



Judith Amalia Gestrine

February 4, 1960 - March 26, 2026

Judith “Judy” Amalia Gestrine, 66, of Westland, Michigan, passed away peacefully at her home on March 26, 2026. Judy was born on February 4, 1960, in Burlington, Wisconsin. Her family later relocated to Michigan when she was 12 years old. She attended Bishop Borgess High School in Redford, graduating in 1978, and went on to study at Detroit Barber College.

Judy dedicated 40 years to her career as a barber, forming lifelong friendships with both colleagues and clients. She also gave generously of her time, volunteering as a religious education teacher for over 10 years and participating in many other church activities. Her faith brought her great peace throughout her life. Judy found joy in gardening, cooking, camping, hiking, and spending time at the beach. She especially loved taking the scenic route when traveling. Her favorite day of the week was Monday, when she spent time with her grandson, always planning their next adventure together.

Judy is lovingly remembered by her son, Lukas; her daughter, Shannon Lang (Keaton); her grandson, Gracen; her brother, Larry Schneider; her sister, Patricia Paxton (Steve); her sister-in-law, Linda Freebairn (James); and many nieces, nephews, and dear friends who were like family.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Kenneth; her parents, Frank and Elisabeth Schneider; her stepmother, Virginia Schneider; and her sister-in-law, Diane Schneider.

A memorial visitation will be held on Wednesday, April 8th from 10 AM until the 11 AM Mass at Resurrection Parish, 48755 Warren Road in Canton. A

luncheon will follow. All are welcome to attend.

Arrangements entrusted with Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, Westland.

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Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

APR 8. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Resurrection Parish
48755 Warren Road
Canton, MI 48187

Mass

APR 8. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Resurrection Catholic Church
48755 Warren Road
Canton, MI 48187

Tribute Wall

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“ Lauren, Julia, Aspyn & Rikki purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Judith Amalia Gestrine.



Lauren, Julia, Aspyn & Rikki - April 07 at 05:25 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Judith Amalia Gestrine.

April 07 at 12:15 PM



“ Angel's Embrace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Judith Amalia Gestrine.



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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Judith Amalia Gestrine.



April 06 at 02:02 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Judith Amalia Gestrine.

April 02 at 09:39 PM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Judith Amalia Gestrine.



April 02 at 09:39 PM



“ Judy cut my hair for over 30 years, starting in a shop located in Meijers in Canton (Ford Rd.) right before her children were born. If she moved to a different shop, I would hunt her down until I found her.

Kenneth Smith - April 01 at 06:40 AM



“ Jim, Linda, Alicianna and Ezekiel purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Judith Amalia Gestrine.



Jim, Linda, Alicianna and Ezekiel - March 31 at 05:29 PM

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“ I worked for the Canton shop with Judy in 1989 and then was sent to the sister shop to manage it but Judy and I always kept in touch whether it be to go out to dinner or to see her at a party, when I found out that Kenny had died I came up to this at her and her barbershop and ended up working there with her, I'm sitting in the shop right now missing her so bad

We were old friends that became new friends hi there how are you I'm good don't sit down sit down in the second chair there I'm just writing a memorial Day so you must have been pretty close to her yeah we went to well I you know I Judy was my very first boss when I started cutting it is that right now and I worked there for 6 years but we became friends but you know amongst other friends and then I started working here and we became brand new friends! We went to New Orleans last year and to Las Vegas 2 times back in the 80s. She was so kind and so easy to get along with, I loved her and miss her so much. Now I understand what the saying means "love each day as it's your last" who would have thought? Rest easy my friend, you were loved by so many. Love your friend Cindy



Cindy Strohl - March 31 at 02:03 PM

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I wish I would've spent more time visiting her towards the end, I keep making that mistake, you never know who will be next, maybe me ... I had great respect for Judy when I started working with her, I loved watching her cut hair, she was the best, a real mentor she was one of a kind ... she felt like family she really did, like family she put up with my dumbass goofiness gambling with ole Gil, she put up with a lot from us, I'm not very religious but if there is a heaven she's gonna manage the place, rest in peace Judy , I'm so glad you were a part of my life

Viktor Ivezaj - March 31 at 05:45 PM



I'm so crazy....part of my message is a conversation I was having with a client, obviously did not pause my phone. Judy's laughing, she knows me. We did laugh a lot! Love you Judy!! 😂

Cindy Strohl - March 31 at 10:50 PM