



## Judith Louise Fagan

April 17, 1952 - March 7, 2025

The funeral service celebrating the life of Judith Louise Fagan will be held at 10:00 a.m. Friday March 14, 2025 at First United Methodist Church of Enid. Graveside will follow at the Waukomis Cemetery. Visitation for family and friends will be Thursday evening from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM at Anderson-Burris Funeral Home. Judy was born April 17, 1952 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma to Dale and Betty Minton. She married Rick Fagan on March 25, 1972 and the two were married for 46 years.

Judy graduated from Enid High School in 1970 and earned a Bachelor's degree in Speech Pathology from Phillips University in 1974. Upon graduation from Phillips University, Judy and Rick moved to Guthrie, Oklahoma where she taught elementary school and created the Pre-school and Kindergarten program at St. Mary's Catholic School.

In 1981, she and Rick moved to Enid with their children, Julie and James. Judy continued her love of teaching at Monroe Elementary and Longfellow Junior High Schools. She earned a Master's in Education specializing in Special Education from Central State University and transitioned to teaching Resource Room Special Services at Taft Elementary school until her retirement in 2013. Although retired, she could not be kept from working with young children. In 2013 she served the Enid Public School Systems as the Early Childhood Coordinator and Sooner Start Program Liaison, evaluating

and determining the educational needs of children at the age of 3.

Judy loved music, spending time in nature with her flower beds, reading, serving as the organist at various churches, writing, and working with children. She was a member of First United Methodist Church of Enid, the Montgomery Class, Esther Circle and several educational organizations.

Her personal philosophy was “Enjoy each day, appreciating one’s blessings, even in the tough bumps of life’s journey. Walk closely with the God of ‘your knowing’, believing that life, the soul and the spirit continues on forever.”

Judy was preceded in death by her husband Rick on April 7, 2018, her parents, and her special Aunt Linnie.

She is survived by her sister, Ann Lorenz and her husband Rick; her 2 children, Julie Thibodeau and her husband Jason and James Fagan and his wife Erin; five grandchildren, Seth, Joshua, and Karis Thibodeau and Marlowe and Samuel Fagan. She is also survived by many nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews, cousins, and dear friends. (she directed me to not leave anyone out, but there are so many people it is impossible!)

The family request that in lieu of flowers, memorials be made in Judy’s name to the First United Methodist Church of Enid and Aledo United Methodist Church’s Youth Programs.

# Cemetery Details

## Waukomis Cemetery

Waukomis, OK

# Previous Events

## Visitation with Family & Friends

MAR 13. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Anderson-Burriss Funeral Home & Crematory  
3002 N Van Buren St  
Enid, OK 73703-1732  
(580) 233-2700

## Celebration of Life

MAR 14. 10:00 AM (CT)

First United Methodist Church  
401 W Randolph Ave  
Enid, OK 73703  
(580) 237-2041

# Tribute Wall

ML

“ I wasn't able to attend the funeral today but wanted to offer my condolences.  
Judy and Rick were there for me during one of the hardest times of my life. I will always remember their generosity and Judy's sweet, sweet spirit. She was definitely a jewel and I know she is rejoicing with her Lord and Savior completely healed. Thoughts and prayers to James and Julie and the rest of their families. Remembrances of her will always bring a smile to my face. She was one of the sweetest ladies I've known. Continued prayers!  
Misti Stafford-Lipps

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**Misti Stafford Lipps** - March 14, 2025 at 01:02 PM

RP

“ Judy and I spent almost every afternoon after school playing with our dolls etc. we had so much fun ! She lived right around the corner from me. So sorry for your loss. Risa (Reitz) Pierce ☐ 🙏

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**Risa Pierce** - March 13, 2025 at 05:35 PM

VM

“ On Christ the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand. All other ground is sinking sand. The first time I met Judy and through our short friendship together while living in Aledo, I knew her faith was grounded on Christ her solid rock. So often we talked, laughed, and I felt like I new her family as she smiled with pride. Encourager to all and never complained, "Why Me." I will always cherish our friendship and the time we shared together. I will miss my friend.  
Viva Marie

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**Viva Marie Miller** - March 13, 2025 at 05:08 PM

AA

“ How blessed I am to have known Judy Fagan. She was so kind, so thoughtful, so organized, so faith-filled ... in every area of her life. She will be missed so much, but cherished memories of Judy will keep her with us. James, Julie and the rest of the family, you are in my prayers. Your Mimi was very loved.  
Allison

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**Allison Aholt** - March 11, 2025 at 05:49 PM

NH

“ Mrs. Fagan was my third grade teacher at Monroe and was the reason I wanted to work in Education. I was fortunate enough to be able to work with her as an adult in the Administrative Building with Enid Public Schools. Mrs. Fagan's positivity and love for students shone throughout her life. I pray for your family and know that Mrs. Fagan is smiling down from heaven.  
Nikki Hitt

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**Nikki Hitt** - March 11, 2025 at 10:40 AM

MC

I met Judy in the Montgomery Sunday School Class at Enid First United Methodist Church after I joined the church in 2018. We had both been recently widowed and quickly bonded over managing our grief and living our faith to its fullest. Judy was proactive and knowledgeable about her own health issues, and we were both shocked when her cancer was Stage 4 at the time of diagnosis. From that point onward, Judy faced each challenge and decision with grace, courage, and always put her family first. I am so thankful she had the time to bond with her youngest grandchildren in Aledo and received excellent end of life care to minimize her suffering. I cherished my friendship with Judy and will always remember her sweet spirit.

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**Mary Carlile** - March 11, 2025 at 05:43 PM

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*Kind and gentle Judy was a loving, dedicated teacher and role model to her own children, grandchildren, students, friends and colleagues throughout her entire life and continued long after her retirement. She taught all of us about courage and perseverance through the most difficult times of her life including the sudden loss of her loving husband, Rick, and through the last several years looking cancer in the eye and daring it to disrupt her life and the life she wanted to live in spite of it. Thank you, Judy, for your friendship, inspiration, spirit, and for writing the book on how to face insurmountable obstacles with grace and dignity. Prayers for loved ones.*

Ann Reding - March 11, 2025 at 08:33 PM

SS

*Judy was my office mate, mentor, and good friend at Taft Elementary. She had a loving, gentle spirit that shone from her eyes. I will forever be blessed by her teaching, her example, her kindness, her gentleness and her love. Julie and James, your families are in my prayers. I pray you all will be comforted in knowing Judy made an eternal difference to many, many people throughout her life. She will always be loved. She will always be missed.*

Susan Shewey - March 12, 2025 at 01:35 PM

SM

*I first met Judy when we both offices in Harrison and she was the sweetest woman. Later we connected at First Church in our Sunday School class and Friday mornings at DaVinci's. She met her cancer diagnosis head on and was so pro-active with her treatments . Then when I received my diagnosis of stage 4 metastatic thyroid cancer she was so very supportive and encouraging with cards and phone calls. She was my mentor and role model at the same time. This gracious, faithful woman has loved and been loved by many over the years and she will be missed and remembered. My prayers are for her family who feel this loss most of all.*

Sally McMillion - March 12, 2025 at 10:29 PM