



## Judith M. Strauss

February 19, 1942 - October 29, 2020

Judith M. Strauss, age 78, of Fonda, Iowa died on Thursday, October 29, 2020 at the Methodist Manor Retirement Community in Storm Lake, Iowa.

PUBLIC Memorial Mass will be held on Saturday, November 21, 2020 at 10:30 a.m. at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Fonda where masks will be required. To watch the recording of the Mass, please go to Judith's tribute wall. Burial will be in Mt. Zion Catholic Cemetery in Fonda. PUBLIC Visitation will take place on Friday, November 20, 2020 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at the CHURCH in Fonda where masks will be required and during these hours the 15 person limit will be observed. Guests who are at an increased risk of COVID-19 are welcomed at the visitation from 4:00-5:00 p.m. at the church. An open vigil service will take place at 7:00 p.m. following the visitation. Masks and social distancing are required for guests in attendance. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge of the arrangements.

Judy was born on February 19, 1942, to parents Matt and Belva (Redlinger) Carey at home. She was baptized as an infant and confirmed in Fonda, Iowa.

Growing up, Judy attended school at Fonda where she graduated in 1960. Following high school graduation, Judy attended Capital Beauty School in Omaha, NE where she graduated in 1961.

On April 28, 1962, Judy married Jerry Strauss at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Fonda, Iowa. This union was blessed with two sons, Doug and Randy and daughter Angela.

In 1964 the couple bought the Hawk's Nest in Fonda and changed the name to the Shamrock Inn. They owned and operated the bar and restaurant until Jerry passed away December 25, 1996. Judy continued to manage the bar and restaurant until she sold it in 2001. Judy made many friends during her 37 years operating the Shamrock Inn as many enjoyed her wit and quick comebacks along with her delicious steaks, cheeseburgers, pizzaburgers and ice-cold beer. Judy liked taking trips with her mother Belva to area casinos. Judy enjoyed going to watch her son-in-law race at Buena Vista Raceway in Alta with her good friend Doris Dusing. She enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren, family and friends. Judy loved watching Iowa Hawkeye basketball. Through the years, Judy entered and won many online contests, which included meeting her favorite NASCAR Driver Dale Earnhardt Jr., a trip to Beverly Hills, CA and one to New Orleans, LA; all of which she traveled with her daughter. Her sister Janice and husband Jack won a trip to Orlando, FL to visit several of the theme parks and invited Judy and Angela to join them.

Those left to cherish her memory include Doug Strauss of Jewell, Iowa, Randy Strauss of Fonda, Iowa, Angela (Gary) Duitsman of Fonda, Iowa; grandchildren Christopher Duitsman of Fonda, Iowa, Michael (Tiffany) Duitsman of Redmond, Oregon, Amanda (Jason) Frederick of Emmetsburg, Iowa, and Mitchell (Rachel) Schneider of Spencer, Iowa; great-grandchildren Chloe and Ella Duitsman, Dallas Schneider, Jaxson and Shiloh Frederick; a sister, Janice Weinzetl of Sun City, AZ; brother-in-law Ron "Terry" Strauss of Ormond Beach, FL; and many other family and friends.

Judy was preceded in death by her husband Jerry Strauss; parents Matt and

Belva (Redlinger) Carey; parents-in-law: Raymond and Helen (O'Leary) Strauss; brother-in-law Jack Weinzetl, Raymond Strauss, Richard "Dick" Strauss and Gene Strauss; sister-in-law Loyce Rae Fairburn, Betty Strauss and Susan Boaz.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **20**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church -- Fonda  
513 North Main Street  
Fonda, IA 50540

## Vigil Service

NOV **20**. 7:00 PM (CT)

Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church -- Fonda  
513 North Main Street  
Fonda, IA 50540

## Memorial Mass

NOV **21**. 10:30 AM (CT)

Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church -- Fonda  
513 North Main Street  
Fonda, IA 50540

# Tribute Wall



“ *Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Judith M. Strauss*



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**Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home** - November 17, 2020 at 05:19 PM

JW

*Thanks Angie you sure did alot of work on this video and lots of memories and tears when seeing some of these pictures. Love everyone but a couple upside down which was good. take care and know I will miss your Mom. thanks*

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**Janice Weinzetl** - November 17, 2020 at 07:31 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Service Recording*



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**Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home** - November 21, 2020 at 02:18 PM



“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - November 20, 2020 at 01:37 PM



