



## Prudy Hey

March 10, 1933 - December 30, 2025

Prudence Allura Placeway, the only child of Willis Ray and Huldah Gertrude Placeway,

Born on March 10, 1933, in Owosso, Michigan.

Prudy, a devoted piano teacher, mentor, and cherished member of her community,

passed away peacefully on December 30, 2025, surrounded by family in her home. She dedicated more than seven decades to music education, teaching piano since 1951 and mentoring generations of students with patience, discipline and encouragement.

Throughout her career, she honored the legacy of her own teachers and mentors including: Loraine Washburn Frazier, Francis Clark, Marilyn Brown and Sophia Gilmsen. Their influence shaped her life-long commitment to excellence in music.

Prudy studied piano at Michigan State University and was certified through Sherwood Music School, Chicago, Illinois. She was an active member of the Houston Music Teachers Association, a member of the Raleigh Music Teachers Association, president of the Gulf Coast Music Teachers Association as well as president of GCMA District 8.

Prudy was an integral part in the formation of the Houston Young Artist Competition in its beginnings in 1987.

Her professional affiliations reflected her passion for advancing music education and supporting fellow teachers.

She never retired, continuing to teach well into her 92nd year.

She was preceded in her death by her husband Roy Elkington Hey Jr., Her granddaughter Brittany Elkington Seeberger and her beloved Jack Russell terrier "Fat Bobby".

She is survived by her seven children:

Brit, Bruce, Brigitte, Brydee, Brandon, Brooke, Bryce.

Eighteen grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

# Previous Events

## Celebration Of Life

JAN 7. 2:00 PM (CT)

Addison Funeral Home  
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Spring, TX 77379  
(281) 350-0998  
addisonfh@yahoo.com  
<https://addisonfuneralhomes.com>

# Tribute Wall

SS

“ Prudy and I were friends through our music organizations and shared many fun times with our trips to conventions and planning events. She was a wonderful person to share good times with. Deepest sympathy to her family. She will be greatly missed.

Sue Smith - January 10 at 10:20 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Prudy Hey.



January 06 at 06:41 PM

TH

“ The Hills purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Prudy Hey.



The Hills - January 06 at 01:53 PM

MA

“ Maxim Arcola purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Prudy Hey.



Maxim Arcola - January 05 at 01:49 PM

FK

“ *Francie K. purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Prudy Hey.*



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**Francie K.** - January 05 at 11:12 AM

JC

“ *My deepest condolences and sincere love go out to you and all the family. This is not the kind of thing one likes to hear let alone live through. Prudy truly has a legacy of love and help to so so many of us. And me in particular and I know you have been a part of that and certainly have heard about the special things that your mother did for me throughout the majority of my adult life since I have known her. My heart aches and she is and always will be a lovely part of me. Jim*

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**james clement** - January 04 at 10:17 AM

JC

“ *Jim and Jennifer Clement purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Prudy Hey.*



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**Jim and Jennifer Clement** - January 04 at 10:14 AM