



Judy Ritzenhein

July 23, 1940 - February 6, 2025

Judy Ritzenhein, 84, of Vulcan passed away on Feb. 6, 2025, at St. Mary's Hospital in Green Bay, WI.

She was born on July 23, 1940, in Petoskey, MI, daughter of the late Patrick and Doris (Allison) Robinson.

After graduating as Valedictorian of the Class of 1958 at Evert High School, Judy completed the nursing program at St. Mary's Hospital in Grand Rapids. While attending the nursing program she met the love of her life, James Ritzenhein, on a blind date. On Aug. 19, 1961, they were married at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Evert MI. Judy worked for various hospitals and nursing homes before the family settled in Kingsford and she began working at Dickinson County Memorial Hospital, serving on the scholarship committee awarding scholarships to future nurses, before retiring in 1999.

A long-time member of St. Barbara Catholic Church, Judy was talented in many things to include baking and as a seamstress. She enjoyed spending her time quilting, reading, antiquing, crafting, and working on puzzles with Jim. The Stonington Peninsula cottage was her favorite place to spend time in the summer months. After retiring, Judy and Jim spent the winter months in Rockport TX where they met several dear friends

Judy will be deeply missed by her husband, Jim Ritzenhein; 4 children, Chris

Ritzenhein Sr., Andy (Kristine) Ritzenhein, Ann Walker, and Katie (Tom) Johnson; 10 grandchildren, Jason Ritzenhein, Chris Jr. (Emilia) Ritzenhein, Jimmy Ritzenhein, Marlow Ritzenhein, Levi Ritzenhein, Morgan (Kody) Sebo, Erin (Jamie) Hudson, Shana (Joey) D'Ambrosio, Courtney (Jeremy) Schachter, Anthony Newman; 6 great-grandchildren, Alexia Ritzenhein, Adelina Ritzenhein, Alyana Ritzenhein, Augustine Ritzenhein, Evelyn Sebo, and Ayden Sebo; 2 sisters-in-law, Sarah Robinson and Kathy Robinson; and many nieces, nephews, family and friends.

In addition to her parents, Judy is preceded in death by 2 grandchildren, Annmarie Hytinen and Abraham Ritzenhein; and 3 siblings, Richard Robinson, Bill Robinson, and Cheryl (Eugene) Leppiaho.

Judy's family would like to thank the caring staff in the ICU of St. Mary's Hospital, as well as the staff at St. Vincent hospital, for making it possible for Jim and Judy to be together during her last moments.

Visitation will be at the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home, 901 Carpenter Ave., from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 6, 2025, with evening services starting at 6:00 p.m. Visitation will continue at St. Barbara Catholic Church, 159 Mission St. in Vulcan, at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, March 7, 2025, followed by a Rosary service at 10:30 a.m. Fr. Martin Flynn will be officiating the Funeral Mass at 11:00 a.m. on Friday at Church.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Judy Ritzenhein online at ww.ernashfuneralhomes.com.

The family has entrusted the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home of Iron Mountain with the arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 6. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home
901 Carpenter Avenue
Iron Mountain, MI 49801
(906) 774-7676
nashfuneralhome@gmail.com
<https://www.ernashfuneralhomes.com/>

Service

MAR 6. 6:00 PM (CT)

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Visitation

MAR 7. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Barabara Catholic Church
159 Mission St.
Vulcan, MI 49892

Rosary

MAR 7. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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Funeral Mass

MAR 7. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

PM

“ To the family of Judy and Jim Ritzenhein, My deepest condolences to you all! I worked with Judy in the operating room back in the old DCHS hospital. She was an excellent nurse and a wonderful person to work with. I also knew Jim when attending O.R. or hospital parties and he was a genuine, sweet person. I was out of town for their funerals and am so sorry I missed them. I will light a candle in their memory for God to watch over them and their family at my church this Sunday. With sympathy, Pamela (Felts) Maule



Pamela M Maule - March 12, 2025 at 08:43 PM

CB

“ Judy was part of our MCSN Class of 1960. We always remembered her as very kind and caring, her special smile, and an excellent nurse. We all had so much fun in the dorm. Our classmates have remained very close all through the years. Several times during these years I had the opportunity to talk with Judy and Jim on the phone. They would bring me up-to-date. "A beautiful couple". Our deepest sympathy to the family for the loss of both of your parents. Remembering you in our prayers especially during this most difficult time. One of Judy's Classmates-Carolyn (Campbell) Van Boven

Carolyn Sue Van Boven - March 06, 2025 at 09:10 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Judy Ritzenhein.



March 05, 2025 at 11:38 AM



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

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“ Sarah, Christy, and Patrick Robinson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Judy Ritzenhein.

Sarah, Christy, and Patrick Robinson - March 05, 2025 at 10:08 AM



“ Jim, Lucy Sell & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Judy Ritzenhein.

Jim, Lucy Sell & Family - March 04, 2025 at 11:22 AM



“ Jim, Lucy Sell & Family purchased the Fiery Lily and Rose for the family of Judy Ritzenhein.



Jim, Lucy Sell & Family - March 04, 2025 at 11:22 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Judy Ritzenhein.*



March 03, 2025 at 02:44 PM



“ *Love, Your Timber Products Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Judy Ritzenhein.*

Love, Your Timber Products Family - March 03, 2025 at 01:18 PM



“ *Love, Your Timber Products Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Judy Ritzenhein.*



Love, Your Timber Products Family - March 03, 2025 at 01:18 PM



“ *Our hearts hurt for you, Jim, and your family. Judy was the sweetest gal. We are so blessed to have met you and spent time with you both at Drifters. Our walks around always led us past your place with you sitting out front. Sending prayers, love and strength for your days ahead. We will miss her.*

Colleen Brandt - March 02, 2025 at 09:38 AM

MT

“ Dear Jim and families, i worked with Judy in the operating room at DCH. She was always a sweetheart, we had some fun times together. I am so sorry to hear of Judy's passing. May she rest in peace.
Mary Jo Trepanier



Mary Jo Trepanier - February 23, 2025 at 12:01 PM

LS

Judy a very dear friend, I miss you and Jim. Rest in peace.

Lucy Sell - March 10, 2025 at 08:18 PM