



Judy Kay Barkley

August 9, 1944 - May 18, 2021

On Tuesday, May 18, 2021, God dispatched his angel to the bedside of Judy Kay Barkley and whispered, "To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord." At that moment, Judy smiled and took her flight. Judy was born August 9, 1944, in Chance, Maryland to the late Ella Mae Jones and the late Jewett Benjamin Jones. At an early age, she became a member of St. Charles United Methodist Church in Chance, Maryland. Later, she joined Wesley Temple United Methodist Church in Salisbury, Maryland. Judy received her education through the Somerset County Public school system graduating from the former Somerset Junior/Senior High school class of 1962. Later on in her life, she pursued her higher education and graduated with an Associate degree as a Licensed Practical Nurse from Dorchester General. Later, following her Practical Nursing degree, Judy earned her RN degree from Wor-Wic Community College. Due to her passion and hunger for learning, Judy decided to pursue a BSN degree from Wilmington College. She successfully accomplished her goal, giving God all honor and glory. After completing high school, Judy married her high school sweetheart, Vernon Rhock(deceased). From this union, they were blessed with four children: Vernon, Darryl, Janá, and Kimberly. Later in life, she married Nathan Barkley Jr., who extended her family with Stepchildren; Nathan, Larry, Cynthia, Sylvia, Terry, Thomas, and Joanne. Judy and Nate enjoyed worshipping God, traveling, raising their children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Judy maintained strong ties within society and was known as being strong, kind,

smart, loving, hard and firm as well as meticulous. She was the strength and heart of her family. As a former Nursing Supervisor, Judy devoted her life to helping others for thirty years at Deer's Head State Hospital located in Salisbury, Maryland. She was a loving and compassionate nurse, giving as much of herself as possible and always helping others in need. Judy was affiliated with the following nursing-related careers:

- Owner of Judy Barkley Assisted Living
- Team member of the Health Care Ministry of the Peninsula Delaware Conference
- Co-Founder with Mitzie Perdue of the Healthy U. organization
- Founder and Chairperson of Wesley Temple United Methodist Church Health Fair
- Parish Nurse for Wesley Temple United-Methodist Church
- Chairperson of the AIDS awareness program in the Salisbury Area
- Nurse coordinator for the Shore-Up Incorporation-Home Health Care program for the Elderly
- Served on the Board of the Tri-County Health Department

She served God with a profound passion with all her endeavors and accomplishments. She was a devoted Lay Servant of Wesley Temple United Methodist Church. Judy's legacy will be forever cherished by her Husband Nathan Barkley of thirty-seven years; son and daughter-in-law Darryl and Tiah Rhock of Salisbury, MD, daughters; Janá Whittington of Columbia, Maryland and Kimberly Rhock of Willingboro, New Jersey. Stepchildren; Nathan, Larry, Cynthia, Sylvia, Terry, Thomas, and Joanne. Grandchildren; Tara Rhock-Fooks (Marcus), Marcus Miciotto, Darryl Rhock (Domonique), Kaná Davis, Greg Whittington, Daron Rhock, and Cortez Whittington. Great Grandchildren; Ma'Kai, Darian, Daivon, Kyler, Ma'Kayla, Dominique, Dariah, Kyrie, Kayla, Jasiah, Aiden, Nyla, Zaire, Zaiden, Kai, Kyren, Jonah. Two sisters; Rev. Genevieve J. Brown and Linda Dickerson of Salisbury, Maryland. Two Aunts; Pearl Johnson of Chance, Maryland, and Yolanda Burke of Allen, Maryland. Two Uncles; Danny Wright of Philadelphia, PA, and Lawrence Wright of Salisbury, Maryland, her oldest surviving cousin; Ronald Jones of Wilmington, Delaware, a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and other relatives. Also, she leaves to mourn; a foster brother, Vernon Evans of Hurlock, Maryland. Judy was preceded in death by her son Vernon Rhock,

mother; Ella Jones Winder, father; Jewett Jones; a sister; Joyce Vazquez, a son in law; Gregory Whittington, a special nephew; Terrance Brown, a niece; Yolanda Vazquez-Manor, and brothers-in-law; Spencer Brown and Angelo Vazquez. "Death leaves a heartache no one can heal, but love leaves a memory no one can steal."

