



Judy Hannah Odell

JUL 18, 1949 - JUN 2, 2007



Scan to Visit

Table of Contents

Obituary	Page 3
Tribute Wall	Page 4



Judy Hannah Odell

JUL 18, 1949 - JUN 2, 2007

Judy Hannah Odell, 57 of Fayetteville, AR passed away Saturday, June 2, 2007 in Fayetteville, Arkansas. She was born July 18, 1949 in Gordo, Alabama to Lester and Ruth Ballard Hannah.

She was a third grade teacher at Holcomb Elementary School and a member of the Church at Arkansas.

She is survived by two daughters; Elisabeth Beasley of Fayetteville, Arkansas and Hannah Marie Pollard of Cleveland, TN, one son; James Aaron Odell of Albany, Georgia, her mother; Ruth Hannah of Tuscaloosa, AL, two sisters; Gail Shirley of Mobile, Alabama and Jane Smith of Reform, AL, three brothers; Mack Mosley of Mobile, Alabama, John Hannah of Americus, GA, and David Hannah of Norman, OK, and eight grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held 4:00 PM, Wednesday, June 6, 2007 at Church at Arkansas, 646 W. Sycamore Street, Fayetteville, AR. Burial will follow at Fairview Memorial Gardens in Fayetteville, AR.

Memorials may be made to the Children Ministry at the Church at Arkansas, 2424 Sarah Jane Fayetteville, AR 72701.

Visitation Date Time None Visitation Location Service Date Time Wednesday, June 6, 2007 4:00 PM Service Location The Church at Arkansas 646 West Sycamore Fayetteville, AR



Tribute Wall

Judy Hannah Odell

JUL 18, 1949 - JUN 2, 2007

SL

Summer Day Hannah (Sister In Law) posted:

Judy, you are a classy lady. You have always had my utmost respect and admiration. I am grateful we chose you to be our children's guardian in the event something happened to us before they were grown. That alone I believe says all that needs to be said. I miss you and your laughing smile. See you Later, Summer

August 30 at 9:16 AM

CS

Carolyn Simms March 5 at 11:48 PM

Please contact me at carolynsimms@gmail.com because I believe Judy and I taught together in Albany, GA

JF

Jennifer Jenkins Heizer (Friend) posted:

Hannah, I'm so sorry to hear about your mother. I have you and your family in my prayers. Love, Jenn Heizer

August 30 at 9:16 AM

LF

Lynn Pinson (Friend) posted:

Dear Elisabeth, Hannah, And James, I have lifted you up in prayer so often these past weeks. I know that our God is The GREAT Comforter, for HE has been there to comfort me in times of loss. I know that you have a peace that your Mother is with HIM and no longer suffers, but at the same time you miss her dearly. As time passes you will grow to cherish her memory more and more. She was indeed a great lady that loved her Lord and was not ashamed to share her deep convictions. More than once she lifted me up in a time of need. Thank you for having the memorial service in Albany. I know you were all worn out by that point. I know I speak for those who attended, it was wonderful to celebrate her life and see each of you. May God Bless and Comfort you in the days ahead. Love, Penny Knight

August 30 at 9:16 AM

MW

Martha Whittle posted:

We wanted you to know how much your mother meant to so many that were fortunate to have her as a teacher. Our daughter, Leah, was one of the lucky 5th graders to have Judy! Your mother was genuinely one of the sweetest people and cared so for others. Please accept our deepest sympathy and know we loved her, too. Len and Martha Whittle

August 30 at 9:16 AM



CS

Courtney Hipps (Student) posted:

Mrs. Judy was my 3rd and 4th grade teacher at Baconton Community Charter School. When I heard the news that she had passed on, the first thing that came to mind was what a great teacher she was. She was one of the nicest people I have ever met and I'm glad that I had a chance to be in her class. I know that she will be missed by many families, kids and teachers. My family will keep your family in prayers. Love, Hipps Family

August 30 at 9:16 AM

RF

Russ And Katy Owens (Friend) posted:

