



## Mrs. Judy Haws

May 17, 1949 - July 18, 2017

Services for Judy Haws will be held 10 a.m. Saturday, July 22, 2017 at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Gilmer. The family will receive friends 6-8 p.m. Friday, July 21, 2017 at McWhorter Funeral Home.

Judy Lynn Ritter Haws passed away July 18th in Gilmer. She was born on May 17, 1949 in Walla Walla, Washington to Frank and Laverne Ritter. She was raised in Gilmer and graduated from Gilmer High School in 1966. She then moved to Mesa, Arizona with her family, where she met and married her husband, Dean Haws, in February 1968 in the Mesa Arizona LDS Temple. They moved back to East Texas in 1971 and raised their five children in Gilmer.

Judy was a graduate of UT Tyler with a Bachelor of Science and was a Registered Nurse. She worked at Baylor Medical Center in Gilmer until it closed, and later worked as the school nurse in Gilmer for the next 20 years. She was active in the LDS church and held many positions. She loved her flower garden, playing the piano, sewing, and she loved babies. She especially loved making blankets for her grandchildren.

Judy was preceded in death by her parents, Frank Ritter and Laverne Starks Ritter, and her brother James Ritter. She is survived by her husband of almost 50 years, Dean Haws, son Dean Haws, Jr., daughter Traci and husband Gary

Clarke, son Kent Haws, daughter Kelli and husband Josh Miner, daughter Candi and husband Michael Taysom, and ten grandchildren: Dean Haws III and Elizabeth Haws; Rea, Robby, and Cooper Clarke; Bentley, Morgan, and Van Miner; and Corinne and Catherine Taysom.

The family would like to thank the doctors and staff at Texas Oncology and Longview Regional for their excellent care and support.

# Cemetery Details

## Enoch Cemetery

FM 49  
Gilmer, TX 75644

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 21. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

McWhorter Funeral Home  
1074 St. Hwy 300  
Gilmer, TX 75645  
(903) 734-7070  
[info@mcwhorterfh.com](mailto:info@mcwhorterfh.com)  
<https://www.mcwhorterfh.com>

## Service

JUL 22. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints  
Pine St  
Gilmer, TX 75644

# Tribute Wall



“ *McWhorter Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Judy Haws*



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**McWhorter Funeral Home** - July 21, 2017 at 02:40 PM

SW

*That was absolutely beautiful. Judy was so very special to me.*

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**sandy wilson** - July 25, 2017 at 08:11 PM

PR

*Beautifully done. Such a lovely lady.*

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**Pat Russell** - July 26, 2017 at 08:19 PM

PC

*A wonderful, moving tribute of Judy. She was a much loved person and will always be remembered.*

*Love Gary's Mum - Pam*

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**Pamela Clarke** - August 19, 2017 at 09:45 AM

CH

“ *Loved Mrs. Judy she always had a beautiful smile on her face!!! She will be missed dearly!! Prayers for her loved ones!!*



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**Constance Harris** - July 24, 2017 at 01:26 PM

JS

“ *Joe & Donna Stanley lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Judy Haws*



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**Joe & Donna Stanley** - July 22, 2017 at 01:29 PM



“ *Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of Mrs. Judy Haws.*



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July 22, 2017 at 09:21 AM

JM

“ *Judy was always such a light in this world. Never saw her that she wasn't smiling! Praying for you all- she's happy- but it will be difficult for the family . Praying.*

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**Judy Moore** - July 22, 2017 at 07:35 AM



“ Memories of Judy's smile, contagious laughter and sweet spirit are left with many. Blessed to be able to be a study buddy, riding to school every day for almost four years as we journeyed toward becoming RNs are memories that will never fade. Working together at Gilmer Hospital on the night shift firmed our careers as we learned the old adage to be true... "if it is going to happen it will happen on nights." Always sharing the load no matter the challenge, we shared a friendship that will last forever. Their were tears, fatigue, stress and joy but we pulled together to meet the goal of caring for those who could not care for themselves. Judy was a one-of-a-kind nurse. So thankful to call her my friend.  
Until we meet again.....  
Linda Noll, RN

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Linda Noll - July 21, 2017 at 03:18 PM

SL

“ Steve Lindsey lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Judy Haws



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Steve Lindsey - July 21, 2017 at 03:18 PM



