



Judith G. Groth

March 1, 1940 - June 23, 2017

Judith Gale (Symes) Groth, a longtime resident of Little Fall, Minn., and beloved wife, mother, grandmother, sister, teacher, and friend, peacefully passed away on Friday, June 23, 2017 at St. Otto's Care Center in Little Falls.

Judy was born in Laona (Forest County), Wisc., on March 1, 1940, to Mabel (Renne) and Harold Symes. Judy's father passed away when she was three years old, and she and her four siblings were raised by their mother in Wabeno, Wisc. Judy earned her diploma from Oregon High School in 1958, and her bachelor of science degree in education from Northland College in Ashland in 1962.

Judy began her teaching career at Nekoosa High School, where she met her future husband, Emil Groth. Judy and Emil were married in Menomonie Falls on June 6, 1964. They relocated to Cosmos, Minn., where they both taught at Cosmos High School, and where Judy gave birth to their first daughter, Jennifer (Burr) in 1968. The family moved to Little Falls in the summer of 1969, where Judy was a stay-at-home mom, and where Emil began his career as a Little Falls High School counselor and coach. In 1970 they welcomed their second daughter, Mary. Judy returned to work outside the home as a substitute teacher in 1974, and taught for a few years at Little Falls Middle School before becoming a math teacher at Royalton High School in 1983. Royalton students remember "General Judy" as a strict but lovable teacher

and mentor. She served as National Honor Society advisor during her tenure at Royalton. She retired from teaching in 1999.

Judy was a devoted mother and grandmother. She loved attending all of her grandsons' birthdays, sports, and theater and music performances – most recently in April, when she watched two of her grandsons perform in the high school musical, "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat." Judy also enjoyed spending time with her friends and family, including socializing with her many "cronies." She enjoyed quilting, sewing, reading, Sudoku, and bird watching. She loved pets, especially cats and dogs.

Since 1991 Judy served in the charitable sorority P.E.O. International (Chapter BB), and throughout her life she participated in community and school events. Judy loved sports of all kinds, and was named "sports fan of the year" at Little Falls High School. Also she loved many kinds of music, from jazz and Broadway show tunes to the oldies, especially Elvis Presley and Johnny Cash.

Judy is remembered as a deeply loving and selfless person, whose influence will be felt for generations to come. Her loss is deeply felt by her family, friends, and community.

Judy is survived by her husband of 53 years Emil Groth, daughters Jennifer (Burr) and Mary, son-in-law Michael Burr, grandsons Mitchell, Lucas, and Eric, siblings Janice (Mattson) of Novato, Calif., and Richard Symes and Nancy (Davies) of Wabeno, and numerous nieces, nephews, and dear friends, including her cat Milo. She is preceded in death by her parents, and her siblings Arlene and Gene Repinski, William Mattson, and James and Joan (Huff) Symes.

Judy's family will host a visitation at Shelley Funeral Chapel in Little Falls on

Thursday, July 6, from 5 to 8 p.m., and a celebration of Judy's life on Friday, July 7 at the Camp Ripley Memorial Chapel (visitation at 12:00 noon and service at 1:00 p.m.), followed by inurnment at the Veterans Memorial Cemetery at Camp Ripley. The family requests that any donations in memoriam be directed to the P.E.O. Minnesota Home Fund (c/o Jennifer Burr) or the CentraCare Health Foundation Cancer Care Fund (www.centracare.com/foundation/ways-to-give/).

Cemetery Details

Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery

15550 Highway 115
Little Falls, MN

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 7. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Camp Ripley Chapel
15000 Highway #115
Little Falls, MN 56345-4173
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Tribute Wall



“ *Lemieur Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Judith G. Groth*



Lemieur Funeral Homes - June 28, 2017 at 09:28 AM



“ *Judith G. Groth*

January 21, 2023 at 11:59 AM



“ *Sorry about Judith passing, our thoughts and prayers are with Emil and the family. God Bless.*



Bonnie and Bob Gastecki - July 05, 2017 at 08:17 PM



“ *Claudette Moran lit a candle in memory of Judith G. Groth*



Claudette Moran - July 02, 2017 at 07:08 PM

CM

Prayers and condolences go out to the entire Groth family. May Judy rest in the peace of Christ, and may God hold all of you in the palm of his hand.

