



Carolyn Judith "Judy" O'Brien

October 20, 1940 - November 12, 2021

Carolyn Judith "Judy" O'Brien, 81, of Napa, CA, was called home to God suddenly on Friday, November 12th, 2021.

Judy was born to Fred and Gladys Brice at Mary's Help Hospital in San Francisco, California. She was educated in San Francisco public schools and graduated from Westmoor High School in 1958. She briefly attended college with the hopes of a nursing career, and worked various jobs throughout her young adult life.

In 1964, at the wedding of her sister Patty, she met the love of her life, Robert O'Brien Jr. In September of that year, he proposed, and their married life began on January 3rd, 1965. They soon moved to Napa, welcoming 6 children in 7 years and Judy settled into the role of stay-at-home Mom. The house was always filled with the joyful sounds of not just her children, but many of the neighborhood kids as well, as the "O'Brien home" was the place to play. When her youngest entered elementary school, she and Bob began fostering, welcoming well over 50 children into their home over 20+ years, including a 2nd generation of O'Brien children when she and Bob adopted 4 of them.

Judy was a dedicated mother. She treasured every child who entered her home. She taught homemaking skills to her kids and in 4-H, hand-sewed

many of their clothes, handcrafted pinatas every year for Easter, and especially loved to create special events reflecting the cultures of her foster children. For many years, she volunteered her weekends at swim meets attended by all her kids. As her children grew and had kids of their own, Judy treasured her role as Grandma, hosting weekly family nights. A lifelong seamstress, one of her greatest passions was creating quilts for every child, grandchild, and spouse. She was a wizard with the family budget, creating amazing family vacations and memories throughout her married life. She enjoyed studying the Catholic faith and sharing it through Bible study classes at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, as well as lively discussions with her children and grandchildren.

She leaves behind her loving husband Robert, children Denise (Andrew), Kevin, Deborah, Susan (Albert), Eric (Nancy), Elizabeth (Chuck), Saira (Johnnie), Jennifer, Teresa, and Regina (Jason), grandchildren Jessica (Dustin), Alex (Katherine), Alexys (Ric), Julianne, Lindsay (Tyler), Noah, Owen, Caeleb, Angela, Shane, Celeste, Isabella, Olivia, Colby, Alexander, Eli, Dominic, Cierra, Mia, Hazel and grandbaby #21 on the way, and great-grandbabies Ayla and Ryder. She also leaves behind her sister Patty and husband Bruce, her long-time friends Tuffy and Susan Williams and Kathy and Bill Boling, as well as many nieces, nephews, neighbors, and caregivers.

Family and friends are invited to attend a Catholic Rosary and Mass on Wednesday, December 15th at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, 981 Napa Street, Napa, CA. beginning at 1:00 p.m. A celebration of her life will follow. Interment will be private at a later date.

Previous Events

Rosary

DEC 15. 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM (PT)

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church
981 Napa St.
Napa, CA 94559
(707) 226-9379
<http://www.stjb1858.com/>

Memorial Mass

DEC 15. 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM (PT)

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church
981 Napa St.
Napa, CA 94559
(707) 226-9379
<http://www.stjb1858.com/>

Reception

DEC 15. 2:30 PM - 4:30 PM (PT)

St. John the Baptist Parish Hall
924 Napa St
Napa, CA 94559
(707) 226-9379

Tribute Wall



“ Carolyn Judith "Judy" O'Brien

September 29, 2022 at 04:54 PM



“ Carolyn Judith "Judy" O'Brien

September 29, 2022 at 02:55 PM



“ Keith, Lisa, Garrett, and Alyssa Orr purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Carolyn Judith "Judy" O'Brien.



Keith, Lisa, Garrett, and Alyssa Orr - December 14, 2021 at 03:54 PM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Carolyn Judith "Judy" O'Brien.



December 13, 2021 at 04:46 AM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket* was purchased for the family of Carolyn Judith "Judy" O'Brien.



December 12, 2021 at 09:40 PM



“ *Fairest of All* was purchased for the family of Carolyn Judith "Judy" O'Brien.



December 12, 2021 at 09:37 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage* was purchased for the family of Carolyn Judith "Judy" O'Brien.



December 08, 2021 at 08:53 PM



“ *Serene Retreat* was purchased for the family of Carolyn Judith "Judy" O'Brien.



December 04, 2021 at 11:39 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Carolyn Judith "Judy" O'Brien.*



December 04, 2021 at 12:14 PM



“ *While I never met Mrs. O'Brien, I feel like I know her through Denise. Denise is the most wonderful, warm, loving, and nurturing individual I have ever met, and I believe Mrs. O'Brien was also all of those things.*

Warm hugs and love to the entire family. Mrs. O'Brien is looking over each and every one of you.

Sharon Marangoni - December 03, 2021 at 11:28 PM