



Judith Ann Gandee

February 18, 1942 - April 30, 2022

Judith Lusk Gandee of Hurricane WV, born February 1942 passed peacefully after a long illness in Teays Valley WV on April 30, 2022.

Judy was born in Charleston WV to William and Emma Lusk and was an only child. Judy graduated from Oceana High School in 1959 and went on to attend Concord University, West Virginia State University and WV College of Graduate Studies. She held a BS and Masters degrees in Elementary Education. She married Lewis A. Gandee in September 1962 with her life long friend Claudia Burdette serving as her Maid of honor. She and Lewis made their life together in Dunbar WV. Where Judy raised 3 children and cared for 1000s of students educational and emotional well being.

Judy was preceded in death by her parents Rev. William C and Emma Lusk of St. Albans WV.

Judy taught several grade levels at Roxalana Elementary in Dunbar for 35 years before retiring to Teays Valley.

Judy spent her later years surrounded by family and friends - but nothing compared to the time she spent with her grandchildren. They brought constant joy to her retirement. She always looked forward to her monthly "Golden Girls" lunches with her friends from Roxalana and in her favorite seat by her friend Billie Brammer.

Judy is survived by her husband Lewis Gandee of Hurricane WV, her children Son Bill Gandee and spouse Joey Kendrick of Atlanta GA, Daughter Leah Gabhart and spouse John Gabhart of Hurricane WV, Son Mark Gandee and Spouse Susan Gandee, Hurricane WV. Her six grandchildren included: Sarah Elizabeth Boggs, Rachel Brooke Gandee, Ashley Nicole Gabhart, Katherine Ann Gabhart, Johnson William Gabhart, and Matthew Wayne Gabhart, cousins and close friends.

On behalf of the family we would like to offer a special thank you for the kindness, compassion and love shown to Judy by the staff of Bellaire at Devonshire in Teays Valley. You truly filled her time with as much friendship and love as you did the care that she needed. We are forever grateful.

Bill and Mark would also offer a special loving thank you to their sister, Leah - for her care, compassion and tireless efforts toward the comfort of their mother and support of their father.

Funeral services will be held at 1:30 p.m. Thursday, May 5, 2022 at Bartlett-Nichols Funeral Home, St. Albans with Rev. Ron McClung officiating. Interment will follow in Donel C. Kinnard Memorial State Veterans Cemetery, Dunbar.

The family will receive friends one hour prior to the funeral service. You can visit Judy's tribute page at bartlettnicholsfuneralhome.com to share condolences or memories with the family.

Bartlett-Nichols Funeral Home, family owned and located at 409 Sixth Ave., St. Albans is honored to serve the Gandee family.

Cemetery Details

Donel C. Kinnard Memorial State Veterans Cemetery

130 Academy Drive
Dunbar, WV 25064

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 5. 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

Bartlett-Nichols Funeral Home
409 Sixth Avenue
Saint Albans, WV 25177
(304) 727-4325

Funeral Service

MAY 5. 1:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

RB

“ Just learned today on Facebook of Judy's passing. Our hearts are broken. We had no idea she was even ill. We had lost contact after Bro and Sis Lusk's deaths. Judy was a special friend and I always valued her friendship. Many special memories included her. Our prayers go out to the family.

Roy and Juanita Barber - January 25, 2023 at 08:12 PM

LG

Thank you so much Juanita for the beautiful thoughts about mom. You guys were very special to her too. We miss her very much. Love to you and your family

Leah Gandee Gabhart - April 29, 2023 at 08:59 PM

JP

“ If I sat for any length of time to recall the people who have made a lasting and loving impact on my life, Judy Gandee would - by far - be at the top of the list. She loved me as one of her own children, she was one of the best friends my mother could ever ask for, and she always knew how to make me laugh. As a child she was my teacher, my mentor (with math and McDonalds), and my friend. She built my confidence as I went through those awkward elementary school years and drama with schoolmates, she protected me like a mother hen, and I will NEVER forget that voice of hers when I threw the dodgeball a little too hard in gym class..."JESSSSS!!!!!!". It scared me to death because I knew she meant business, but it was always followed by that hilarious laugh. Judy and her family mean SO much to me. I was devastated that I wasn't able to attend the ceremony but I hope you all know that you are loved, prayed for, and these memories are truly cherished in my heart forever. Also - if you need a good laugh, think about Mom and Judy sledding down our hill in a trash back and hitting the back of the house. Who else could make stories like that!! Love, Jes (Turley) Parker

Jes Turley Parker - May 10, 2022 at 03:52 PM

LG

Oh Jess mom thought there was nobody like you. She enjoyed spoiling you when you were little and she loved you and your mom and your family very much. It's been very hard lately but memories like this make me happy. Thank you so much Jess. Love to you and your family ❤️❤️

Leah Gabhart - May 13, 2022 at 08:42 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Judith Ann Gandee.



