

# OBITUARY

## *Judy Annette Leuthard Cummings* 1943-2023



Judy Annette Leuthard Cummings joined her beloved Ernie at the age of 80. Judy passed away in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma on September 9, 2023, due to complications from surgery.

Judy was born on May 27, 1943, to John and Garnett Leuthard in Denver, Colorado. During her childhood her parents moved around so her education included not only Denver but Long Beach, California. In 1954, the family moved from Long Beach back to Denver and

Judy ultimately graduated from Littleton High School in Littleton, Colorado. After graduating, she went to work as a clerk in various jobs until 1965 when she moved to Rhode Island with her family. While living there she met the love of her life, Ernie Cummings (formerly of Upton), and after ten days of courtship they married on August 6, 1965, and were married for 55 ½ years before Ernie's passing in 2021.

After their marriage, they settled in Gillette and a year and a half later they moved to Spearfish, South Dakota for the next four years to attend Black Hills State University where they both received their teaching degrees. They moved back to Gillette where they taught for 27 years. Judy taught Business Education and some English classes at Campbell County High School. The last four years of her career she team-taught with an English teacher preparing seniors for the workplace. Eighteen years of her teaching career she sponsored Future Business Leaders of America, a student organization. During her teaching years she was very active in many business organizations, and she received awards, one for Best Business Teacher and another for Teacher of the Year at Campbell County High School. She was also inducted into Wyoming's Business Teachers Hall of Fame. In 1997 she and Ernie retired and spent the next 20 years traveling extensively.

Judy enjoyed knitting, crocheting, reading, working crossword puzzles and was an avid TV watcher. She and Ernie enjoyed watching all sports and were devoted Bronco fans. Judy also enjoyed writing and self-published four books, shocking her friends with their content which caused many to blush.

After Ernie's passing in 2021, Judy faced health concerns of her own as she was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. Judy was staying with her sister for the last nine months as she received pancreatic cancer treatment in Oklahoma City.

Judy is survived by her son Scott and his wife Shannon of Gillette, granddaughter Amanda Smith and great granddaughter Madison of Eagle Mountain, Utah, and her beloved sister, Joy, residing in Choctaw, Oklahoma with her husband Tom Gillock. There are numerous other relatives not overlooking Heather Harvey of Gillette, a niece, very near and dear to Judy as are nieces Genny Hubert and Alayne Telthoester and a great niece Zoey Hubert of Minnesota and a nephew Johnny Leuthard in Florida.

Judy is preceded in death by her parents John and Garnett Leuthard and a brother, Jerry Leuthard.

There will be a private interment ceremony at Inspiration Gardens at Mt. Pisgah Cemetery in Gillette.