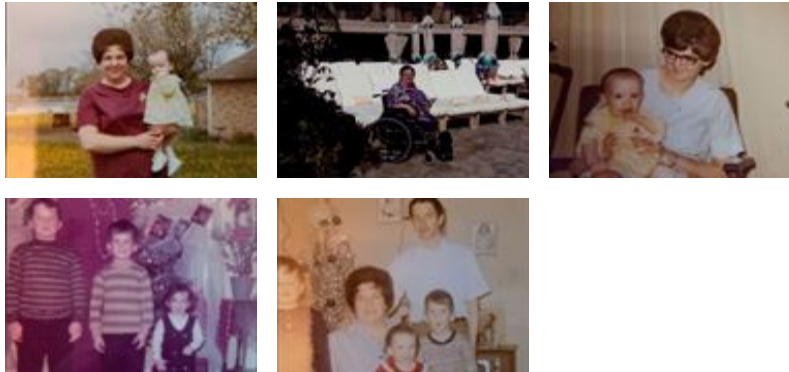
“ Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Judith M. Strauss.



November 18, 2020 at 03:37 PM



“ 196 files added to the album LifeTributes



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - November 17, 2020 at 05:13 PM

DD

“ *Doris Dusing lit a candle in memory of Judith M. Strauss*



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**doris dusing** - November 17, 2020 at 01:14 PM

BR

“ *Bev Reis lit a candle in memory of Judith M. Strauss*



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**Bev Reis** - November 14, 2020 at 02:28 PM

PB

“ *Sincere sympathy to Judy's family. She was a special lady and friend to many. From her classmate, Pat Barrett.*

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**Pat Barrett** - November 12, 2020 at 08:11 PM

ML

“ *So sorry for your loss. May God wrap His arms around you and give you peace. My deepest sympathy.*



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**mary lange** - November 10, 2020 at 07:39 PM

BR

“ *Bev Reis sent a virtual gift in memory of Judith M. Strauss*



Bev Reis - November 06, 2020 at 03:34 PM

AD

“ *1 file added to the album Judy Strauss*



Angela Duitsman - November 05, 2020 at 12:53 PM

DH

“ *Judy was a great lady, always made one laugh with her quick wit. Fonda lost an awesome person. May God's perpetual light shine upon her. God Bless*



Diane Harrison - November 03, 2020 at 10:26 AM

MF

“ *Mark-Rita Fitzgerald lit a candle in memory of Judith M. Strauss*



Mark-Rita Fitzgerald - November 02, 2020 at 02:56 PM

DH

“ Duane And Eldona Hornor lit a candle in memory of Judith M. Strauss



Duane and Eldona Hornor - November 01, 2020 at 10:55 PM

RS

“ Prayers to Judy's family. So many memorable evenings at the Shamrock. You could always tease Judy and expect it returned threefold. And always with a grin! For years the Shamrock was second home to so many. Judy and Jerry made it that for us. God's blessings and Peace,

Randy & Marilyn Schmitt - November 01, 2020 at 04:43 PM

KB

“ So saddened to hear of your loss. Know how much you all are in our thoughts and prayers.

*Al and Kathi Buckingham*

Kathi Buckingham - October 31, 2020 at 07:14 PM

VI

“ Sorry for your loss 💕💕

Vickey - October 31, 2020 at 09:09 AM

ML

“ So sorry for your loss. May God wrap His arms around you and give you peace.



Mary Lange - October 30, 2020 at 09:46 PM

JW

“ well little sister I'll miss all the times we had going to those liquor conventions Breda big celebration and having kids close in age. will miss the phone calls and hate to see you take off so soon but know it is for the best. now you can have a good time with all the family that is waiting for you in heaven.  
janice

Janice Weinzetl - October 30, 2020 at 08:03 PM



“ European Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Judith M. Strauss.



October 30, 2020 at 07:59 PM

JC

“ Sincere sympathy to Judys' Family. Jerry's did Judy made great food. We loved bed going to eat there.

Jeanne Calkins - October 30, 2020 at 07:13 PM

JM

“ Sincere sympathy to Judy’s family. So many memories from The Shamrock and got a chuckle at church with her bulletin distribution. She was one of a kind! God bless!  
*Jim & Rae Miller*

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**Jim & Rae Miller** - October 30, 2020 at 03:38 PM

MF

“ *Mary And Craig Farrell lit a candle in memory of Judith M. Strauss*



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**Mary and Craig Farrell** - October 30, 2020 at 01:46 PM

PG

“ *MY PRAYERS & SYMPATHY TO ANGIE, GARY & FAMILY, JANICE & FAMILY & EXTENDED FAMILY. SO SORRY TO HEAR THIS. IN THE DAYS OF YORE WE WERE VERY GOOD FRIENDS. THERE WAS A GROUP OF US GALS. IF SHE SUFFERED ENOUGH THEN ONE MUST LET GO, KNOWING SHE IS IN A FAR BETTER PLACE. TIME WILL HEAL. PATTY & LARY GUNVILLE*

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**PATTY GUNVILLE** - October 30, 2020 at 01:15 PM