Dear Elisabeth, Hannah, and James, We are so saddened to hear of your Mother's passing. We were privileged to know her during our five year residence in Albany and involvement in the church there. In true characteristic fashion, Judy was one of the first people to generously extend herself to us when we first arrived there, and the last one to host us in your home when we moved away. In between, she remained a warm and selfless friend, an authentic Christian, and a whole lot of fun to be with. Elisabeth, do you remember your second birthday party with Nathan, or the many times we would spend all afternoon in one small inflated pool together, Nathan, Cooper, Hanna, James, you, your Mom, and me? Judy was faithful to keep us updated on your lives all these past years, with Christmas cards and grandchild photos. We have such wonderful memories of your Mom, she was so strong in faith and resolve, and at the same time gentle and feminine. You have a great legacy handed down to you in the life she lived, I hope that is a comfort to you now and in the years to come. God bless you, Katy and Russ Owens

August 30 at 9:16 AM

LH

Leyla (Trulen) Cox (Friend Of Hannah) posted:

Hannah, I know we haven't seen each other in years, but I'm sorry to hear of your mother's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

August 30 at 9:16 AM

FR

(Friend) posted:

My dearest Elizabeth and other family members, How my thoughts and prayers are with you at this most difficult time. Your Mom was such a beautiful person! It was truly a pleasure to know her. May God in His Infinite Mercy grant you the peace, comfort, and strength to face each day. Carleen Flowers

August 30 at 9:16 AM



Tribute Wall

Judy Hannah Odell

JUL 18, 1949 - JUN 2, 2007

HH

Hester Frederick Cerrone (Friend Of Hannah) posted:

To Hannah, Elisabeth, and James: I am praying for all of you. I know personally that the loss of a parent is especially hard to deal with. You're mom was such a wonderful person. Know that she will always be with you. Hannah, if there is anything I can do (or if you just need someone to talk to), don't hesitate to call. Love, Hester

August 30 at 9:16 AM

AT

Ashley (Son's Teacher) posted:

Mrs. Odell was one of my son Dean's fourth grade teachers at Baconton Charter School about five years ago. It was his first year there and she made it so wonderful for him. she was a lovely lady. I also went to middle school with her daughter Elisabeth. Our prayers are with you at this time. Ashley (Etheredge) Morey & Family

August 30 at 9:16 AM

KF

Kelly Knight Mellen (Friend) posted:

Dear Odell Family:I am so sorry to learn of Mrs. Judy's passing. You will all be close to my heart and in my prayers.I know it's been quite awhile, but I can still recall Mrs. Judy's big smile. Even when it seemed like the house was overrunning with us teenagers back in high school, she was never anything but sweet to all of us. I'll always remember that about her. When I remember going over to your house on Mayhaw, I think of how much fun we always had there. Mrs. Judy was just an amazing lady.May God be with you all and grant you His peace.In Christ,Kelly Knight Mellen

August 30 at 9:16 AM

TH

Terri Harp Davis (Friend Of Hannah) posted:

Hannah, Elisabeth & James, please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. Your mom was such a wonderful person and will truly be missed. Please let us know if there is anything we can do. Love, Terri

August 30 at 9:16 AM



Tribute Wall

Judy Hannah Odell

JUL 18, 1949 - JUN 2, 2007

MH

Melissa Edwards Grubbs (Friend Of Hannah) posted:

Hello Hannah (and Elisabeth), I am so sorry for your loss. I know how close you were with your mom. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Your mom was always full of life and a friend to all of us growing up. I love you and call me if I can do anything for you. Love, Melissa

August 30 at 9:16 AM

CF

Charlotte Farley Stewart (Friend) posted:

She was my neighbor, we did girl scouts and the band together, we were classmates but most of all we were friends. I loved her. God bless you all and may you find peace in her goodness.

August 30 at 9:16 AM

RS

Reba Cloud (Friend Of Beasley's) posted:

I am so very sorry for your loss. It seems like only yesterday we were praying for Ms. Odell's cancer to go away and then her move here. I remember talking about possible schools to teach at in the area, and how very excited we were when she got a teaching job at Holcomb...what a wonderful fit Elisabeth said it was for her mom. I have very much admired Ms. Odell's positive spirit when faced with cancer again and even more, her determination to continue teaching in spite of it all. She was obviously dedicated to children and learning. And I know she loved her family very much. May you feel God's presence during this time and always...

August 30 at 9:16 AM

ES

Emily Wages (Paraprofessional Baconton Charter School) posted:

My prayers are with you all. I got the pleasure of working with Judy her last year at Baconton Charter. She was such a joy to work with and there was never a dull moment with her. She was always so perky, and brightened every day!!

August 30 at 9:16 AM



WL

Wendy, Shelby, Mike Odell (Brother In Law) posted:

I wil always remember with the best memories the time I spent with Judy's family in 1978 in Albany GA.Sorry I could not be present for the services.Our prayers are with the family.

August 30 at 9:16 AM

CS

Carolyn Simms March 5 at 11:14 PM

Always wondered how Judy was doing and should have tried much earlier to find her!

CS

Carolyn Simms March 5 at 11:12 PM

Is this the Judy who was married to Larry Odell? I taught with Judy in Albany and she stayed with me a few months before marrying Larry while my husband was away at sea. Please contact me at carolynsimms@gmail.com

LF

Lore Bredeman ("Family") posted:

james, hannah, and elisabeth~i just want to send my love to you guys. it's hard to imagine that your mom isn't here with us, but we all have wonderful memories of our lives together with her!!! sometime it would be great if we could get the Mary St. gang together! i have alot of photos! let's not all lose touch!love you! love to your families! and to your dad!

August 30 at 9:16 AM

VM

Vernoice Baldwin (Sister In Christ/Ubc Member) posted:

Elizabeth and Johathan,I'm so sorry to hear of your mother's death. We know how that feels. Mike's dad was 54 when he suddenly died. Our prayers are for your peace and continued guidance from our Father.Vernoice

August 30 at 9:16 AM

ST

Sonya Zimmer (Holcomb Teacher) posted:

Judy was a special person loved by teachers and students;she was a positive, uplifting part of our school. She will be missed. Blessings to her family.

August 30 at 9:16 AM



Tribute Wall

Judy Hannah Odell

JUL 18, 1949 - JUN 2, 2007

ST

Stephanie Harter (Holcomb Teacher) posted:

Judy was a shoulder to lean on. She would listen to me about the struggles of balancing work and family. She was such a cheerleader for putting my faith and family first with no regrets. Her absence will be deeply felt.

August 30 at 9:16 AM

PB

Paige Thaggard (Good Ol' Teaching Buddy) posted:

Hey Guys.... I just received the news of our loss..... I do not know what to say other than I know Mrs. Judy is singing and dancing in the streets of gold!!!! She was an inspiration to me. I find myself many times in the classroom saying or doing things Judy would do. She taught me so much the few years I knew Judy and she made such a huge impact in my life and the lives of my children. Austin, my oldest son has a very special place in his heart for Ms. Judy! I have also continued making the marionettes every year since. Oh I just could go on and on, but maybe we can talk soon. Please give me a call if you need anything..... 229-782-7155 With Love, Paige Thaggard

August 30 at 9:16 AM

PF

Psychological Studies Institute (Friends) posted:

Please accept our deepest sympathy for the loss of your mother. Please know our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time. Love, Your PSI Family

August 30 at 9:16 AM

WW

Wendy McCain (Co-Worker) posted:

Judy was a wonderful person. My thoughts and prayers are with her loved ones at this difficult time. God bless you all.

August 30 at 9:16 AM



Tribute Wall

Judy Hannah Odell

JUL 18, 1949 - JUN 2, 2007

AN

Amy Smith (Niece) posted:

Judy was always a lot of fun and great to be around, very gracious and hospitable. She loved the Lord, and I have no doubt, there was thunderous applause in heaven as she heard..."Well, done my good and faithful servant! Welcome home! It's time to celebrate!" Elisabeth, Jonathan, Hannah, Dave, James & Christi...I'm praying that God will continue to be your sufficiency and give you extra measures of grace and you go through this season of life. all my love...amy

August 30 at 9:16 AM

ML

Mona Darrow (Sister-In-Law) posted:

