



Mrs. Judy Ann Sprague Stickney

March 14, 1943 - January 26, 2025

Judy Ann Sprague Stickney passed away peacefully on January 26, 2025. Born on March 14, 1943, to Lawrence and Inez Card Sprague, Judy was raised in Ellenburg, New York. She was a beloved daughter, sister, wife, mother, grandmother, aunt, and friend.

Judy is survived by her devoted husband of over 58 years, John Stickney, their three children: Jay Stickney (Pam Ross) of Waxhaw, NC; Jodi Allen (Michael) of Sanford, NC; and Jeff Stickney (Dale) of Mount Pleasant, SC; as well as her cherished grandchildren: Mason, Riley, Miles, Travis, and Sydney. She is also survived by her brothers James Miller (Joann) and Lanny Sprague (Cindy), along with several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her sister, Susan Sprague. Judy's favorite title was "Grandma," and she treasured her time with her grandchildren.

Judy and John built a deeply loving and welcoming home together. Their house was a sanctuary of laughter, warmth, and cherished memories—a place where everyone felt at ease. Together, they created a legacy of family, deeply rooted in love and compassion.

Judy was a creative and talented woman who poured her heart into her hobbies. She found joy in oil painting, basket weaving, sewing, crocheting, knitting, and cooking—her homemade sourdough bread was a favorite. She also enjoyed discovering bargains and treasures at yard sales.

Judy's boundless energy and extroverted personality were matched by her selfless and giving nature. She was an active member of New London United

Methodist Church, where she was involved with their United Methodist Women group. Judy volunteered with their prison ministry and prayer shawl ministry. She dedicated her time to helping others, volunteering with the Animal Rescue League, offering care and love to animals in need, and with OASIS, where she provided transportation to those less fortunate. She also volunteered by teaching crafts at local nursing homes, bringing joy and creativity to residents.

Judy earned degrees in dental hygiene and teaching, and worked as a dedicated substitute teacher for many years, a testament to her dedication to learning and helping others. In keeping with her generous spirit, she donated her body to Elon University for research, furthering her commitment to making a difference.

Judy's legacy of love, creativity, and selflessness will live on in the hearts of her family and all who knew her. She will be deeply missed but fondly remembered.

A celebration of life service for Judy's will be held on February 9th at 2 PM at New London United Methodist Church, with a reception to follow in the church fellowship hall.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to New London United Methodist Church, Stanly County Animal Rescue League, or Tillary Compassionate Care in Judy's honor.