



# Judith Ann Wilson McQuay

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Judith Ann Wilson McQuay took her last Earthly breath on November 1, 2024, while being wrapped in love by her husband, Joe, and her daughters, Bekki and Jennifer. A celebration of Judith's life will be held on November 29, 2024 at 3:00pm at the First Baptist Church in Shamrock, Texas with Mark Howard officiating.

Cremation and Arrangements are by Robertson Funeral Directors of Shamrock.

Judith Ann Wilson McQuay was born on April 8, 1942, at the Collingsworth General Hospital in Wellington, Texas, to Dollie Mae and Woodrow Wilson and was raised in the Lillie community. She attended school in Quail, Texas, and graduated in 1960. Judith's lifelong love of music began with piano lessons at age 3, and by the eighth grade, she had mastered the accordion and that became her "ticket" to travel beyond local events, as she regularly performed at regional, state, and national FFA and FHA conventions.

Judith embarked on her Higher Education journey at Minot State University, where she earned a degree in Education with a Minor in Music. Upon returning to Texas, she began teaching music in public schools. She obtained a Master's degree in Education specializing in Counseling from West Texas State University in 1972 and later another in School Administration. In 1983, she became a Licensed Professional Counselor while serving as a school counselor. Judith's dedication and passion for counseling inspired both of her daughters to follow in her footsteps and pursue careers in professional counseling.

During the 1980s and 1990s, Judith played a pivotal role in the Amarillo Independent School District (AISD), serving as the Director of Counseling and Guidance. Her contributions were extensive; she developed programs like U-N-I and PALS and was instrumental in implementing many drug prevention initiatives. As the district's grant writer, she secured millions of dollars in funding for AISD, helping to create and sustain critical educational programs. Her primary focus was to provide opportunities for young people to have experiences different from their daily lives. She retired from AISD in 1999, leaving behind a lasting legacy.



## Obituary

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On June 9, 1973, Judith married Joe McQuay, Jr. in Amarillo, Texas. Together, they led busy family and professional lives balanced between city life and country life. In 1996, they relocated to their lakeside home in Shamrock, Texas, where Judith began teaching private music lessons. She shared her love of music with hundreds of students and their families, fostering a deep connection between music, spirituality, academic success, and mental health. Judith was also the pianist for the First Baptist Church in Shamrock. She and Joe hosted countless gatherings for friends, family, and youth, including fishing events, cookouts, and holiday celebrations.

Judith achieved so much in her life and enjoyed many social clubs including: Shamrock Woman of the Year 2011, AISD Counselor of the Year 1976, US Marine Corps Wives Association, Music Teachers Guild, Retired Texas Teacher Administration Life Member, National Educational Agency Life Member, Shamrock Emerald Study Club, Shamrock Domino Club, Member of First Baptist Church of Shamrock.

In 2005, Judith embraced her most cherished role as “Gammy” to her grandsons, Aiden and Caden Peevey. She was an instrumental presence in their daily lives, guiding them with love, music, and wisdom. Her life lessons will forever inspire them. Her spirit and love of life will live on through them. She was always their biggest supporter.

Judith was preceded in death by her parents and her brothers, Gano and Bill Wilson.

She is survived by her husband of 51 years, Joe McQuay; her daughter Bekki McQuay and her family; and daughter Jennifer Peevey, husband Justin Peevey, and their sons Aiden and Caden Peevey. She is also survived by a large extended family of sisters-in law, nieces, nephews, and countless friends whose lives she touched.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Shamrock Community Education Foundation or First Baptist Church of Shamrock Youth Ministry.



# Events


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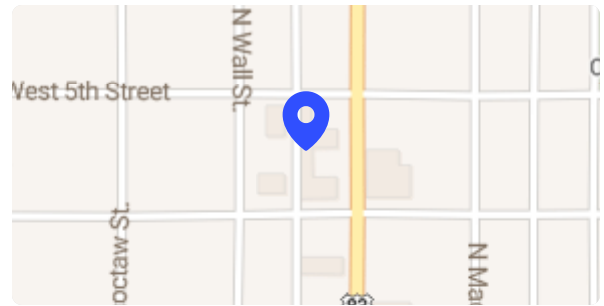
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## Celebration of Life

 **Friday**, November 29, 2024

 3:00 PM CT

 **First Baptist Church - Shamrock**  
401 N. Main St., Shamrock TX 79079





## Tribute Wall

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**Jon, Heather, Ryan And Tate Blackwell** sent a Lavender Reflections Spray to the McQuay family.

November 27 at 7:58 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Strength & Solace Spray to the McQuay family.

November 15 at 3:02 PM



**Kathy Hall** posted:

I met Judith Ann once at a McQuay family function. I'm not certain why I was there, but the McQuay family has become important to me through my loving friend Judith Pepper. I am so terribly sorry for your loss. I have a prayer box, and I added Judith Ann's name into the prayer box when I was first told of her struggles. I pray that she and your family are at peace and rest through this difficult process. ❤️

November 9 at 6:11 AM



**Don Langford** posted:

Judith Ann was a great neighbor growing up and I really enjoyed her music. Watched lots of Tv after church in the 1950's Lived 1 mile North and 3 mile East through 11 years of School. Great Family, Don Langford

November 6 at 11:04 AM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Judith by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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