



Judy Kay Ferrell

April 30, 1943 - February 22, 2025

Judy Kay (Purdy) Ferrell passed away peacefully in her sleep the morning of February 22, 2025. She was 81 years old.

Born in Sod, West Virginia on April 30, 1943, to Hyland Jefferson Purdy and Brookie Lee Cecil, she spent all her childhood and most of her adult life in rural Southern West Virginia.

She had a long career as a waitress for Shoney's restaurant in the Charleston, West Virginia area. She loved decorating and cooking & baking.

She lived her last few years at Normandy Nursing Center in St. Louis Missouri and was being assisted and cared for by Breeze Hospice of Missouri. The family would like to extend thanks and gratitude to these two amazing care programs.

Along with her parents, she was preceded in death by her sister Patsy Ann (Purdy) Hesse and her daughter Jacquelyn Violetta (Childress) Wingler. She was also preceded in death by her husbands: Ebert Childress; Ralph C. Cales Jr.; Lindsey B. Hicks & Marvin "Dutch" Ferrell.

Surviving are her sister Violetta (Purdy) McCormick & Glen; several nieces & nephews & cousins; her children and bonus children: son Jefferson Thomas

Childress; bonus daughter Denise (Hicks) Wood & Scott; bonus son Ronnie Hicks; daughter Dorothy (Cales/Hicks) Peter & George; daughter Sarah (Cales/Hicks) Ramsey; and bonus daughter Jaime Cales; and many family friends.

Her grandchildren and bonus grandchildren: Ashley, Hannah, Jeremy, Violetta, Carmen, Elizabeth, Kayne, Marshall, Ariana, Lee, Ian, Van, Gage, Hunter, Brooklyn, Austin, Cody & Aries. Along with many great & bonus grandchildren.

Valhalla Funeral Chapel in St. Louis, Missouri, is handling cremation. The family plans to have a get together later this year in West Virginia to celebrate Judy Kay where her ashes will be split between Lively Cemetery in Sod, WV & Holly Grove Cemetery in Hollygrove, WV.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to your local charities: homeless shelters, domestic violence programs, animal shelters or donate gifts to residents of your local nursing home.