Judy will always be remembered by my family as Aunt Judy. The sweetest southern aunt and kindest person! We wish we could have lived closer to see her and our cousins more often, but have never forgotten her, nor will ever forget. We wish Elisabeth, Hannah, and Jonathan, along with her grandchildren our deepest sympathy now and always. You will all be in our thoughts and prayers!Love, April, Shane, Shaley & Gatlin Goad

August 30 at 9:16 AM

CS

Carolyn Simms March 5 at 11:19 PM

Is this the Judy who was married to Larry Odell? I always wondered where she was because we taught together around 1971 in Albany.... Please let me know at carolynsimms@gmail.com

LA

Linda (Farley) Rogers (Home Town Acquaintance) posted:

Judy may God Bless you and your Family in this time of loss .You were a great peson and it was a honor to have known you.Rest In Peace.

August 30 at 9:16 AM

SF

Shirley Horne (Friend) posted:

Jonathan & Elisabeth,May God bless you and comfort you during the days ahead. Elisabeth, I know your pain. My mother just went to be with the Lord on April 26 at age 91. We miss her so much but would not wish her back. I pray that you will feel God's love & strength during this difficult time.In His Love,Shirley

August 30 at 9:16 AM



Tribute Wall

Judy Hannah Odell

JUL 18, 1949 - JUN 2, 2007

GC

Gail Lumpkin (Colleague) posted:

Judy was such a blessing to us all. She is with our Lord and Savior in Glory, now!!! She has received His mercy and is no longer feeling the pains of this "earthly" world. May God ease your pain, also, during this time of sorrow. Judy will truly be missed.

August 30 at 9:16 AM

MW

Mona Foster (Work) posted:

My thoughts and prayers are with her family at this most difficult time. May God Bless you all.

August 30 at 9:16 AM

WM

Wayne And Mandy Mcguire posted:

Jonathan & Elisabeth, Please know our thoughts and prayers are with you during this time. Praying you will find comfort in the Lord during this time. Wayne & Mandy

August 30 at 9:16 AM

PE

Penny Morgan (School Nurse At Holcomb Elementary) posted:

A very dear person who I enjoyed working with. The care she had about her job and students was never ending. She is greatly missed.

August 30 at 9:16 AM

CF

Carol And Mike Raybon (Friend) posted:

Elizabeth, Jonathan, and family, In the short time we were blessed to have Judy living in this area, we learned to respect her. She had great determination and devotion. Her life was a blessing to many and we are thankful that God put her in our path. Our prayers are with you during this time of celebrating her life and remembering the blessings that God gave you through her. Carol and Mike Raybon

August 30 at 9:16 AM



Tribute Wall

Judy Hannah Odell

JUL 18, 1949 - JUN 2, 2007

JF

Jamie Charboneau (Friend) posted:

I am so blessed to have known Judy. I quickly came to love her and call her my friend. She will always be in my heart. I will continue to pray for her children and grandchildren. I know how important Nana was, and always will be.

August 30 at 9:16 AM

PW

Paula Aldama (Friend, Co-Worker) posted:

Judy touched so many lives in a special way. Her love for children was genuine and straight from the heart. She had a special way of making everyone smile. She was a true blessing. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

August 30 at 9:16 AM

CJ

Chris Chapman (Friend Of Elisabeth And Jonathan) posted:

Elisabeth, Renee and I are sorry to hear of the loss of your mother. From what I know of you, her legacy of love for the Lord and for people to know Jesus is already continuing through you and your family. We grieve with you and we are praying for you.

August 30 at 9:16 AM

NP

Nadean Yoakum (Speech Pathologist) posted:

I passed Judy in the school hallway often through out the day and she always gave a smile and a greeting. I couldn't help marveling at her strength and perseverance and I never heard her complain. When I attended her conferences, Judy was always patient and pleasant with her students and parents. I will always admire her, and remember her as a brave and courageous individual. She is greatly missed by all of us here at Holcomb.

August 30 at 9:16 AM

JS

Jane Hannah Smith (Sister) posted:

I cannot believe this is the last year we will share ages. I'll be 57 in 2 weeks and Judy will always be 57. God's Great Plan always included Judy as an open testament to Faith and Goodness. I have been blessed to call her my sister. Jane

August 30 at 9:16 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Judy by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



Scan to Visit

