



Judith Ann Warren

November 25, 1934 - April 9, 2018

Judith Ann Warren, age 83, of Chanute, KS, passed away on April 9, 2018 at NMRMC in Chanute. She was born November 25, 1934 in Eagle Grove, Iowa, the daughter of Russell Wayne and Opal Bernice (Biggerstaff) Good.

Judith graduated from Junction City High School in Junction City, KS in 1952. She continued her education at Washburn University in Topeka, KS and graduate in 1956 with a B.A. Degree in Applied Music. She was active in the Opera Workshop and a member of Zeta Tau Alpha and the Music Sorority while at Washburn. Judith realized her love for teaching music and returned to school to get her B.A. Degree in Music Education at St. Mary of the Plains College in Dodge City, KS in 1963.

After adopting a daughter, Michelle, Judith decided to stay at home and raise her daughter and teach music privately. In 1971, they moved to Chanute where she taught private voice and piano lessons. Her students were very talented and she thought of them as her own children. Her students performed in many different places including the Chanute Community Theatre. Judith was also involved in the Neosho County Community College musicals and in the Iola and Chanute Community Theatres and was fortunate enough to play lead roles in "Holly Dolly" and "Mame". Judith was a member of St. Cecilia Music Club, Chanute Community Theatre, Iola Community Theatre and First United Methodist Church in Chanute.

Judith is survived by

Daughter:

Michelle Warren Bradfield of Moran, KS

Sisters:

Sharon Mecklem of Santa Fe, NM

Nancy K. Oldham of Nevada, MO

Grandchildren:

Jay Tredway of Iola, KS

Michael Tredway of Chanute, KS

Sara Kessler of Chanute, KS

Susan Lockhart of Buffalo, KS

Great-Grandchildren:

Caleb Tredway, Jazmine Tredway, Ethan Kessler, Harleigh Tredway, Wyatt Wood, Kenzi Kessler, Gage Tredway, Elizabeth Lockhart, Mavrick Wood, Allison Lockhart, Kaydria Tredway, Alex Lockhart, Leah Ingles, Mason Ingles, Savannah Wood, Emily Lockhart, Jay Tredway, Jr., Michael Tredway, Jr., and Charlotte Kessler

Judith was preceded in death by her parents; brother, Rodger L. Good and sister, Sandra Good Pointers.

A visitation will be held on Tuesday, April 17, 2018 from 5 p.m. – 7 p.m. at Countryside Funeral Home – Johnson Chapel at 101 N. Highland in Chanute, KS. The funeral service will be on Wednesday, April 18, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church. Interment will follow at Neosho County Memorial Park Cemetery in Chanute. Online condolences may be left at: www.countrysidefh.com. Memorials have been suggested to the Washburn University Music Department and may be left with or mailed to the funeral home. Arrangements have been entrusted to: Countryside Funeral Home 101 N. Highland, Chanute, KS 66720.

Cemetery Details

Neosho County Memorial Park

21st Street
Chanute, KS

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **17**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Countryside Funeral Home - Johnson Chapel
101 N. Highland
Chanute, KS 66720
(620) 431-1220

Service

APR **18**. 10:00 AM (CT)

First United Methodist Church-Chanute
202 S. Lincoln
Chanute, KS 66720

Tribute Wall

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“ I started taking piano lessons from Judy when I was around 10 or 11 —I didn't much care for the piano (or at least practicing) at that point; I'd been in lessons for years and had not been too diligent training my hands to play. That was fairly apparent to Judy when I walked in. When I opened the door, she floated down her Victorian staircase in a long charmeuse-like gown with butterfly sleeves attached to finger loops. Her hair was in a large bouffant-styled meticulously on her head- and she floated down the staircase while eagerly welcoming me with a high-pitched “Helloooooooooo” and a dramatic flourish. She told me I had “long, beautiful fingers... just like a surgeon.” My father must be a surgeon. Many of her students' fathers were surgeons, she explained.

When it became apparent that my skills were not up to snuff, Judy abruptly stopped the lesson, got up, and said, “Let's go.” I wondered where we were going. We got in her car and started driving and eventually arrived at the local music store. We got out and she told me to go pick out some new music: whatever music I wanted. I'd been playing a lot of simple, classical recital pieces as well as training exercises. Now I picked out books filled with movie and TV themes, Broadway musicals, and contemporary pop. I have loved playing the piano, singing, and music-in-general, ever since. What followed were many years of traveling together to see Broadway shows in Wichita or Kansas City, like Phantom of the Opera; many recitals and plays; and anything spectacular, musical, and show-stopping. Judy helped me to love music, in all its forms. And she helped me understand that to practice and work hard allowed me to reveal the songs that I loved. She had an unbridled enthusiasm for beautiful, impeccable performances that showcased a passionate, melodious soul. That's because she was one: a beautiful, melodious soul. And I will always keep listening to your song, Judy...

David Neef - April 18, 2018 at 11:05 AM

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“ *Condolences to Judy's family. She was a very special part of my college years. She and I shared a room at Washburn's Zeta house, shared rides to our afternoon jobs, shared summer apartments throughout our college years. She has been a forever friend...lovely memories. Ann Kirk Nelson*

Ann Nelson - April 14, 2018 at 10:20 PM