



## Judy Ann Ripke

July 1, 1942 - November 10, 2015

Judy A. Ripke, age 73, of Rembrandt, Iowa died Tuesday, November 10, 2015 at St. Luke Lutheran Home in Spencer, Iowa.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, November 14, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Rembrandt. Burial will follow in the Buena Vista Memorial Park Cemetery in Storm Lake. Visitation will take place Friday, November 13, 2015 from 5-7:00 p.m. at the Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge of the arrangements.

Judith Ann Owings was born July 1, 1942, in Holstein, Iowa, the daughter of Melville and Anna (Goslin) Owings. In her youth, her family moved to the Storm Lake area.

Judy attended school in Storm Lake, graduating from Storm Lake High School in 1960. She continued her education at Buena Vista College.

On August 5, 1961, Judy was united in marriage to Melvin Ripke at the Lakeside Presbyterian Church in Storm Lake. Together they were blessed with three children: Randy, Michelle, and Melanie.

Judy stayed home to raise the children and help on the farm. She also worked

as a secretary at Methodist Manor Retirement Community for many years.

Judy was a member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Rembrandt where she was a part of the church circle and quilting group.

Judy enjoyed crafting and painting, and she went to many craft fairs to share her talents with family, friends, and the community. Judy was always willing to help others. She was her grandchildren's number one fan, always going to their games and events to support them. She will be remembered as a loving and devoted wife, mother, grandmother, sister, and friend.

Those left to cherish her memory include her husband of 54 years, Melvin Ripke of Rembrandt, Iowa; children: Randy (Beth) Ripke of Rembrandt, Iowa; Michelle (Shawn) Huff of Lago Vista, Texas; grandchildren: Michael Ripke, Bradley (Brandy) Ripke, Christopher Ripke, Tyler Huff, and Jasmine Huff; brother, Bill (Beverly) Owings of Sun City, Arizona; nieces and nephews: Brenda (Mick) Koeppel, Brian (Sandy) Martin, Jeff (Iris) Owings, Tami (Mark) Mephram; extended family and friends.

Judy was preceded in death by her parents; parents-in-law, Ray and Marie Ripke; infant daughter, Melanie; grandson, Matthew Purvis; and step-granddaughter, Cassandra Huff.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **13**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - Storm Lake

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# Tribute Wall

BM

“ *To: The Ripke Family*

*My sincere condolences to your family. I got to know Judy when Michelle was in my class. I had so much respect for her concern and cooperation as a parent. Michelle, I remember when we went to your grandparent's place to see the peacocks. You were so brave. (I guess that I was impressed because I too was a farm girl and afraid of everything.) Michelle, I also remember your diligence---never missed a homework assignment.*

*God Bless your family. She was a devoted wife and mother. May she RIP for a job well-done.*

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**BONNIE MESTER** - November 14, 2015 at 06:28 PM

PG

“ *Sympathy & prayers to the Ripke family.*

*Lary & Patty Gunville--Storm Lake, Iowa*



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**PATRICIA (PATTY) GUNVILLE** - November 14, 2015 at 04:07 PM

LM

“ *Lexi Moon lit a candle in memory of Judy Ann Ripke*



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**Lexi Moon** - November 13, 2015 at 09:40 PM

KS

“ *Kathy & Scott Schwaller lit a candle in memory of Judy Ann Ripke*



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**Kathy & Scott Schwaller** - November 13, 2015 at 04:45 PM

TM

“ *So many memories.....I vaguely remember that I might have been the flower girl at her wedding. I do remember a beautiful doll she might have tried bribing me with, lol. Christmas and Thanksgiving spent with all the family, a few vacations at Lake Okoboji, exploring the farm house when she and Uncle Mel moved in. Riding Buck and Queen around and around her house, admiring her paintings and crafts. Watching home movies in Grandpa and Grandma Owings' basement.....so many memories. I will always have her smile and laughter in my heart xx Tami Owings-Mephram*

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**Tami Owings Mephram** - November 13, 2015 at 04:10 PM

EM

“ *Erik & Ami Morrow lit a candle in memory of Judy Ann Ripke*



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**Erik & Ami Morrow** - November 13, 2015 at 03:20 PM

MF

“ Mike And Georgia Flanigan lit a candle in memory of Judy Ann Ripke



Mike and Georgia Flanigan - November 13, 2015 at 02:57 PM

FH

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Funeral Home - November 13, 2015 at 02:49 PM



“ Simply Lily was purchased for the family of Judy Ann Ripke.



November 13, 2015 at 12:19 PM



“ Sally Rassler lit a candle in memory of Judy Ann Ripke



Sally Rassler - November 13, 2015 at 11:17 AM

DS

“ Doyle Engebretson and Sue.Beving purchased the Fields of Europe for the family of Judy Ann Ripke.

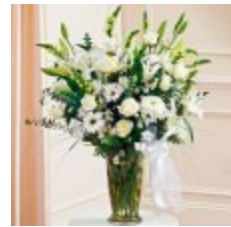


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**Doyle Engebretson and Sue.Beving** - November 13, 2015 at 10:28 AM

JO

“ Jeff O. purchased the White (Large) Sympathy Vase Arrangement for the family of Judy Ann Ripke.



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**Jeff O.** - November 12, 2015 at 07:32 PM

JM

“ Joy And Paul Madsen lit a candle in memory of Judy Ann Ripke



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**Joy and Paul Madsen** - November 12, 2015 at 04:12 PM

JH

“ Judy was a friend throughout high school, I lived a few blocks from her and would catch a ride to school with her and others via her dad. We shared some good time then and she lived across the street from my now husband Gene Halling. Love to her and her family and may she rest in peace. Judy Todd Halling

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**Judy Todd Halling** - November 12, 2015 at 01:34 PM

CD

“ *Cheryl And David DeMan lit a candle in memory of Judy Ann Ripke*



**Cheryl and David DeMan** - November 12, 2015 at 01:31 PM

JD

“ *John And Connie Demers lit a candle in memory of Judy Ann Ripke*



**John and Connie Demers** - November 12, 2015 at 12:53 PM

DH

“ *Doris Harvey lit a candle in memory of Judy Ann Ripke*



**Doris Harvey** - November 12, 2015 at 12:24 PM

DH

*I always enjoyed Judy's comments during our Bible study at Our Savior's. My sympathy and prayers...*

**Doris Harvey** - November 12, 2015 at 12:25 PM

JW

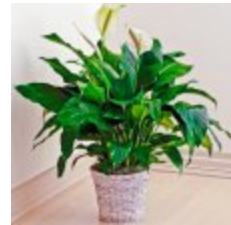
“ *Mel and Family, Our thoughts and prayers are with you. We have so many fond memories of the fun we had together. Judy was my maid of honor and was always special to me. It sad that it's been so many years since we've seen you both. We're keeping you in our prayers.*  
*Don and Jan Wilde*

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**Jan Wilde** - November 12, 2015 at 10:52 AM

MF

“ *Missy Simmons and Family purchased the Floor Plant for Sympathy for the family of Judy Ann Ripke.*



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**Missy Simmons and Family** - November 12, 2015 at 09:51 AM