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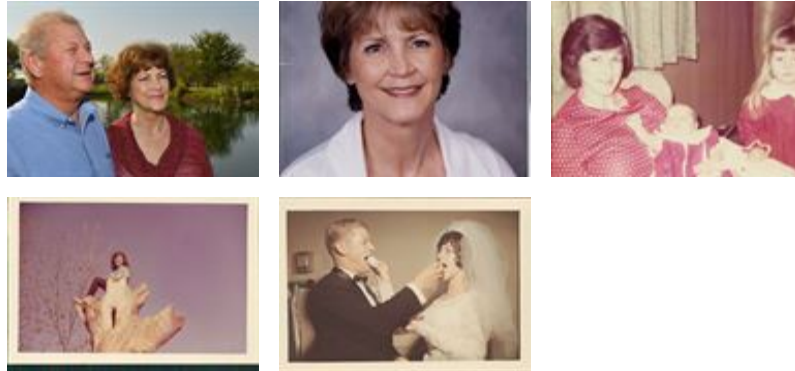


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McWhorter Funeral Home - July 21, 2017 at 02:19 PM



“ 138 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



McWhorter Funeral Home - July 21, 2017 at 01:07 PM



“ *Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mrs. Judy Haws.*



July 21, 2017 at 12:30 PM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Judy Haws.*



July 20, 2017 at 10:55 PM

LF

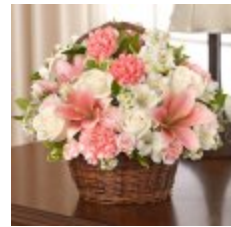
“ Love you forever, Ann Barney and Family purchased the Pink & White Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Mrs. Judy Haws.



Love you forever, Ann Barney and Family - July 20, 2017 at 05:43 PM



“ Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Pink and White was purchased for the family of Mrs. Judy Haws.



July 20, 2017 at 02:51 PM

MM

“ Milinda Davis Mezayek purchased the In Remembrance for the family of Mrs. Judy Haws.



Milinda Davis Mezayek - July 20, 2017 at 01:05 PM

YF

“ Your OTZ Family purchased the White Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Mrs. Judy Haws.



Your OTZ Family - July 20, 2017 at 11:19 AM

RR

“ *Ralph & Pat Russell lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Judy Haws*



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**Ralph & Pat Russell** - July 20, 2017 at 10:32 AM

RA

*A Lovely, Inspiring and Precious Lady with whom we shared a little time with and always admired her sweet personality. May comfort be with her Family and Loved Ones.*

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**Ralph** - July 20, 2017 at 10:36 AM

RR

*Ralph and Pat Russell - a Candle lit and comment.*

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**Ralph & Pat Russell** - July 20, 2017 at 10:37 AM

NB

“ *Love to the ENTIRE family. Hope comfort finds everyone at this time. She left footprints on so many hearts. She was a beautiful individual. Love, comfort and peace from Nathan and Jennifer Barksdale*💕💕💕

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**Nathan and Jennifer Barksdale** - July 20, 2017 at 10:28 AM

DD

“ *May the memories comfort you and may you find peace in the love that surrounds you and your family. We are so sorry for your loss, Please know that you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. Jimmy and Diane Dawson*

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**Diane Dawson** - July 20, 2017 at 09:17 AM

MM

“ *It was such a sweet blessing to help take care of Mrs. Judy! She was always filled with so much joy! Prayers going out to the family during their time grief.*



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**Morgan Menchue** - July 20, 2017 at 08:07 AM

MM

“ *Morgan Menchue lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Judy Haws*



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**Morgan Menchue** - July 20, 2017 at 08:05 AM

JW

“ *Jackie & Janet Warren lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Judy Haws*



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**jackie & Janet Warren** - July 20, 2017 at 08:00 AM

JM

“ *Judy was filled with kindness, love and compassion for all people. She will be missed. Jesse and Janet Mask*

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**Janet Mask** - July 20, 2017 at 06:53 AM

SN

“ You have our deepest condolences and sincerest prayers!

*~Stacey Fowler Nolen, G.E., Benri, and Condy*

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**Stacet Nolen** - July 20, 2017 at 01:47 AM

CH

“ Mrs Judy was so good with my boys, and they were in the nurses office a lot, when they weren't feeling well. She was one of the sweetest ladies I knew. A wonderful woman.

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**Cheryl Hagler** - July 19, 2017 at 07:06 PM

CS

“ Loved always seeing Nurse Judy's smiling face in the halls of Gilmer High School back in the day. Such a beautiful, sweet sole. She will be missed. My prayer go out to all friends and family.

