



Judith Joan Skambraks

August 13, 1938 - October 8, 2020

Judith “Judy” Skambraks, 82, of Centralia, passed away peacefully on Thursday, October 8, 2020 in Carlyle Healthcare Center in Carlyle.

Judith “Judy” Skambraks was born August 13th, 1938 in East St. Louis, Illinois to Helen Alberta Tottleben Timar. They later divorced and Judy’s mother married Logan Stonecipher of Centralia, Illinois. Judy and her sister Sandra was raised by Mr. Stonecipher. She attended Field Elementary school and graduated in 1956 from Centralia High School. She worked briefly for Illinois Bell Telephone company in Highland Park, Illinois and for several years at the Hollywood Candy Company in Centralia before she married Harold “Dean” Skambraks on December 19th, 1959 at the Glenridge Baptist Church. She lived for four years in Greenville, IL, where her husband taught Industrial Arts and their first child Sherri was the New Year’s baby in 1963. She worked briefly for the Shell Oil Company in Tinley Park, Illinois and their son Jay was born in 1965 at Sliver Cross Hospital in Joliet, Illinois. Moving back to Centralia in 1967, when her husband began teaching at Centralia High School, she began working for the Centralia City School system as a clerk at Franklin School and then as Secretary at the Junior High School until retiring after 25 years of service in 1996. She was very active in the Class of 1956 Reunion Planning Committee for many years. Mrs. Skambraks was over a fifty year member of the Eternity Baptist Church in Centralia, where she assisted with Vacation Bible School and with the youth programs. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, sister, and she cherished the time she spent with

her family and friends.

She is survived by her husband of 60 years Harold "Dean" Skambraks, a daughter, Sherri Skambraks Bailey and her three children: Ethan, Evan and Aubryanna Bailey of Beaver Creek, Ohio and son: Jay Skambraks of Darien, Illinois; two sisters in Centralia, Sandra Jean Sandy, Carol Routt, and one step-sister Louise Strutt of Melbourne, Florida; a sister-in-law, Sandy Skambraks of Florissant, Missouri, four nieces: Deanna Mount, Lori Goin, Anda Skambraks, and Genie Antalek all of Florida; and four nephews David Skambraks of Florida, Mike Skambraks of Missouri, Jeff Skambraks of Missouri, and Joseph R. Chapman of Schamburg, Illinois.

A Private Family Service will be held with entombment to follow at the Hillcrest Lakeside Mausoleum in Centralia. In lieu of flowers, Memorial Donations may be made to the Eternity Baptist Church and will be accepted at the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home at 235 North Sycamore Street Centralia, Illinois 62801, (618)532-3523, who is honored to be of service to the Skambraks Family. Online condolences may be made to the family by visiting www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com and the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home Facebook Page.

Tribute Wall

KG

“ We loved Judy so much. She Always welcomed us into her home with so much love. Judy was a very special lady. Our condolences to Dean and family. Praying God comforts all of you.

Mike and Kathy Gunter

Kathy and Mike Gunter - October 14, 2020 at 11:17 PM

DR

“ My condolences to the family. I remember Judy from my time at Eternity Baptist Church. There was never a Sunday that you didn't see her and Dean and family there. She will be missed but remembered fondly by all who knew her.

David Reid

David Reid - October 12, 2020 at 10:30 PM

GH

“ To the Skambraks family,
Our condolences on the loss of your wife Mr. Dean Skambraks and to Jay on the loss of his mother. Our thoughts and prayers to you both and to your family, so sorry.

To Jay: our Centralia High School Class of 1983 has a page on facebook if you get time to look at it, there are a lot of classmates wishing you condolences and writing thoughts to you and your family.

Sincerely, George Hoyt and family

George Hoyt - October 11, 2020 at 02:19 PM

GF

“ When I was young, I attended Church and Sunday School at Eternity Baptist. Whenever I saw Judy, she was always friendly and kind. I believe she had such an uplifting personality because of her strong faith in the Lord. I pray that the Lord will bless and sustain Dean and family through this time of sorrow.
Greg Felton

Greg Felton - October 10, 2020 at 04:08 PM

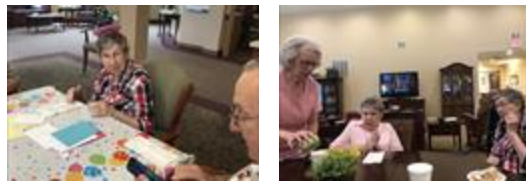
DG

“ I have many fond memories of Judy when we worked together at Centralia City Schools. She was an excellent employee who was liked and respected by everyone. She helped many teachers and students through the years. My thoughts and prayers go out to Dean and family.
Dan Griffin

Dan Griffin - October 10, 2020 at 03:04 PM

DS

“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



debbie stuehlmeier - October 09, 2020 at 03:35 PM

RS

“ Loved Ms. Judy. She is the reason we call our baby girl "Lizzy."
Thankful to have known her and praying blessings over Mr. Dean and the family.

Rich Smelser - October 09, 2020 at 07:54 AM

SG

“ So sorry for you loss. I remember Mrs. Skambraks when i was a student at CJHS. She was always kind and kept everyone line. Thoughts and prayers to the family.
Sonya (Spears) Greathouse

Sonya L Greathouse - October 09, 2020 at 07:19 AM



“ My condolences to Dean and all the family. One of the sweetest ladies I've ever met. My heart is hurting for your loss, but I know she is is rejoicing in heaven with her Savior. Prayers for you!

Jered Stuehlmeier - October 08, 2020 at 10:40 PM