



## Judith Cassell Robinson

August 14, 1935 - September 1, 2024

Judith (Judi) Ray Cassell Robinson was born August 14, 1935, in Decatur, Illinois, to Berry Hill Cassell and Esculine Martha Smith. She was one of three daughters. Judi loved to dance and met George Grayson Robinson at his Arthur Murray dance studio. They tied the knot in June 1956 and danced together for most of their married years. Their daughter, Tracy, was born in March 1957, and their little family was complete when they adopted Sandra in May 1967.

As Tracy and Sandra were growing up, Judi and George bought apartments where the whole family worked together cleaning and doing yard work. Until her death, Judi could never pass a yard, even if it wasn't hers, without picking up sticks or pulling the weeds.

Judi led a wonderfully full life. She was an adventurer who loved to travel and try new things. She, George, Tracy, and Sandra would often pack up their pop-up camper for summer vacations traveling across the United States. Judi visited exotic countries, swished down hills while snow skiing, and was always ready to jump into a kayak and brave the rapids. Judi and George learned to play tennis and joined friends in numerous tennis matches. They never missed watching a match on TV.

She was a self-described "child whisperer" who adored children and loved to

see them happy. She especially liked to let them do things their parents probably wouldn't, like climbing on furniture. She and the children often made swords out of wrapping paper rolls and had hysterically funny sword fights while jumping from bed to bed.

Judi cherished the gospel of Jesus Christ and was happiest while studying or preparing a lesson for church. She was an amazing teacher and a self-taught religious historian. She never stopped learning, even learning to love her grand-dog, Hunter!

Judi and George served a mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on Temple Square in Salt Lake City, Utah. Once home, Judi "retired" by managing several rental homes until her death.

Almost everyone who knew Judi would say that she was a loyal friend. She was generous with her love and her true friends became her family. She valued hard work and had the ability to find opportunities to serve others in unique and meaningful ways. At 89, Judi may have slowed down, but she never lost the "pep in her step." She will be greatly missed by all who were impacted by her light.

Judi is preceded in death by her husband, George Grayson Robinson (1924-2022), her daughter, Tracy Robinson Oliver (1957-2007), and her sister, Jerry Ann Hader (1930-2020). She is survived by her daughter, Sandra Robinson Harmon, her granddaughter, Candace Horne, grandsons, Kyle Gambrell and Forrest Harmon (Alicia Harmon), great-grandchildren, Mae Brookins, CJ Brookins, and Lily Harmon, as well as many others she "adopted" into her life as family.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, September 14, 2024, at the Greenway Ward of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 12975

Southeast 55th Avenue Rd. Belleview, Florida, 34420.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to  
<https://www.ocalafoundation.org/community-foundation-funds/judi-cares-memorial-foundation/>,  
a foundation that benefits children in Marion County.

# Cemetery Details

## Good Shepherd Memorial Gardens

5050 SW 20th Street  
Ocala, FL 34474

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 14. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints  
12975 Southeast 55th Avenue Road  
Bellevue, FL 34420

## Funeral Service

SEP 14. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints  
12975 Southeast 55th Avenue Road  
Bellevue, FL 34420

# Tribute Wall



“ *Kimberly M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Judith Cassell Robinson.*

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**Kimberly M.** - September 15, 2024 at 08:24 AM



“ I had the good fortune of being married to Judi and George's daughter Tracy for eighteen years. Having the two of them (and Sandra) in my life was quite the bonus! The four of us traveled together a number of times and the 'teams' soon became apparent

*If the plan was to leave at 9am I would be knocking on George and Judi's hotel door at 9am. Judi and I would then head back to my hotel room to try to get Tracy out the door. After a bit the three of us would then go back to George and Judi's room to try to get George. We would then go to the elevator and realize it was just Judi and I and have to go back to both rooms to try to collect Tracy and George who were changing or had forgotten something... I'm chuckling just remembering this.*

*In 1992 the four of us were awakened early one morning by a HUGE earthquake! it was a 7.3 and we were just 44 miles from the epicenter. The shaking lasted two to three minutes and seemed to be forever! Tracy and I ran to G&J's room and we rushed to the elevators to get out of the condo. The elevator might not have been the best idea in hindsight but we were pretty discombobulated. As we were waiting for the doors to open we realized that George had gone back to the room to put on socks!*

*I always referred to Judi as a spark plug due to her indefatigable energy and enthusiasm. I love her and miss her and A Living Tribute is planting a dozen trees in Ocala National Forrest in her name.*

*Godspeed Judi*

*All my respect and gratitude,  
Jeremy Oliver*

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**Jeremy Oliver** - September 11, 2024 at 04:48 PM

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“ *Judi was truly my best friend! We first met as residential property managers in Lakeland, FL, started a property-management company with Douglas McKeel of Lakeland and worked together for several years. Judi was a smart business person and a true friend! She was also quite a character - in a good way. When she moved to Ocala many years ago, we did not see each other very much. I was incredibly lucky to renew our friendship about two years ago and was even luckier to be able to visit her on weekends after I semi-retired. I felt privileged to share her last moments with Sandy and Candace. The sadness I feel is because of the loss of such a friend whom I will not see again.*



**MICHELE NORIEGA** - September 05, 2024 at 10:13 PM

PR

“ *There aren't enough or perfect words to describe the whirling dervish that was Judi. I remember when she and George arrived in Lakeland. I grew up a block from them. I babysat both wonderful girls. She and I would go to concert at FSC when George was busy. They were elated when Sandi entered their lives. She adored her family, was a lifelong student, a fantastic teacher. Most of all, she was a fiercely compassionate. The two of them welcomed us to spend Christmas dinner with them. She knew, without being told, that I was really struggling. She has always been, will always be, in my heart. She's with George and Tracy now. Godspeed to Sandra and those who will miss her presence in their lives. I am better for having known all of them.*

**Patti Walker (Hilby) Rusk** - September 05, 2024 at 02:19 PM

KM

“ Sandra and family, Tim and I are so sorry for the loss of your mom. I remember this particular picture at your wedding. She was always smiling in everything she did. She beamed of love and helpfulness to everyone she met. What a wonderful Christian example she was.....and you are just like her! All our love and prayers for you and your family. Hugs!



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**Kim and Tim Maxwell** - September 05, 2024 at 12:53 PM