Previous Events

***Live Stream Broadcast* Asbury United Methodist Church Salisbury, MD on Facebook**

MAY **29**. 3:00 AM (ET)

Asbury United Methodist Church (Salisbury)
1401 Camden Avenue
Salisbury, MD 21801

Visitation

MAY **29**. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Service

MAY **29**. 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

GB

“*Mrs. Judy a very sweet lady to me. When I was a secretary Wesley Temple one summer she was very helpful. As I was getting married that same summer she gave a lot of suggestions and encouragement. I will always remember our great conversations and lunch date in the office. She will certainly be missed.*
Gerene Burton

Gerene Burton - June 01, 2021 at 02:25 PM

AP

“*So many of our family members are passing on. Our Deer's Head family. I worked there for 31years and remember Judy well. Those were the good ole days but you are in the best time of your life now. My condolences to your family. Alysia Pinder*

Alysia Pinder - May 29, 2021 at 11:51 AM

ST

“*Janae', Daryl and Kim you guys are in our prayers. I loved Ms. Judy because she always would stop and say..."Dont I know you from somewhere"? I would walk away laughing and she would call me "Byrd". My prayers are for your strength and grow in love.*

Donald and Sant'ea Taylor

santea taylor - May 27, 2021 at 04:57 PM

CE

“ Cousins Ronald and Elaine purchased the Laver Reflections Spray for the family of Judy Kay Barkley.



Cousins Ronald and Elaine - May 27, 2021 at 08:32 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Judy Kay Barkley.



May 26, 2021 at 10:12 PM

AR

“ Judy, I won't forget our conversations about hairstyles, shoes and purses. I'll never forget your sweet caring spirit. Walk around heaven with Pizazz!

Aundra "Pinky" Roberts - May 25, 2021 at 04:58 PM

KM

I will remember your ready smile and the warmth of your personality. I first met you when you served on the Advisory Board for SHORE-UP's Health Assistant Training. We always had long conversations whenever we ran into each other over the years. My thoughts are with the family.

Kelsie Mattox - May 30, 2021 at 06:48 AM

DD

“ Judy served as Wesley Temple's representative on Salisbury Urban Ministries' Parish Council for several years. Her dedication and love for the ministry was and is truly appreciated ❤️. Judy will be missed. Peace and prayers, Debbie Donaway, Executive Director

Debbie Donaway - May 25, 2021 at 04:11 PM

NB

“ I remember when I was station in Hawaii and Judy came to see me and my family she always like to see LI Nate dance to Michael Jackson songs. My heart and prayers goes out to the family.

Nate Barkley - May 25, 2021 at 10:05 AM

CH

“ CAROLYN A HEDGEPEETH lit a candle in memory of Judy Kay Barkley



CAROLYN A HEDGEPEETH - May 24, 2021 at 08:09 PM

CH

Sending my condolences to the Barkley family sorry to hear of Judy homegoing. Uncle Nate was my uncle can't be there I live in Leland N.C

CAROLYN A HEDGEPEETH - May 24, 2021 at 08:20 PM

DF

“ Be encouraged during this difficult time. God is compassionate as you grieve.He reminds us that this is not the end.He will carry you through.Praying for Uncle Nate and family. 🙏🙏🙏

Doreatha Farrington-Jones - May 24, 2021 at 07:52 PM

DF

I am Uncle Nate niece from Chapel Hill, NC

Doreatha Farrington-Jones - May 24, 2021 at 07:55 PM

BB

“ *So sorry to hear of the going home of Judy, our thoughts and prayers go to the family. I will never forget her begin my Mother's Nurse at Deers Head Hospital, she was wonderful. Barbara Brown and Family.*



Barbara Brown - May 24, 2021 at 07:14 PM

BA

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



B.K. Adkins - May 21, 2021 at 08:39 PM

BA

Niskey, Judy and Nate Sept. 2017 at Deer's Head Reunion

B.K. Adkins - May 21, 2021 at 08:41 PM

KD

Beautiful picture! Love her smile

K. Davis - May 22, 2021 at 10:48 PM

JB

*So sorry to hear about Judy. I've known her for years and we had good conversations. You are in my thoughts and prayers.
Joyce A. Bratten - Salisbury, MD*

Joyce A. Bratten - May 23, 2021 at 04:18 PM

SP

Sorry to hear of the passing of a dear friend and coworker, Sending prayers of comfort to the family during this very difficult time.

Sandra Purnell - May 24, 2021 at 12:50 PM

JW

Worked with Judy for many years at DHC. She was always calm in any situation. She will be missed. Condolences to her family and friends.

Joy Wilkersonn - May 25, 2021 at 12:18 PM

KC

I want to tell the whole family that I am thinking of each of you. Ms. Judy was such a sweet lady. I remember coming to her house as a teenager with her daughter Kim and she always made me feel welcome. What a beautiful soul. ❤️

Kim (Bennett) Cade - May 28, 2021 at 08:50 PM

MD

“ *Judy will be sorely missed by The Peninsula Delaware Conference Health Ministry Team
She served as our leader for many years we all loved her
She will forever be in our hearts
Our prayers are with the family*

mary casson co chair Peninsula Delaware - May 21, 2021 at 02:12 PM

KB

“ *My condolences*

Kim Beaty - May 21, 2021 at 08:42 AM

LL

“ *Laura Lassiter lit a candle in memory of Judy Kay Barkley*



Laura Lassiter - May 20, 2021 at 07:01 PM