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**Connie Simon** - July 19, 2017 at 05:06 PM

GV

“ Gaylon & Cheryl Varner lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Judy Haws

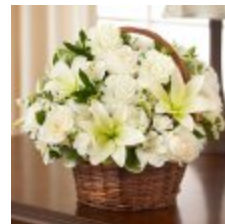


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**Gaylon & Cheryl Varner** - July 19, 2017 at 09:54 AM

KM

“ *Kym & Owen Muse purchased the Peace, Prayer  
s, & Blessings- All White for the family of Mrs.  
Judy Haws.*



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**Kym & Owen Muse** - July 19, 2017 at 08:29 AM

SA

“ *Sharon Jones Phelps, Mesa, Arizona purchased  
the Classic Sympathy Dish Garden for the family  
of Mrs. Judy Haws.*



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**Sharon Jones Phelps, Mesa, Arizona** - July 19, 2017 at 08:08 AM

DB

“ *Deb Bishop lit a candle in memory of Mrs.  
Judy Haws*



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**Deb Bishop** - July 19, 2017 at 07:44 AM

LA

“ Aunt Judy was a star, whose bright light shown for miles.  
Everywhere she went, she shared her beautiful soul.  
I had too few of times moments, along this path of life, to be inside  
her glow. I was just a child, around 5 yrs old, when my favorite  
Uncle, made her my favorite Aunt, but her great spirit left a lifetime  
impression. One I'll never forget.  
Her strength, wisdom and love, was a gift for all who knew her.  
If we could be the mirrors and reflect all that she was, the world  
would be a greater place.  
Our hearts are with Uncle Dean and family, as you travel through  
this transition, know that I am thinking of you and sending love.  
~ Lauri

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**Lauri (Haws) Alexander** - July 19, 2017 at 05:45 AM

DA

“ We are filled with love and sorrow for Dean and his family at the passing of his eternal sweet wife across the veil...another step in her eternal progression where Judy will be awaiting Dean's arrival at the appointed time. Would like to share a personal memory which illustrates Judy's unconditional love for her fellow travelers while she sojourned through this mortal life we all love so well. Years ago, possible thirty or more, Lois and I were shopping up on the hill at the old Vingo's grocery store. I had come home from work, stopped by the house, and picked up Lois to head into town. As an old pipe welder, I had on some of my worst tattered and burned clothes and looked more like someone dressed for a Halloween adventure. Lois and I went down a particular aisle in the grocery store and Lois had me down on my knees trying to pull something off a bottom shelf. Although Lois was fully aware of what was about to happen, I had no idea that anyone else was behind me. Suddenly, I felt gentle arms around my stooped shoulders and a soft kind voice simple ask, "How are you doing, Dave?" Startled, I got up off my knees and turned to find our dear friend, Sister Judy Haws smiling and laughing with Lois and me as we all exchanged greetings. Judy was that kind of a person. It made no difference to her, that I was still in my burnt smelling, dirty tattered welding clothes full of holes. She still went out of her way to cheer Lois and me as fellow Latter-day Saints, a brother and sisters in Christ our Lord. Once when Judy was very sick, Lois and I had gone to visit with her at the hospital and cheer her. I took occasion to refresh her memory and thank her for her kind expression of Christ-like love she had extended to Lois and me some thirty or more years ago. Of course being the angel she has always been, she said she had not thought of that instant in many years. Dean, we pray the Holy Ghost will comfort and bless you and your family and you all continue to prepare to be with each other as a family together forever. Love you all bunches; Dave & Lois Ashworth

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Dave & Lois Ashworth - July 19, 2017 at 01:31 AM

JL

“ *Such a precious lady. I had the privilege to work with Judy at Gilmer Hospital years ago. . She also got me the opportunity to teach a class at Gilmer High School; something I had always wanted to do. Years later, when she was my patient as well as my friend, she was the bravest lady I have ever met. She was one of a kind !*

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**jan loya** - July 19, 2017 at 01:13 AM

TS

“ *Tina Smith lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Judy Haws*



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**Tina Smith** - July 19, 2017 at 12:47 AM



“ *Healing Tears - All White was purchased for the family of Mrs. Judy Haws.*



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July 18, 2017 at 10:21 PM

CN

“ We lovingly called her our Gudy. I don't know exactly how it got started, but I know Girls Camp and Bonnie were involved. I have spent my adult life trying to love others the way Gudy loved me. She will have a long legacy of love flowing from the many hearts she touched. When I grow up, I want to be like Judy.

*Our thought and prayers are with you. You all have a dear place in the hearts of my family for the great love you have shown us and the good you have done.*

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**Cindy Niederhauser** - July 18, 2017 at 09:50 PM

MS

“ Sweet, Sweet Lady! You will forever be one of my favorite patients! Prayers for Dean, and the entire family!

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**Mandy Seahorn** - July 18, 2017 at 09:27 PM

MS

“ Mandy Seahorn lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Judy Haws



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**Mandy Seahorn** - July 18, 2017 at 09:24 PM

JE

“ Judy Haws meant more to me than words could ever express. As a young kid through High School, she was a second mother to me. Deano was my closest friend and I spent many weekends with them through these years. Judy was compassionate and sweet but also strong and immensely intelligent. She always made me feel as if I was one of hers and I loved her deeply. She was the example of perfection as a wife, mother, nurse, and woman. I wish I had the words to say how she shaped my life. The Haws family has been greatly blessed to have this amazing woman in their lives. Women like her do not come by often. God bless you in your loss. She was truly one of a kind.

*James J Elwell*

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**Jae Elwell** - July 18, 2017 at 07:38 PM

PB

“ Judy was, and still is, a great friend and beautiful lady. She served with me in the Stake Young Women's and gave it her best. She fought a valiant fight these past several years, and endured with a smile on her face.

*Larry and I love Dean and Judy, and we will miss her sweet spirit.  
Larry and Paula Burkett*

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**Paula Burkett** - July 18, 2017 at 07:24 PM

JH

“ Sending love and prayers to the family. While spending time with Lnda as a young teen I always looked up to Judy who was only a year older.

*! She was a wonderful woman, a great example to all who knew her.*

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**Janell Denton Hill** - July 18, 2017 at 06:47 PM

LB

“ *Linda Shaw Bond lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Judy Haws*



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**Linda Shaw Bond** - July 18, 2017 at 06:42 PM



“ *Healing Tears - Yellow and White was purchased for the family of Mrs. Judy Haws.*



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July 18, 2017 at 04:32 PM

LR

“ *Liz Richardson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Judy Haws*



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**Liz Richardson** - July 18, 2017 at 04:15 PM

JH

“ *Janell Denton Hill lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Judy Haws*



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**Janell Denton Hill** - July 18, 2017 at 02:57 PM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Judy Haws.*



July 18, 2017 at 01:30 PM



“ *David & Susan Hagler lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Judy Haws*



**David & Susan Hagler** - July 18, 2017 at 12:49 PM



*Sorry for your loss you're in our thoughts and prayers.*

**David Susan Hagler** - July 18, 2017 at 12:50 PM



“ *Brandon Del Toro and Family purchased the White Mixed Fireside Basket for the family of Mrs. Judy Haws.*



**Brandon Del Toro and Family** - July 18, 2017 at 12:46 PM



“ *Staci Smith lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Judy Haws*



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**Staci Smith** - July 18, 2017 at 11:55 AM



*I am so sorry to hear of her passing. Mrs Judy was always so sweet. The family will be in my prayers during this time.*

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**Staci Smith** - July 18, 2017 at 11:57 AM



*Prayers for all of the family. I know she will be sorely missed! She was a precious person, and we know there is another Angel spreading their wings in Heaven! God Bless You All!*

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**Sandy Johns** - July 18, 2017 at 04:45 PM



*Miss Judy was the sweetest lady ever. Prayers to the Haws Family.*

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**David Royer** - July 18, 2017 at 07:15 PM



*I love you Uncle Dean. I am so sorry for your loss. I remember how beautiful and kind Aunt Judy was and was always impressed that she put up with your teasing. I was also impressed with how much you cherished her. Your children are a reflection of your loving relationship. All my love, Shannon Haws Nugent*

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**Shannon Haws Nugent** - July 18, 2017 at 07:58 PM

KB

*To my dear friend Judy...43 years of friendship; raising our children together; baseball games with our sons; drill team with our daughters; meeting at the Dairy Queen every year on the first day of school after we dropped off all of our kids and celebrating the peace and quiet of having kids back in school; the trip to Graceland where you got to visit the home of your musical idol Elvis,; and all the countless years I was your visiting teacher and we had such wonderful visits talking about our children and of course, our grandchildren. You always gave me great cooking and landscaping advice. In the last years, we made a few girl trips to the temple and how special it was to have you sitting beside me in that special, spiritual place. I'll never forget the times you came to comfort me in my times of loss. Judy, you will always be my hero. You always stayed positive and happy throughout your difficult journey. I'll never forget you saying that this experience made you want to do more for other people, and you did even when you did not feel well. You always thought of others! Your memory will always be in my heart, and I cherish all the time we had together.*

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**Kathleen Bishop** - July 23, 2017 at 10:44 PM