



Judith Barbara Mary Meittunen Pelkey Haverkamp

July 8, 1938 - August 7, 2024

On August 7, 2024 Jesus welcomed Judith Barbara Mary Meittunen Pelkey Haverkamp to her forever home. She was 86 years young!

Born on July 8, 1938, in Hibbing, Minnesota, The Land of the Sleeping Giant, to Josephine and William Meittunen. Growing up in Marble, she was blessed to be surrounded by family in a place she called "Little Italy". She graduated Salutatorian from Greenway High School.

On June 8, 1956, she married Merel Pelkey and made their home at 42 Aspen Lane in Babbitt. Here they raised their four children, Kathy, Lori, Robert and Sandy. She loved working as the assistant editor at the Babbitt Weekly where she also had the opportunity to write many of the articles. She loved to write! We teased her about being Emily Dickenson. She was a very gifted writer, artist and storyteller.

Life had many changes in store and as time marched on, she found herself as the new office administrator for Union Carbide/Praxair. Small town girl in the big city. Traveling to Chicago and New York City for business! She welcomed the challenge. Embraced the city. Took classes at the college and was a lifelong learner.

On September 15, 2001, she married Jack Haverkamp and they began a new chapter on Lake Washington in Darwin. They found their church family here at St. John's Catholic church where she was very involved with her parish. She had a strong faith and the areas that she was passionate about were the unborn babies, the rosary, the Blessed Mother and being a prayer warrior.

Judy will be most remembered for her devotion to family, Italian hugs, love of people, babies, dogs, birds, rocks, storytelling, passion for the arts, and music . But most endearing was the Tsunami Wave and Iron Range Good-bye.

Her loving family that will miss her hugs, stories, blessings are her Children: Kathy (Jerry)

Maki,

Lori Stangland, Robert Pelkey, Sandy (Dale) Dianoski, Grandchildren: Jerry II (Megan) Maki, Melissa (John) Borich, Richard Stangland, JoDee (Sandro) Lopez, Cassie (Miles) Dianoski and Henry Haverkamp. Great-grandchildren: Alexis Stangland, Addy Borich, Alondra Lopez, Anthony Lopez, Dakota Stangland, Finn Borich, Achilles Lopez, Cash Stangland and Waylon Maki.

Those that are celebrating with her in Heaven are: Parents: William Meittunen, Josephine and Richard Harling, Sister: Dianne Levorson, Son-In-Law: Scott Stangland, Grandson: Derek Dianoski and numerous family and friends.

LOVE KNOWS NO BOUNDARIES

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Tuesday, August 13, 2024, at 1:30 p.m. at St. John's Catholic Church in Darwin with Father Jeffrey Horejsi officiating the Mass.

A Rosary will be held at 12:00 p.m. at St. John's Catholic Church with a one hour visitation starting at 12:30 p.m. at the St. John's Catholic Church.

A lunch will be served following the service for fellowship, stories and conversation.

A private interment will be held on a later date.

Memorials are preferred in lieu of flowers.

Previous Events

Rosary

AUG **13**. 12:00 PM - 12:30 PM (CT)

St John's Catholic Church
106 N 4th St
Darwin, MN 55324-6016
(320) 275-2915

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Tribute Wall



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Judith Barbara Mary Meittunen Pelkey Haverkamp.



August 12, 2024 at 10:35 AM

AJ

“ My heart goes out to Robert, Kathy, Lori and Sandy. Your mom was such a warm and caring person. Fond memories of her on Aspen Lane. May she rest in peace 🙏. Ann (your next door neighbor)

Ann Johnsen - August 11, 2024 at 10:03 PM

SD

Thank you Ann. Those were great childhood memories on Aspen Lane. Thank you for your kind words. She will be missed!!

Sandy Dianoski - August 20, 2024 at 06:22 PM

WD

“ Wilton and Michelle Durham planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Judith Barbara Mary Meittunen Pelkey Haverkamp.

Wilton and Michelle Durham - August 11, 2024 at 06:35 PM

WD

“ Wilton and Michelle Durham purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Judith Barbara Mary Meittunen Pelkey Haverkamp.



Wilton and Michelle Durham - August 11, 2024 at 06:35 PM

Wilton
Durheim

“ Judy was a wonderful person. I remember talking to her for hours when I was a teenager. Sorry for your loss.

Wilton Durheim - August 11, 2024 at 06:33 PM

SD

Thank you Bill! So many great Babbitt and Inver Grove Heights memories!! We will miss her for sure! Your Mom and Jo will too, they were like sisters.

Sandy Dianoski - August 20, 2024 at 06:24 PM

JB

“ *Janet, Doug, Al & Terri and boys purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Judith Barbara Mary Meittunen Pelkey Haverkamp.*



Janet, Doug, Al & Terri and boys - August 11, 2024 at 04:59 PM

SD

“ *Forgot to edit my pictures!!*



Sandy Dianoski - August 11, 2024 at 12:39 AM

SD

“ *This is my MaMa. She was so beautiful inside and out. She had Grandpa Bill's eyes, a brilliant blue! She was loving, compassionate, generous, fun smart, creative and stubborn to name a few. I will miss her so much. I feel I have been grieving her loss for years with the onset of dementia. What a horrible disease. She now is running and dancing with no pain, hugging my Derek and celebrating with all her loved ones. Love you MaMa...Love Knows boundaries.....Sandy*



Sandy Dianoski - August 11, 2024 at 12:09 AM

MD

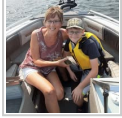
Sandy, such a beautiful message about your mom. We live together all of our young lives on the same blocks. We were so close like sisters. I loved her with all my heart and so sorry for all of you. she is in heaven with all the people she loved 💕🙏

Michelle Durheim - August 11, 2024 at 07:01 AM

GK

Judy is such a beautiful woman!

Gloria Kotila - August 11, 2024 at 08:58 AM



We got to know Judy in the rehab at Harmony River in July. She was a joy to know and so loving to everyone. We sang many songs with her, held her hand and talked about Jesus. She told everyone that she loved them daily. God uses people at all stages of life and health to bring joy to others. We will miss her.

Lee-Sharon Gruenhagen - August 11, 2024 at 02:57 PM



The Love's send thoughts and wishes of comfort. Judy holds a place in our hearts. We have been blessed with knowing and receiving such love and care of Judy and many members of your family through our past neighbor "grandma Josie" when we lived in Marble. Judy made a person feel special and so cared for. She is/was a gift that we are fortunate to know.

*Much love,
Jeff, Aimee, Dixie (Jadon-spouse), and Brier Love*

Aimee Love - August 12, 2024 at 10:20 PM