May 04, 2022 at 03:36 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Judith Ann Gandee.



May 04, 2022 at 02:45 PM



“ Dear Bill and Family, my mom just called to let me know of Judy's passing and I'm so very sorry. She was a force of nature and no doubt the glue that held your world together. These days will be harder than most, but please know you are in my thoughts and prayers. Much love, Christy Rice

Christy Rice - May 03, 2022 at 07:43 PM



Seeing your name made my heart smile.... Which has been broken for days - thank you my friend for the kind words! Mom was a force and she loved and adored you - and so do I... Love to you and the family.

Bill Gandee - May 03, 2022 at 08:47 PM



Thank you so much Christy for the beautiful thoughts about mom. She always loved you and your family too. Thank you so much ❤️

Leah Gabhart - May 04, 2022 at 02:25 PM

TC

“ *The Beanes; Donna,Patrick & Cindi purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Judith Ann Gandee.*



The Beanes; Donna,Patrick & Cindi - May 03, 2022 at 05:06 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Judith Ann Gandee.*



May 03, 2022 at 12:36 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Judith Ann Gandee.*



May 03, 2022 at 11:46 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Judith Ann Gandee.*



May 03, 2022 at 11:07 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Judith Ann Gandee.



May 03, 2022 at 09:31 AM



“ My deepest condolences in the loss of your mother and wife. I met your mom at Roxalana Elementary School as a fellow teacher. It was my first full time job. She made teaching look easy and she always had fun doing it. She made me laugh and the students loved her. I've thought about her many times in my 30+ years of teaching ever since. She was who I wanted to be. I have brought laughter in my classroom and that's because of her.



My prayers are with you during this difficult time,

Kirstene Southall Jones

Kirstene Jones - May 03, 2022 at 06:38 AM



What a beautiful thought and words - thank you for that. She was born to be a teacher and she loved it. Bill ❤️

Bill Gandee - May 03, 2022 at 07:05 AM



Oh what a beautiful tribute. Mom loved teaching and I'm glad you got to work together. Mom taught all 3 of us in 6th grade. Thank you so much ❤️ Leah

Leah Gabhart - May 03, 2022 at 11:01 AM



Nataly Perrow

Mes sincères sympathies,

Your mom rented a room to me back when I was finishing up my teaching degree at Marshall. She always made the best meals on Friday evenings which gave me the courage needed to drive back to Winchester to spend weekends with my daughter. She was a warm hostess and mentor educator.

A kindred spirit in a sea of strangers for me.

She touched my life and guided my budding career and I wanted to share that with you. 🥰❤️

I hope you are all doing well.

Nathalie Perreault

Nataly Perrow - July 04, 2023 at 04:13 PM

DB

“ *So sorry for your loss. My mother-in-law was in the room next to Judy. Judy was so friendly when my mother-in-law first entered Bellaire in November.*

Debra Barnes

Debra Barnes - May 03, 2022 at 01:52 AM

BG

Thank you for the kind words. Bill ❤️

Bill Gandee - May 03, 2022 at 07:05 AM

LG

Thank you very much Debra. ❤️

Leah

Leah Gabhart - May 03, 2022 at 10:55 AM

BR

“ I love Judy so much! When she first came to Bellaire, it was like taking care of my mom all over again. I expressed these thoughts with her. She told me that she wi be my mom. From that day forward she never forgot that. She'd say come here Brandie, give your mama a hug!!! I loved her so much and am sad to hear of her passing but I left Bellaire about 8 months ago. I love you Judy. Fly high. Leah and family, I pray for peace and strength during these times.

Brandie Ramsey-Balser - May 02, 2022 at 09:01 PM

BG

Thank you so much for the kind words about Mom - I remember her talking about you ❤️ Bill

Bill Gandee - May 02, 2022 at 09:54 PM

LG

Thank you so much Brandie and for being so good to mom. We appreciate you so much and are very grateful for you guys. ❤️ Leah

Leah Gabhart - May 03, 2022 at 10:50 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Judith Ann Gandee.



May 02, 2022 at 08:35 PM



“ *Pink Potpourri Bouquet was purchased for the family of Judith Ann Gandee.*



May 02, 2022 at 05:22 PM



“ *Claudia, Cindy, and Morghan purchased the Encanted Cottage for the family of Judith Ann Gandee.*



Claudia, Cindy, and Morghan - May 02, 2022 at 02:41 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Judith Ann Gandee.*



May 02, 2022 at 01:28 PM