



## Julia "Judy" Ann Rice

January 4, 1931 - May 25, 2023

Peacefully and surrounded by her family, Judy passed away on May 25, 2023 at the age of 92 years.

Julia Ann (Judy) Chouinard Kirk Rice was born January 4, 1931 at home in Glendive, Montana. Her parents were Stephen and Edna Amy (Kell) Chouinard. Her home was next to Hungry Joe Hills and she spent many years climbing and adventuring there with her family, friends, and "the best" neighbors, the Kelly kids. Judy grew up hunting, fishing, and agate picking with her father and brothers. Judy played basketball, tennis, band, and loved being in the school plays, graduating from DCHS in 1949. She then worked for Mountain States Telephone and Telegraph as a switchboard operator. There she met Charles Kirk, they married in 1953, adding his young son, Terry Lynn to the family. Together they raised 3 children, William Stephen, Douglas Kell, and Hallee Ann. After losing Charlie to cancer in 1970, she attended DCC, later working at the Glendive Community Hospital as a physical therapy assistant. Working there 26 years, she loved it, especially the people. Judy married Steve Rice in 1975, his children Laurie, Karen, Julie and Curt joined her family. Together they enjoyed hunting and fishing and caring for their beautiful yard on River Road, where she lived for 61 years. She was a lifelong friend of the United Methodist Church. A highlight for Judy was traveling with her son Bill, when he lived in Belgium. She visited family in Holland and Denmark, and really enjoyed the Louvre in France and all the museums in Italy. Judy loved and cherished the time she spent with her

children and grandchildren. Judy resided at the Glendive Extended Care at GMC for the last 18 months where she had wonderful care.

Judy was predeceased by her parents Steve and Edna Chouinard and siblings, Edna (Chouinard) (Robert) Ackerman, Billie (Chouinard) (Marvin) Witt, Steve Chouinard, John Chouinard, and Martha Chouinard (age 5); son-in-law Roger Ruff; in-laws George and Ottoni Rice; sisters and brothers-in-law Lorraine and Del Carter, George and Jenny Rice, Eldon Rice, and Deanne Rice.

She is forever remembered by her husband Steve; sons Bill (Pat) Kirk of San Antonio, TX, Doug Kirk of Renton, WA; daughter Hallee (Jim) Gentry of Glendive, MT; stepchildren Terry (Rita) Kirk of Omaha, NE, Laurie (Jay) Grimsrud of Fairview, MT, Karen Boysun of Forsyth, MT, Julie Ruff of Billings, MT, and Curt (Lisa) Rice of Fairview, MT; grandchildren Clara Kirk, Slater Kirk, Mark Kirk, Jasmin (Alex) Winchell, Jewel Gentry, Jace Gentry, Doug (Cinda) Kirk, David (Natasha) Kirk, Jacie Grimsrud, Cole Grimsrud, Kacee (Boden) Boysun, Jeremy Boysun, Konner Ruff, Dustin Rice, Steve Rice, and Curt Rice Jr.; great grandchildren Dylan, Drew, and Holiday Ann Kirk, Parker Winchell, Beintlea and Grayson Grimsrud; sisters and brothers-in-law Marion Chouinard, Dorothy Chouinard, Virginia Rahr, Elosie Edwards, Velma Rice, Bert Rice, Buford and Darlene Rice, Emery Rice, and Jim Rice; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Cremation has taken place and no services are planned. A private blessing of the ashes may take place at a later date. Silha Funeral Home of Glendive has been entrusted with the arrangements. Remembrances and condolences can be shared with the family at: [www.silhafuneralhomes.com](http://www.silhafuneralhomes.com).

# Tribute Wall

JL

“ *Janette Legato lit a candle in memory of Julia "Judy" Rice*



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**Janette Legato** - June 10, 2023 at 09:02 PM

TR

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with the family of Judy. May she rest in peace!!!*



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**Tom and Patty Reynolds** - June 09, 2023 at 07:17 PM

KR

“ *Our condolences to your family from everyone in ours. Judy was always a bright spot in our lives throughout the years.*

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**Kris Ruddy** - June 08, 2023 at 07:45 PM

JB

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with all of the Judy Rice family. She was a wonderful person.*



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**June Boje** - June 04, 2023 at 10:57 PM

BS

“ Judy will be remembered for her dedication to family and friends and to so many she helped in physical therapy. Always treasure your special memories of a life well lived



Betty Shearer - June 04, 2023 at 10:54 PM

LS

“ Lindsay Sadorf lit a candle in memory of Julia "Judy" Rice



Lindsay Sadorf - June 03, 2023 at 02:08 AM

GK

“ Grace Koffler lit a candle in memory of Julia "Judy" Rice



Grace Koffler - June 02, 2023 at 08:31 PM

NS

“ Norma Shearer lit a candle in memory of Julia "Judy" Rice



Norma Shearer - June 02, 2023 at 08:11 PM

DE

“ Don Evans lit a candle in memory of Julia  
"Judy" Rice



Don Deb Evans - June 01, 2023 at 10:35 PM

TH

“ Judy was such a spunky, fun lady! Loved her  
wit and perspective on things. I'm sorry for  
your loss!



