



Judy Carol Nihiser

December 22, 1956 - December 25, 2025

Judy Nihiser, age 69, resident of LaFayette, Georgia, passed away on December 25, 2025 at CHI Memorial Hospital, Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Mrs. Nihiser, daughter of the late George Andrew Lawson, Jr. and Betty Elizabeth Burns Lawson, was born December 22, 1956 in Chattanooga. She was a member of Glory Road Baptist Church in Rossville and an active member and operated the food pantry of the American Legion Auxillary Post #214 in Rossville, Georgia, Mrs. Nihiser managed The Legions Café and had previously owned and operated Kadis Korner Restaurant in Ringgold, Georgia. Mrs. Nihiser was very active in her community and strived towards helping people, particularly the veterans. She started "Breakfast with Santa" in Rossville that many children remember. While at home, she enjoyed feeding squirrels, cooking for family and friends; sewing; collecting and reading cook books; and watching baking shows on television. Most of all, she looked forward to spending quality time with her family. The family remembers her as a lady who was always helping others, having a strong passion and concern for veterans.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Thomas Joseph Nihiser; daughter, Sherrill Jean Doyal; sisters, Sherry Robinson and Sherrill Jean Lawson; brothers, Robert Lee Lawson, Sr. and Jim Lawson.

She is survived by one daughter, Kadi (Stephen) Justus; two sons, Ricky (Lindsay) Doyal Jr. and Corey (Amanda) Doyal; fiancé Jack Staples; eight grandchildren; ten great-grandchildren; numerous other relatives and friends; and her dog, Buddy.

Funeral services are scheduled at the Chapel of W.L. Wilson and Sons, Funeral Home, 555 West Cloud Springs Road, Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia on Friday, January 2, 2026, 12 p.m. with Reverend Ryan Ralston officiating. Interment will follow at National Cemetery, Chattanooga, Tennessee. The family will receive friends at the funeral home on Thursday, January 1, 2026 from 4-8 p.m. and also 11 a.m. -12 noon on Friday, January 2, 2026 at the funeral home.

Arrangements by W.L. Wilson & Sons Funeral Home, 555 West Cloud Springs Road, Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia.

In Lieu of flowers donations can be made to Battlefield Veteran Foundation inc. at any

Builtwell bank location.

Condolences may be left at www.wilsonfuneralhome.com. Arrangements by Wilson Funeral Home Wilson Funeral Home Ft. Oglethorpe Ga.

Cemetery Details

Chattanooga National Cemetery

Holtzclaw Ave.
Chattanooga, TN

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 1. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

W. L. Wilson & Sons Funeral Home-Ft. Oglethorpe Chapel
555 West Cloud Springs Road
Ft. Oglethorpe, GA 30742
(706) 866-5555
info@wilsonfuneralhome.com
<https://www.wilsonfuneralhome.com/>

Visitation

JAN 2. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Service

JAN 2. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Judy Carol Nihiser.*

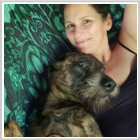


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“ *Judy was a unique and caring individual who did so much for others. She was dedicated to helping veterans and families. She will be greatly missed by everyone she touched. I will miss working with her. Bobbie Allison-Standefer*

Bobbie Allison-Standefer - December 31, 2025 at 06:09 PM



“ *To the family and friends of Judy Nihiser,
Please accept my deepest condolences as you celebrate and mourn the life of such an extraordinary woman. I only had the blessing of meeting Judy once at the Post, but her loving heart, warmth, and genuine kindness left an impression on me that I will never forget. Even in that short encounter, it was clear that she carried a rare and beautiful spirit—one that made people feel seen, welcomed, and valued.*

I deeply regret not having had the opportunity to know her better, but I am grateful for the moment I did have. It spoke volumes about who she was and the life she lived. Judy's legacy of service, generosity, and compassion—especially her devotion to veterans, children, and her community—is something that will continue to ripple through the lives of so many.

My heart is with all of you as you grieve this tremendous loss. Please know that if there is any way I can be of support—whether through prayer, encouragement, helping hands, or simply being present—I would truly love and be honored to do so.

May you find comfort in the countless lives Judy touched, the love she poured out so freely, and the memories that will forever keep her spirit close.

*With sincere sympathy and love,
Lori*

Lori Degwert - December 31, 2025 at 04:17 PM

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“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you!*



Dana Croy (Eaker) - December 31, 2025 at 02:04 AM

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“ *Judy was a wonderful person and did so much for Am Legion Post 214. She will be missed so much.*



Gail Plemons - December 30, 2025 at 05:45 PM



“ *Ms. Judy was an incredible person. She helped out so many families including my own. She was an absolute delight to be around and spread so much love. Definitely an angel here on earth.*

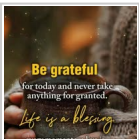


Brigette Motley - December 30, 2025 at 10:41 AM

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“ *Such a sweet lady, she will be missed*

Sheila Oldham - December 29, 2025 at 03:50 PM



“ *Pa N MooMaw Taylor sent a virtual gift in memory of Judy Carol Nihiser*



Pa N MooMaw Taylor - December 29, 2025 at 03:24 PM