



Judy Karen Earnest Fortune

November 20, 1950 - July 29, 2025

Judy Karen Earnest Fortune, 74, departed this earthly life on July 29, 2025. Judy was born November 20, 1950, in Grand Junction, TN, to Malvin and Florence Earnest (Irwin). Along with her parents, she was preceded in death by sisters, Sue Tucker, Ruth Bishop, Sarah Bishop, Mary Jean Bishop, and brother Alvin “Buddy” Earnest.

She leaves behind her daughters, Jennifer Fortune (Leslie Manley) and Kelly Fortune.

Four grandchildren: Zachary Huff, Will Gaugh, Mallory, and Audrey Hampton.

She is also survived by her brothers, Richard Earnest (Karen Hudson), Douglas Earnest (late Denise Roach Earnest), and Frank Thompson (Betty Thompson). By her sisters, Joyce Parks (Gene), Jackie Howard (Alan), Janie Page (Mark), her best friend for over 50 years, Sandy Sparkman, and dozens of nieces and nephews.

Judy enjoyed more than four decades as a beautician and took great pride in every cut, perm, and color. She loved nature walks with the kids, live music, good movies, and having the most fun she could in the time she had. She will be missed tremendously, but happily remembered for her sense of humor, her willingness to help anyone she could, and for loving her family and friends with her whole heart.

A celebration of life will be held in her honor.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Sherri McCoy lit a candle in memory of Judy Karen Earnest Fortune*



Sherri McCoy - August 07, 2025 at 12:36 PM