



Judy Gillespie

July 9, 1945 - August 18, 2022

Judith Gillespie, 77, of Cedar Falls, died Thursday, August 18, 2022, at Western Home Communities – The Suites.

She was born July 9, 1945, in Waterloo, the daughter of David Fecht and Helen (Hallman) Swingen. After David's death her mother remarried to William Swingen and he raised her. Judy graduated from Waterloo West High School in 1963. She worked several processing positions at Rath Packing and as a material handler at John Deere before retirement.

She married Michael D. Atkins, but they later divorced. On December 29, 1975, she married Kenneth Gillespie in Galena, Illinois. Judy and Kenney had a match made in heaven. Their wonderful life together included an unconditional love for all of their children and grandchildren.

Judy is survived by her daughter, Michelle (Marty) Haugen of Waterloo; two sons, Anthony (Lori) Atkins of Wheaton, IL, and Eric (Sarah) Atkins of Rochester, MN; nine grandchildren: Amber Reed, Jennifer Luderer, Melanie Atkins, Connor Atkins, Hunter Hadlock, Michael Atkins, Samantha Hadlock, Carson Atkins, and Hope Hadlock.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Kenney.

A Celebration of Life open house will be 12:00-3:00 p.m. Saturday, September 3, 2022, in the Martin Lounge at Windermere - Western Home Communities (5018 S. Main St., Cedar Falls, IA 50613).

Memorials may be directed to the family.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

SEP 3. 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Windermere - Western Home Communities
5018 South Main Street
Cedar Falls, IA 50613

The open house will be in Martin Lounge located at Windermere.

Tribute Wall

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“ *i was married to marilyn fecht from 1991 to 2015 in cedar falls iowa and i never knew judy gillespie. life was horrible with marilyn! she was a liar and cheated on me!*

al - February 24, 2024 at 09:35 AM

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“ *She became my sister-in-law on October 25, 1975. Over the years she was my sister. He singing "Helloww..." over the phone always meant a long newsy and sharing love connection. When visiting she and Kenney she took such care and pride in her carefully landscaped flower garden--all lined with her loved rocks from all over the country. I have an empty corner of my heart that will never be filled again--except in remembering her voice, her heart and her love. Rest in peace with Kenney, Dave, Nancy and your parents, Judy.
Love, Marilyn*

Marilyn Fecht - September 01, 2022 at 08:48 AM

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“ *We always enjoyed rock hunting with Kenny and Judy who both had a sharp eye and sense of adventure. We especially enjoyed visiting them, hearing about their adventures and trips and gaining a little bit of their vast knowledge and sage advise. We will miss, but always remember Judy and the special person that she was.*

Sincerely,

Glen and Mary Rocca

Glen & Mary Rocca - August 29, 2022 at 01:36 PM