



Judith A. (Wine) Beard

December 16, 1939 - October 14, 2018

Judith A. (Wine) Beard Obituary

On the weekend of October 12, 2018, Judy Beard suddenly passed away, reuniting in Heaven with husband Gene, her parents, and more friends & family than we can count. She left quickly and peacefully, enjoying a cup of tea and about to conquer the Chicago Tribune crossword puzzle, as usual. Judy was born in December 1939 to Robert L. and Martha E. Wine. She was member of the Royerton High School class of 1957 and graduated from Ball State University in 1961 with a Bachelor of Science in Education. In 1969, while married and raising two young daughters, she also completed a Master of Arts degree in English from Ball State University. Judy taught Social Studies for one year at Golden Valley Junior High School in San Bernardino, California and then returned to Muncie where she dedicated the rest of her teaching career to students and families in the Liberty-Perry school system. Judy taught sixth grade English at Selma Middle school before her favorite assignment – Head of the English Department at Wapahani High School in Selma, IN. She served as Liberty-Perry's Indiana State Teachers Association president in the late 1980's, winning the M.E.C. Star Educator Award in 1992. Judy loved teaching composition and grammar, but her passion was Shakespearian literature. She used the latest technology to immerse her students in the worlds of Hamlet, Macbeth, and Romeo & Juliet. Even greater was her genuine love for her students and colleagues. If you were in Mrs.

Beard's class or worked with her, you knew she cared about you and would pray for you anytime. She retired in 1999, completing a 30+ year career of excellence in teaching.

Judy was a life-long member of Muncie First Nazarene Church where she served on the church board, taught Sunday school, sang in the choir, and devoted herself to every possible ministry in which her talents could be used. She received numerous honors over the years including the church's highest award – The Distinguished Service Award – in 1999 with her family and friends present.

Judy's greatest pride and joy was in her family. She married Gene in 1960, sharing life together with him for 41 years until his death in 2001. She loved raising her two daughters and enjoyed traveling, reading, museums, movies, holiday activities, and of course, the 2016 World Champion Chicago Cubs! She was preceded in death by husband Eugene, parents Robert & Martha Wine, and in-laws Russell & Mary Beard. Surviving family members include her sister Linda (Steve) Roberts, daughters Jennifer (Mike) Trusty, Mindy (Jeff) Williamson, and grandchildren Madeline Daily, Elizabeth Daily, Annie Daily, Jordan (Lyndsey) Williamson, Jayna Williamson, and Kate Williamson. Calling hours are Thursday, October 18th from 4:00pm – 8:00pm at Muncie First Nazarene Church. A loving funeral service honoring Judy will be held at the church on Friday, October 19th at 10:00am with a graveside service to follow at Muncie Gardens of Memory.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Liberty-Perry Classroom Teachers Association, Nazarene Compassionate Ministries, or the Anthony Rizzo Family Foundation. #raiderpride #changinglives #gocubsgo

Cemetery Details

Gardens of Memory-Muncie Cemetery

10703 N Old State Road 3
Muncie, IN 47303

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **18**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Muncie First Church of the Nazarene
3101 N Benton Rd.
Muncie, IN 47304

Funeral Service

OCT **19**. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

RJ

“ I taught with Judy and had her daughters for American History. I cherish the memories of those days and send the Beard family my condolences. Judy was a rock during her tenure as our association leader and always an example of what a teacher should be.
Ron Jackson

Ronald Jackson - October 19, 2018 at 03:16 PM

RS

“ Thinking of you today and in the days to come. Take comfort in the wonderful memories that you have. Judy was a very special person. May God's arms hold you tight and give you comfort and peace.

Ramona Stetson - October 19, 2018 at 11:07 AM

BK

“ We were saddened to read about Judy's passing but rejoice that she is with our Lord and Saviour. We remember Judy as a very kind and friendly person. In the 1950's she was our summer babysitter when we were children. We attended the same church for many years, but we later moved away and lost touch. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to her family and pray God's peace to surround them.

Bob and Judy King

Bob and Judy King - October 19, 2018 at 10:57 AM

JF

“ I remember when Jenny and I took our church youth to Cedar Point. Judy met us there and road all of the rides with the kids. She was braver than me. Sorry for your loss Jenny. May her memory be eternal.

Jay Faust - October 18, 2018 at 06:56 PM

DD

“ I worked with Judy for many years. She will be missed by family and friends.

Donna Dye - October 18, 2018 at 09:28 AM

AL

“ Mrs. Beard I can't believe you are gone. You lit up my world in my junior year and I have always been grateful for it. I've loved reconnecting on FaceBook and so happy that your Cubbies won before you left this Earth. Thank you for seeing more in me than other teachers ignored.
With so much gratitude and appreciation,
April Terrell Lemen

April Lemen - October 18, 2018 at 09:08 AM



“ Mrs. Beard is the reason I love Shakespeare. My grammar, and pronunciation, drove her crazy most days but she was still very nice to me.

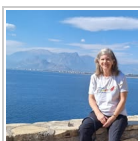
My condolences to her family. Just know she was loved by many that she had taught over her 30+ years as a teacher

Jerri Maddy - October 17, 2018 at 11:18 PM

MS

“ I have been wanting to write something about Mrs. Beard all week, but I just cry every time I try. She has had an incredible impact on my life (gosh darn it I'm crying again!). I didn't even realize her true love until I was older. What I remember most is that she let me be me. I talked too much in her class (can you imagine?) but she knew it wasn't because I was bored or disinterested. It's just my personality. She never scolded me for this, but instead embraced me for who I was. She always amazed me how she could take the most difficult subject and make it understandable. She turned *Romeo & Juliet* and *Macbeth* into masterpieces. I was so proud the summer I was teaching Shakespeare to English learners in Beijing. She was the first one, and maybe only one, I told. I wouldn't have been able to do this without her. She and I have kept in touch weekly for several years now, thanks to Facebook, and we just celebrated Melena and Judy day in September. I love you Mrs. Beard. I love your enthusiasm for life and how you're not afraid to say I love you. I will cherish you forever. Your family is so blessed to have you. You love them to pieces and they know it! ❤️

Melena Slaven - October 17, 2018 at 08:34 PM



“ Judy took me in and made me apart of the Beard family when I needed it the most. I never spent a holiday alone. She had such a giving heart. I will always love her.

Jacque Bean - October 17, 2018 at 07:45 PM

MY

“ Mrs. Beard was the sweetest nicest teacher and person I knew, she was my 6th grade English teacher and took me under her wing and invited me to church with her and her family. They would come to my house and pick me up on Sunday mornings. My heart felt thoughts and prayers are with her and the whole family. It was a blessing for me to have had the pleasure of having Mrs Beard in my life. Rest In Heaven Mrs. Beard....



Melissa (Inskeep) York - October 17, 2018 at 03:08 PM