



Judith Ann Means

September 20, 1939 - May 30, 2025

Judith Ann Means, born September 20, 1939, passed away on May 30, 2025, at the age of 85. She is survived by her husband of 65 years, James Means, daughters Michelle Means Rooney and Sheryl Ribeiro, son-in-law Leonel Ribeiro, three grandchildren, Ross (Melissa) Ribeiro, Julia (Mario) Mattos, and Cyrus Means Zahedi, and three great grandsons, Levi, Carson, and Collin Mattos.

Judy, as known to her friends, had an unwavering love for her family. In her early years as a parent, she spent many hours sewing matching outfits for her daughters, attended untold gymnastics and swimming events, camped under the stars (willingly for the benefit of her family), and provided a moral compass for her daughters to emulate. In her later years, she and Jim, and extended family, traveled and made many happy memories.

Judy also worked for twenty-some years at the Tulare Police Department, often as a dispatcher. She quite enjoyed the camaraderie of the Department, with a deep respect for the "men in blue." She also took pride in assisting the public. Her day often ranged from a request to rescue a cat stuck in a tree to a possible life-threatening 911 call.

Judy also had an artistic eye and even won a high school art competition. And, she could often be found working in the yard, giving her great pleasure

making it pleasing to the eye. In her retirement years, became a bridge player, spending many happy afternoons enjoying tasty desserts and laughter with friends.

She had many friends and was loyal, kind, and thoughtful to all. She was also a lover of dogs and any dog who was lucky enough to be her pet, was treated like gold. She will be sorely missed and remembered always as a kind soul and honorable person.

There will be no formal service. Any remembrances can be made to any of the local animal shelters.

Services have been entrusted to Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel. Memorial Tributes and condolences may be offered by logging onto www.salseranddillard.com.

Tribute Wall

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“ I met Judy in 1980 at the Tulare Police Department where we were both dispatchers. We soon became fast friends that has lasted throughout the years. We spent hours walking our dogs, me with my Dachshund and she with her large Dobermann. We relived the good times often and I will remember her every day the rest of my life. She was a good and wonderful friend and I was fortunate that she called me hers, Rest in peace Judy, you earned it

Ruth

Ruth - June 04, 2025 at 06:51 PM

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So sorry for your loss, sending prayers of comfort for Jim and the family. Judy was always a sweet classy gal I got to meet through the Tulare police dept ❤️
Lisa Davis

Lisa M Davis - June 05, 2025 at 05:05 PM

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I first met Judy in 1973 while working with the City of Tulare. She was a finance clerk at the time and eventually moved on to the Police Department. My condolences to her family and may she rest in peace.
Chuck Sanford

Chuck Sanford - June 08, 2025 at 10:08 AM