



Judith Rae "Judy" Kivela

October 3, 1944 - October 18, 2024

Judith Rae "Judy" Kivela passed away Friday, October 18, 2024 at her home in Butte. She was born in Butte Tuesday, October 3, 1944 to Steve and Rose Marie (Susak) Parko. Judy attended local schools, graduated from Butte High School and earned her degree in music education from the University of Montana in Missoula.

She taught in several Butte grade schools, taught at East Junior High School and at Butte High School where she served as band director for several years and retired from teaching in 2006.

Judy married Kenneth Kivela in St. Ann's Catholic Church on June 10, 1978 and together they owned and operated Kivela Realty for many years, starting in 1986. He survives.

Also surviving are her sister, Susan Bruhns, brother, Michael Bruhns, nephew, T. J. Carter and family of Butte, brother-in-law, Terry Kivela and his children, Kristen and Kurt Gillis and family of Missoula, Kevin and Jennifer Kivela and family of Missoula and Kena and Travis Watkins and family of Oregon and cousin Tommy Lane and family of Butte.

Judy's remains are in Wayrynen-Richards Funeral Home where friends may call beginning this (Thursday) afternoon at 5 o'clock. Parish vigil services will be conducted in the funeral home Thursday evening at 6 o'clock. Funeral mass will be celebrated Friday morning at 11 o'clock in St. Ann Catholic Church and interment will follow in Mountain View Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Mountain View Cemetery

3910 Harrison Avenue
Butte, MT 59701

Previous Events

Vigil Service

OCT **24**. 6:00 PM.

Funeral Home Thursday Evening

Funeral Mass

OCT **25**. 11:00 AM.

St. Ann Catholic Church

Tribute Wall

SB

“ *She was my favorite music teacher.*

Sheila Buckley - October 25, 2024 at 07:54 PM

SD

“ *Knew her as my band director in the late seventies. She was one of the good ones, one of the few who made a real difference. Condolences to her family and friends.*

Sean Dwyer - October 24, 2024 at 07:54 PM

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Gambreal

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Joy Gambreal - October 24, 2024 at 07:47 PM

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Many happy memories with the Stage Band in 1972. She touched the heart and souls of many. This was taken in 1972 East Jr High Stage Band. Mrs Staley in the middle in red and I am to her right in pink.

Joy Gambreal - October 24, 2024 at 07:51 PM

AS

“ *Kenny, Sue, and Family*
I am so sorry for your loss. I have many happy memories of Judy with the band, trips, and "budgeting" for camps. Please know my thoughts and prayers are with you.

Annette Satterly - October 24, 2024 at 11:45 AM

CL

“ So sorry, Ken and family.

Chris Lively - October 24, 2024 at 10:39 AM

DF

“Please accept my sincere condolences for your profound loss. May you find comfort in the support of friends and family.” Debbie Fisher

Debbie Fisher - October 23, 2024 at 02:24 PM

PN

“Thinking of you and your family; My deepest sympathy.” Patti Nazer

Patti Nazer - October 23, 2024 at 01:30 PM



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Wayrynen-Richards Funeral Home - October 22, 2024 at 04:22 PM