



Judy Caskey Tarver

December 13, 1944 - January 3, 2023

Judy Lea Caskey Tarver went home to be with her Lord and Savior on January 3, 2023. She was born on December 13, 1944, to Guy and Jessie Lee Caskey in Pampa, Texas.

In 1949 her family left America to become missionaries in Africa including Johannesburg, South Africa, Zimbabwe, and Tanzania. Judy learned to speak fluent Swahili as a child. Stories about her life in Africa were exciting and captivating.

The Caskeys returned to Pampa and Judy completed her senior year, graduating from Pampa High School in 1963. Following graduation, she attended Abilene Christian College (ACC).

Judy soon became the beloved mother of Chris and Chad Balch. While living a decade in Saudi Arabia Judy developed a greater love for international travel, decorating, and entertaining. She studied at New York University to earn a degree in Interior Design. Making things beautiful is what she did best, and Lea's Studios was established. Her career in interior decorating would take her across the United States and across the globe. Judy decorated the homes, offices, vacation homes, and unique events of the famous and not-so-famous. She graciously offered her talents to friends and family. Judy never retired from decorating and completed several work projects up until the end of 2022.

Judy and her boys moved to The Woodlands, Texas in 1982. It was in 1986 that Judy met the love of her life and soulmate, Cleo B. Tarver. On August 15,

1987, they married and blended two families. Judy and Cleo made it a priority to love and support all their children: Tom, Traci, Jason, Chris, and Chad. The Tarver's love story included date nights to favorite restaurants and symphonies, vacations all over the United States and abroad, mission trips to The Bahamas and Africa, and attending events of loved ones and friends. Judy and Cleo were a wonderful team as members of the church of Christ. Together they visited the sick and grieving and were dedicated prayer warriors.

Judy worked tirelessly to make each and every person in her life feel special. From birthday celebrations to magnificent Christmas parties in her home to a simple lunch at the kitchen table, she was the hostess (and amazing cook) who put her heart into every detail.

There will be a void now for many who will miss Judy's daily text messages, greeting cards in the mail, and gifts of banana bread. Her Christian faith and eternal optimism always left the feeling that everything will be okay. We will try to follow your example sweet Wife, Mama, Nana, JuJu, and Friend but you will be deeply missed.

Judy is preceded in death by her parents Guy and Jessie Lee Caskey; brother, David Caskey; and grandson, Grant Michael Hobson. She is survived by her husband, Cleo B. Tarver; children, Chris (Amy) Balch, Chad Balch and Jason Graves, Tom Tarver and Roy Phelps, Traci (Tyler) Hobson, Jason (Kelli) Tarver; grandchildren, Cori Tarver, Brayden (Taylor) Hobson, Joel Balch, Luke Balch, Caleb Balch, Emmi Tarver, Aubri Tarver; great-grandchildren Gavin Tarver, Ellie Martinez, Bowie Hobson, and Banks Hobson.

The stream will be on our web page at:
<http://woodlandoaks.org/live-streaming.html>

And will also be on our YouTube channel at:

<https://www.youtube.com/@woodlandoaks>

Please consider making a donation in Judy's memory to Mission Printing;
2707 Medlin Dr.
Arlington, Texas 76015-1449

Cemetery Details

Forest Park The Woodlands

18000 Interstate 45 S
The Woodlands, TX 77384

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 11. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Woodland Oaks Church of Christ
7300 Crownridge Drive
The Woodlands, TX 77382

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Judy Caskey Tarver.* ”



January 10, 2023 at 11:52 AM



“ *Love, Cleve, Mimi and Kids purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Judy Caskey Tarver.* ”



Love, Cleve, Mimi and Kids - January 10, 2023 at 09:54 AM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Judy Caskey Tarver.* ”



January 09, 2023 at 11:12 AM



“ *Heavenly Grace Spray was purchased for the family of Judy Caskey Tarver.* ”



January 08, 2023 at 07:59 PM

LP

“ Love always! Kyle and Karen Paschal purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Judy Caskey Tarver.



Love always! Kyle and Karen Paschal - January 08, 2023 at 07:54 PM

KG

“ Keith and I send our condolences to Judy's family: I hold a special personal place in my heart for Judy. Not only is her son, Chris, married to my daughter, Amy, we also got to share grandchildren, Joel and Luke. We had fun celebrating their births, birthdays, High School graduations and the sports were the highlight. Whatever sport, football, basketball, baseball the boys knew that Nana and Papa Keith and JuJu and Papa would be there cheering them on!! Judy loved Joel and Luke and was so proud of their accomplishments, already in their young lives. I was honored that Judy entrusted me to care for her sweet mama, Chris' MiMi, when she was working or out of town or simply needed a break. Judy taught me a lot and I will be forever grateful. We will miss you and your beautiful smile. Keith and Debbie Griggs

Keith & Debbie Griggs - January 08, 2023 at 06:35 PM

KG

“ Keith and Debbie Griggs purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Judy Caskey Tarver.



Keith and Debbie Griggs - January 08, 2023 at 06:12 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Judy Caskey Tarver.*



January 08, 2023 at 11:17 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Judy Caskey Tarver.*



January 07, 2023 at 04:19 PM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Judy Caskey Tarver.*



January 06, 2023 at 10:56 PM



“ *Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray was purchased for the family of Judy Caskey Tarver.*



January 06, 2023 at 08:55 PM



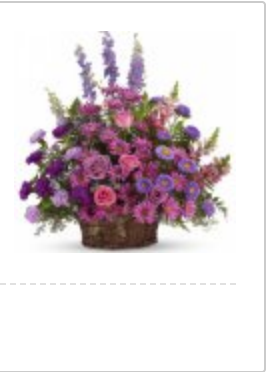
“ *Heavenly Grace Spray* was purchased for the family of Judy Caskey Tarver.



January 06, 2023 at 06:26 PM



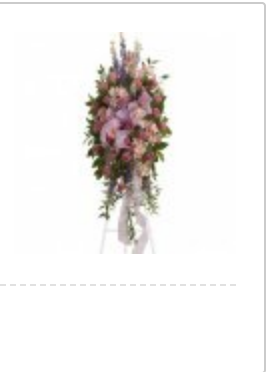
“ *Gracious Lavender Basket* was purchased for the family of Judy Caskey Tarver.



January 05, 2023 at 02:48 PM



“ *Finest Farewell Spray* was purchased for the family of Judy Caskey Tarver.



January 05, 2023 at 12:15 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Judy Caskey Tarver.



January 05, 2023 at 11:19 AM



“ *Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Judy Caskey Tarver.*



January 04, 2023 at 07:19 PM



“ *I am so sorry to hear of Judy's passing. She was always so kind and caring. I am grateful to have known her and my prayers are with Cleo, Chad and the rest of your family! Hugs to you all from Atlanta!*

Jennifer Meek Anderson - January 04, 2023 at 07:08 PM



Our thoughts and prayers are with Judy's family, Cleo, Braden, Tracie, Tyler and others during this time.

Patricia C Handley - January 05, 2023 at 08:02 AM



“ *Judy had always been so friendly and loving to both Harold since we placed membership at WOCC in 2014. After he died in 2017 at age 78, Judy immediately started sending me a text daily with words of encouragement. Those texts continued until the day she checked into the hospital this last time! She was a true lover of God's Word, Our Lord, and her family! What an extraordinary Christian!*

Cleo and Family: my love and prayers are with you all! I am so very sorry for your loss, but rejoice knowing We will see Judy again!

*In Christ,
Beth Wade*

Beth Wade - January 04, 2023 at 06:17 PM