Teresa Hathaway - June 01, 2023 at 02:05 PM

SB

“ Sharon Bain lit a candle in memory of Julia  
"Judy" Rice



Sharon Bain - June 01, 2023 at 11:40 AM

CW

“ I'm so sorry for your loss Hallee & family.  
You're in my thoughts and prayers. 🙏🙏🙏



Carol Wolff - June 01, 2023 at 12:23 AM

VK

“ *Val Kuntz lit a candle in memory of Julia "Judy" Rice*



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**Val Kuntz** - May 31, 2023 at 09:48 PM



“ *Andeen Raymond lit a candle in memory of Julia "Judy" Rice*



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**Andeen Raymond** - May 31, 2023 at 05:53 PM

JP

“ *Dear Halle and family, I have so many happy memories of time spent at your house growing up. Wishing you and yours God's Peace. Jackie Patterson*

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**Jackie Patterson** - May 31, 2023 at 03:32 PM

MN

“ *y condolences to her family.*

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**Mary Norgard** - May 31, 2023 at 02:44 PM

DG

“ *Like mother, like daughter.  
We feel blessed to have known both.*



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**Dean and Kim George** - May 31, 2023 at 01:59 PM

AG

“ *Judy Rice's family,*

*I will forever remember Judy. We live a house away from the family. Whenever we saw each other she would always call me Arlenee which has stuck with me for years. Judy had a heart of gold. She would help anyone. I will miss seeing her smiling face. There are so many stories I have of her. Judy rest in peace. Your family has my deepest sympathy and condolences.*



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**Arlene Gieser** - May 31, 2023 at 01:04 PM

SH

“ *Billie Haag and I often enjoyed long coffee sessions with Judy and other friends. Billie and Judy worked at the hospital for many years; they had a great friendship.  
Our thoughts and prayers are with your family.*

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**Susan Howe** - May 31, 2023 at 12:53 PM

ET

“ Steve and family. Judy was a special person and will be missed by many. I worked in the hospital with her and was her neighbor for over 30 years. .



ED and Noreen Turnquist - May 31, 2023 at 11:15 AM

CK

Judy was a special person and a good friend and coworker. She will be missed. Our condolences to the family.  
Jerry and Carol Kittler

Carol and Jerry Kittler - May 31, 2023 at 01:23 PM

CH

“ Hallee and Family we send our Condolences to you and your Family, we have so many Good Memories of Judy and all your Family, we loved being neighbors of yours on River Road. Love to you all from Chuck,Diane,Kirk and Kim!!!

Chuck Heinrich - May 31, 2023 at 11:05 AM

MK

“ Judy was a light in our life! We are grateful to have known her.



Myrna Kintz - May 31, 2023 at 10:44 AM

DM

“ I always remember Judy as being a kick in the britches. Steve was always awesome when we rented and he took care of things at our house. Sending sincere condolences to Steve and all the children. She will be missed.

Deb Chouinard Matiska - May 31, 2023 at 10:42 AM

AS

“ Judy was a friend of my mother in law so I would see her regularly. She was a sweet, caring, friendly person. Always happy! R.I.P.  
Anita Spencer



Anita Spencer - May 31, 2023 at 10:24 AM

LI

“ Sending love and prayers.  
Gary and Lynn Ingraham



lynn ingraham - May 31, 2023 at 12:40 AM

KP

“ Hallee and family , I just read about the passing of your Mom . I just wanted to share my condolences and prayers . Judy was a special friend to my folks and myself. What a ray of sunshine she was . I loved her wit and beautiful personality . God be with you now and always .  
~ Krista Newton Page

Krista Page - May 30, 2023 at 09:42 PM

KM

*If the whole world was full of Judy Kirks, what a bright, sunny and beautiful world it would be! She was a shining star!*

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**kevin McGovern** - May 31, 2023 at 11:31 AM

TD

“ *Halle and family~ I'm so sorry for your loss.  
My thoughts and prayers are with you.*



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**Tammy Dey** - May 30, 2023 at 09:36 PM

CH

“ *Judy's family: So sorry that she is gone, although she is at peace now flying high with the angels. God Bless You All  
Carol Hanson*

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**Carol Hanson** - May 30, 2023 at 07:35 PM

CH

“ *Carol Hanson lit a candle in memory of Julia  
"Judy" Rice*



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**Carol Hanson** - May 30, 2023 at 07:33 PM

DZ

“ *Hallee and family, please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. Hugs!* ”



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**Don and Penny Zimmerman** - May 30, 2023 at 07:08 PM