Claudette Moran - July 02, 2017 at 07:09 PM



“ 1 file added to the album *Life Tributes*



Lemieur Funeral Homes - June 29, 2017 at 02:02 PM



“ *Adoring Heart* was purchased for the family of *Judith G. Groth*.



June 28, 2017 at 02:41 PM

SK

“ *Thinking of Emil and family: Our condolences and love to your family. Judy was a beautiful lady and a good neighbor. God blessing for all of you. Steve and Judy K.*

Steve and Judy Kathrein - June 28, 2017 at 10:05 AM



“ 42 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Lemieur Funeral Homes - June 28, 2017 at 09:22 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of *Judith G. Groth*.



June 28, 2017 at 02:15 AM



“ *Jennifer P.* purchased the *Country Basket Blooms* for the family of *Judith G. Groth*.



Jennifer P. - June 27, 2017 at 10:49 PM

ER

“ Thinking of Emil and the entire family.. Our thoughts and prayers for you guys !!

Eric, Denise, Davis, Capri & Keely

Eric Repinski - June 27, 2017 at 03:44 PM

MS

“ Emil & family.....thinking of you during this very difficult time. Who can forget the football parties and all the fun we had together. Those were great times in LF.

Mark & Pam Savage 🍷

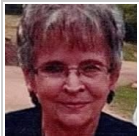
Mark E. Savage - June 26, 2017 at 09:08 PM

BR

“ Our Condolences & Love - Brad, Gerdi, Katarina & Natalie



Brad Repinski - June 26, 2017 at 08:54 PM



“ Judy was always upbeat and had a beautiful smile. Her laughter was so uplifting!!! A true friend. She will always be remembered...

Gloria Irwin - June 26, 2017 at 06:49 PM

BJ

“ So sorry to hear the news of Judy's passing! We cherish all of the times we spent together with football and her always happy approach to life. Our prayers are with all of you! Bob and Sonya Just

Bob Just - June 26, 2017 at 01:09 PM

CB

“ Char & John Berns lit a candle in memory of Judith G. Groth



Char & John Berns - June 26, 2017 at 09:09 AM



“ Sympathy to Emil & girls in your great loss of Judy. We will miss her fun and laugh. Our New Years celebrations will be forever changed. Enjoy your many memories. Bev & Gery Arndt

Bev Arndt - June 25, 2017 at 05:40 PM

JB

“ We send your family our condolences, comfort, and peace. Joanie and Denny

Joanie and Denny Bellig - June 25, 2017 at 02:00 PM

JB

“ Emil, Jenny & Family & Mary, you are all in our thoughts & prayers during this difficult time!! Judy will be missed by so many!! Rest In Peace dear Judy!!
Larry & Jeri Betts



Jeri Betts - June 24, 2017 at 04:15 PM

WW

“ Wendy Waltman sent a virtual gift in memory of Judith G. Groth



Wendy Waltman - June 24, 2017 at 03:35 PM

WW

“ I remember this sweet lady coming into Coborns, where I work, she was a very nice, kind person! Always would chat with me awhile! I will miss her smiling face! My deepest Sympathy to her husband, Emil and her family!

Wendy Waltman - June 24, 2017 at 03:35 PM

BC

“ It doesn't seem right to see her smiling face on this obit page! It was a great smile, and an even better laugh. We are so very sorry for this sad loss! Bev and Dick Culshaw

Bev and Dick Culshaw - June 24, 2017 at 03:21 PM

CB

Our friend for so many years. We shared an unforgettable trip to New York, Wisconsin and the last one to our cabin and many years in birthday club. You will be so missed Carol and Ben

carol and ben bendson - June 26, 2017 at 07:35 PM

HM

So sorry to hear of Judy passing. Many memories of long ago with a fond memory of Judy setting her hat on fire! Lots of laughs shared back then. Helen McLennan

Helen McLennan - June 27, 2017 at 11:29 AM