandma and sister-in-law passed away. You were always by my side during good or bad times. Thank you for being such a huge part of my and my mom's lives. I love you so much Judy and I will miss you terribly. Rest In Peace my friend.

*Love Always,
Amanda Reem*

Amanda Klyn Reem - October 04, 2021 at 11:17 AM

BK

“ *My dear friend you have been such a wonderful part of my life, as well as my family's. Your love, generosity, kindness and humor will always hold a cherished place in all the hearts and memories of the Klyn family.*

Beverly Klyn - October 04, 2021 at 10:36 AM

BB

“ *Judy Low was a person who never sought the spotlight, but helped others to shine. With condolences to her family, Barbara Blum.*

Barbara Blum - October 03, 2021 at 09:17 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Judy Ernestine Low.*



October 03, 2021 at 05:27 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Judy Ernestine Low.*



October 03, 2021 at 03:28 PM

JT

“ Judy, affectionately known as "JLow" by me and many other students at QO was a deeply caring and influential person for so many of us. I will always appreciate and remember her dry humor, clear expectations and incredible ability to get us to work harder. JLow made us all feel important and that we could do it all. That was especially helpful for me to hear and I vividly remember all her help in crafting my college essay. She is gone far too soon, but she made a big difference in her time.

Jackie Titus - October 02, 2021 at 07:34 PM

AG

“ We are so sorry to hear of Judy's passing. You are in our prayers. The Gibson Family



Audrey Gibson - October 02, 2021 at 05:35 PM

KJ

“ I am so sorry to hear of Judy's passing, she will be forever in her hearts. She made Quince Orchard a better place and left her mark on all of us. She had a heart of gold, bright smile, easy laugh and made everyone feel cared for. I am so glad I had the opportunity to teach with her and get to know her!

Karen Jones - October 02, 2021 at 02:24 PM

ED

“ I am heartbroken! Judy meant so much to me. She has been a part of my life since Middle School. In High School she was my teacher and class sponsor. After high school and throughout my life, she was a supporter, a listener, confidant, & friend. She touched so many lives and will be greatly missed! I will never forget her or forget the impact she had on my life. I know I will continue to feel her love forever.

Erika Aduss Dold - October 02, 2021 at 01:16 PM

MY

“ My condolences to Judy's family. I knew Judy as a member of Covenant United Methodist Church in Montgomery Village, but I had originally recognized her as working in MCPS as I also worked for MCPS. I understand that she was a wonderful teacher. I'm so sorry I did not know about Judy's illness. May she rest in peace.
- Mary Yeates

Mary Yeates - October 01, 2021 at 11:32 PM

PK

“ Judy had an awesome wit! She loved her students and they loved her back! She was an amazing teacher and even better person! She will be missed!! A Quince Orchard legend!!

Penny Keune - October 01, 2021 at 09:30 PM

MM

“ Judy was a loving person with an infectious sense of humor who was kind and caring to others. Those of us who taught with her were inspired by her joy in helping young people. Rest In Peace, sweet lady.

Mary McCary - October 01, 2021 at 06:12 PM

BC

“ So sad to hear. Judy was such as respected and treasured figure at QO, and the community will miss her dearly.



Brian Cipperly - October 01, 2021 at 04:41 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Judy Ernestine Low.



October 01, 2021 at 04:24 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Judy Ernestine Low.



October 01, 2021 at 04:13 PM

AB

“ I remember how Judy cared about her students. She thought about their well-being, their growth, their character. I loved how students responded to the love she gave them, and I remember how the football players chose her to walk in with them at the football game. Our hearts are breaking here at QO.

Audrey Boettcher - October 01, 2021 at 03:24 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Judy Ernestine Low.



October 01, 2021 at 12:59 PM



“ I met Judy at Anytime Fitness in Germantown. We were both former English teachers and had a lot in common. I enjoyed spending time with Judy. She had a great sense of humor and always brightened my day. She was so kind and thoughtful. I will miss her terribly, but am so much richer having known her. My deepest condolences to her family. She loved you all very much.

Suzanne Gartner - October 01, 2021 at 11:51 AM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Judy Ernestine Low.



October 01, 2021 at 11:04 AM



“ Love, Pat and Bob Russell purchased the Your Light Shines for the family of Judy Ernestine Low.



Love, Pat and Bob Russell - September 30, 2021 at 10:04 PM



“ *Bountiful Rose Basket was purchased for the family of Judy Ernestine Low.* ”



September 30, 2021 at 08:54 PM