

## Obituary

**Born:** Thursday, June 25, 1942

**Died:** Friday, April 16, 2021



Judith Ann Scranton, age 78 - caring wife, mother, sister, and aunt - passed away on Friday, April 16, 2021 at the St. Francis Medical Center in Peoria, IL. She was born at Illini Hospital in Pittsfield, IL on June 25, 1942, the elder daughter of Wayne and Donna Ellis Kingery. She married Donald Scranton on August 11, 1968, a union which continued for over fifty years to his passing in 2019.

Judy attended Detroit Grade School and was part of the 1960 class at East Pike High School. She later earned bachelors and master's degrees in Home Economics from Illinois State University, with a focus in early childhood development. Judy was first employed as a teaching instructor at Bradley University and later as home economics teacher at Pleasant Hill High School. Before retiring, she also served as a consumer representative for Ralcorp and for Beech-Nut Baby Food, where she consoled many nervous, young mothers in need of help and advice.

An extremely sincere and kind soul, Judy always expressed genuine concern for family and friends. She relished family traditions, especially around the holidays. She enjoyed wedding cake decorating as a young adult, reading, cooking, quilting, playing bridge, and searching news or pictures on her iPad.

With the love of Christ in heart, Judy worshipped at the Detroit Methodist Church as youth and, as an adult, the Pittsfield United Methodist Church, for whom she proudly volunteered as co-editor of the church cookbook. Other memberships through the years included the Rebekah Church Circle; Sigma chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma educational sorority; Pike County Home Extension, Illini Hospital Auxiliary; Farm Bureau Women's Committee; and many quilting groups.

Survivors include a son, Robert of St. Louis, MO; her dear sister, Àda Marie (Don) Darrow of Safety Harbor, FL; and loving nieces and nephew: Susan (Darren) Henninger of Oak Creek, WI; Christine Adams of Washington, IL; Marc (Amber) Darrow of Atlanta, GA; and Kim (Dan) Camp of Sparland, IIL, along with ten wonderful great nieces and great nephews: Brittney, Ashley, Kaleb, Ethan, Jordan, Cameron, Abigail, Isabella, Charlotte, and Jonathan. She is also survive by many compassionate cousins who were an integral part of her life.

Judy was preceded in death by the love of her life and husband, Don Scranton, and by her parents, Wayne and Donna Kingery.

---

## Service Summary

### Visitation

11:00 AM to 1:00 PM, Wed Apr 21, 2021

### Niebur Funeral Home

530 W. Adams  
Pittsfield, Illinois 62363

---

### Funeral Service

1:00 PM Wed Apr 21, 2021

### Niebur Funeral Home

530 W. Adams  
Pittsfield, Illinois 62363

Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, April 21, 2021 at 1:00 PM at Niebur Funeral Home in Pittsfield. Interment will follow at Smith Cemetery near Milton. Visitation will be held prior to the service at the funeral home on Wednesday from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Memorials are suggested to be made to Pittsfield United Methodist Church or Smith Cemetery. Online condolences may be left to the family at [www.nieburfh.com](http://www.nieburfh.com). Niebur Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.

Charitable donations may be made in Judith's memory to the following organizations:

**Pittsfield United Methodist Church**  
222 N. Monroe, Pittsfield, IL 62363

**Smith Cemetery**