



## Judith Ann Casteen

February 2, 1942 - December 25, 2012

Judith Ann Johnson Casteen, 70, of Ringgold, Georgia passed away Tuesday December 25, 2012. A resident of the Ringgold area for the past 7 years, she was previously of Bakersfield, California and of the Lutheran faith. Judith taught quilting at the Lavender Lime Quilt Store in East Ridge, Tennessee for 4 years and was a former teacher for 38 years at Kern High School District in Bakersfield, California. An avid quilter, she was a member of the Ringgold UMC Quilters, Battlefield Quilters, Moon over the Mountain, Pioneer Quilt Guild, and the Crazy Quilters. She is preceded in death by her parents, John Paul and Viva Leona Adamson Johnson. She is survived by her husband of 44 years, Russ Casteen Jr. of Ringgold, GA.; sister, Linda Mumsford of Bakersfield, CA.; brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Daniel R. and Mary Lou Casteen of Ringgold, GA., and nephew, Kevin Johnson of Bakersfield, CA. The family will receive friends 1-5 P.M. Saturday December 29, 2012 at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers the family request donations to be made to a Cancer Society of your choice. Arrangements are by Wilson Funeral Home Wallis-Stewart Chapel Ringgold, Georgia.

# Tribute Wall

JF

“ *Judy was such an outstanding teacher and we were blessed that both of our daughters had her for their history teacher and I was blessed to have worked with such a dedicated and professional lady. She will be missed.*

*Russ we are sorry for your loss. Our prayers and condolences are with you.*

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**Jim and Katie Riley - Bakersfield, CA - colleague and friend** - January 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM

PF

“ *Judy and I were in Creative Stitchery Guild together, had fun in Pismo Beach at Rose's with all the gals and years ago spent a few summers together at Quilt Camp at Sierra Summit. She was such a gracious, kind and giving woman and I feel very lucky to have known her and will always have special memories of her.*

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**Pat Marshall - Bakersfield, CA - friend** - January 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM

GF

“ *Dear Russell.  
I miss you and Judy in Bakersfield. You both are such good friends. I have wonderful memories to cherish and in my heart you are still here. Best wishes to you.  
George.*

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**George Arthur Ogden - Bakersfield, CA - Friend** - December 31, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ Russ so sorry for your loss. We are thinking about you.

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**Rex and Janice Hardy - Wilmington, NC - Friends** - December 31, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ We think of you every time we visit the central coast and every time we drive by your former home. We especially miss you during the Christmas season as we display the needlework you have given us.

*Joanna and Dennis*

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**Joanna and Dennis Lewis - bakersfield, CA - friend** - December 31, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ Bill and I are saddened to hear of Judy's passing. She was a friend and colleague to Bill....someone he could talk to whenever there were questions about social studies and the world at large. We both send our prayers and wishes for your healing, Russ. We have very fond memories of Judy, and still hang her Hawaiian shirt quilt in the house. What a talent....but most of all, a generous colleague and lovely person.

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**Laurel Johnson - Bakersfield, CA - friend** - December 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ Judy will be very missed! I was one of her students at Highland, and she was also my swim coach. Our team had a bunch of strong personalities, but from the first day of swim practice, her sense of humor & kindness totally won us over, and we sure did love her! Always a smile on her face and kind words for us all. We are so sorry for your loss, Russ.

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**Becky Lewis Lappin - Bakesfield, CA - student** - December 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Dear Russ,

*I am so sorry to hear about Judy. So much time has passed since I graduated from high school and housesat for the two of you. I will always remember Judy's love of animals, Daisy and Runt were so spoiled that I wanted to move in with you two! She was a great swim coach and a great teacher. She knew when to push me and for that I became stronger. I've thought of both of you often. It is sad that she was taken so young. Please know that you are in my prayers. Peace~Therese White-Leiszler (Highland High School-Bakersfield, CA)*

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**Therese (White) Leiszler - Clifton, KS - Student, housesitter, friend - December 29, 2012 at 12:00 AM**

JF

“ *Judy was the most gracious, kind, and loving person that I had the pleasure of calling my friend. She fought a courageous battle but never stopped caring for others and their needs. I was in awe of her knowledge of quilting and the tips she would share, and oh how fast she made cuddle quilts. What a beautiful person she was. Russ don't you ever forget how much she loved and cared for you. She so admired your courage and your witty personality. Her spirit will always be with you and about you.*

*Love Jayne and Carl*

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**Jayne and Carl Henson - Calhoun, GA - Friend - December 29, 2012 at 12:00 AM**

AC

“ Judy was a great teacher, an outstanding historian and a delightful person to know. We worked together for many years, and I valued so much her calm, well reasoned leadership and advice. She was both a teacher and a friend to her students, to the teachers in her department, and to me. My thoughts and prayers are with Russ and her family.

*Anne Scott, Retired Principal, Highland High School*

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**Anne Scott - Bakersfield, CA - Friend and colleague** - December 29, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ Judy's selflessness and grace under tremendous pressure will remain in my heart forever. My thoughts and prayers are with her family and all her other friends during this sad time.

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**rusty stubblefield - Rossville, GA - friend** - December 29, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ The world was a better place for having Judy with us she was truly a wonderful Lady

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**sheila jones - ringgold, GA - friend** - December 29, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ Russ I am so sorry for your loss. I met Judy through a quilt guild awhile ago and we became friends. When you were in her presence she made you feel special and that what you did was important no matter how big or small it was.

Judy and I became a little closer when in the beginning of 2012 I was diagnosed with cancer and she helped me prepare myself for the battle and taught me not to give up or give in no matter what. I am sad that she has passed but know that she will live on through others.

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**Sharon Griffith - Chattanooga, TN - Friend** - December 29, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TP

“ Sorry for your loss. I'll keep you in my prayers. T. Garner

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**Terry R. Garner - Bakersfield, CA - former student and ball player** - December 29, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ Russ,

We are deeply sorry for your loss. It is our prayer that you are comforted by loved ones, both family and friends. Joy and I remember our time at Foothill as if it were yesterday. We think about you and Judy with fond memories. Take care and may God bless you.

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**Danny Stamp - Bakersfield, CA - friend** - December 29, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ Sisters for Eternity!

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**Linda Mumford - Bakersfield, CA - Sister** - December 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ We will always remember our travels together with Judy acting as our consummate historian and tour guide.

*These treasured memories of Judy will forever be with us.*

*We will toast and celebrate Judy's life with an adult beverage as we remember the good times.*

*Sending all our love.*

*Jim and Mary*

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**Jim and Mary Dougherty - Bakersfield, CA - much more than "just friends" -**  
December 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ We have such wonderful memories of Judy. One is when our toddlers named their Fischer Price little people "Judies" and the name still holds when we see such toys. Judy made me a beautiful shawl for my birthday and was always such a kind, loving person. She was Brooke's history teacher at Highland, a very excellent one. We are sorry for your loss, Russ. We pray good memories are sustaining you.

*Janis and Dave*

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**Dave and Janis Edmondson - Bakersfield, CA - Friends -** December 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM