



## Judith Lee Runge

November 11, 1942 - August 13, 2021

Ending a long battle with Dementia, Judy Lee (Komes) Runge passed away at her home on Friday, August 13, surrounded by her loving family. She was 78. Judy was born on November 11, 1942, in Aurora, IL to Earl and Louise (Baumann) Komes. She was united in marriage to Fred Runge at Holy Cross Church, Batavia, Illinois, on a beautiful, 70-degree Thanksgiving Day, November 28, 1963.

Judy supported her children and grandchildren in their many sports and activities, with Fred by her side. She spent countless years in the O'Donnell, Simmons, East Aurora High School, and Aurora Central PTAs, and volunteered with the Girl and Boy Scouts. She was a board member for the Aurora Housing Authority and a founding member of the Northeast Neighbors group. Judy was a faithful member and volunteer at Annunciation Church for 57 years.

For nearly 40 years, Judy made popcorn balls for Halloween, making upwards of 800 the last few years. Several years ago, when she was no longer able to make them herself, her family gathered, while Judy supervised, to give it a try. She was also famous for her cheesy potatoes (purposely leaving an ingredient off the recipe card to ensure hers were always the best), Rice Krispy treats (with extra marshmallow, of course), macaroni salad, and other family favorites that no one else can quite duplicate.

Above all, Judy was a proud and loving Grandma and Great-Grandma. She loved her babies "a bushel and a peck" and nothing brought her more joy than

holding and rocking a baby. She loved playing board games and cards with the grandkids. She might let a kid win at checkers, but all bets were off with Monopoly and Canasta!

Judy is survived by Fred, her husband of 57 years; her four favorite children: Janet (Ron) Lindstrom and their children Elizabeth Lindstrom, Allyson (Nathan) Beck and Stefanie (Rolando) Delgado; Bob (Karla) and their children Tiffany (Zach) Martin, Brenna (Josh) Johnson, and Tyler; Mike (Heather R.) and their children Allyson Bolden (Steven Pozeg), Sydney and Mikayla; and Pete (Heather A.) and their children Andrea (Sean) Riordan and Nick. She is also survived by her great-grandchildren: Liam and Bennett Beck, Annie and Shane Martin, Nora and Lucy Johnson, Kendall Bolden, Carson and Penelope Pozeg, and Ava and Declan Riordan.

Judy was a loving sister to Dave (Sandra) Komes, Don (Sheree) Komes, Jane Wood, Doug Komes, and sister-in-law to Linda Babcock, and a loving aunt, cousin, and niece. She will be dearly missed by her best friend of over 60 years, Marilyn Vanthournout, as well as many other close friends and neighbors. She also had many “adopted” kids over the years, many of them spending more time at her house than their own.

Judy was preceded in death by her parents, Earl and Louise Komes, father-and mother-in-law, Fred and Louise Runge, and sister, Jane Wood.

Judy’s family wishes to thank her care team from Transitions Hospice, especially Denise, and her personal caregivers, Arielle, Sarah, Monica, Mirsa and Maggie. The kindness and compassion shown by all these people will never be forgotten.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, August 18, 2021 at 9:30 AM from THE DALEIDEN MORTUARY to Annunciation Church at 10:00 AM. Fr. Patrick Gilmeyer, O.S.B. will officiate with interment at Marywood Cemetery.

Visitation will be held Tuesday, August 17, 2021 from 3:00 PM until 8:00 PM at

THE DALEIDEN MORTUARY, 220 North Lake Street, Aurora, Illinois 60506.  
(630) 631-5500.

Please visit our interactive website at [www.daleidenmortuary.com](http://www.daleidenmortuary.com) where you may sign the guest book or leave condolences for Judy's family.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Transitions Hospice (1551 Bond Street, #143, Naperville, IL 60563) or Alzheimer's Association (PO Box 12226, Syracuse, NY 13218).

# Cemetery Details

## Marywood Cemetery

Church Road  
aurora, IL

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 17. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Daleiden Mortuary  
220 N. Lake Street  
Aurora, IL 60506  
(630) 631-5500  
daleidenmortuary@gmail.com  
<https://www.daleidenmortuary.com>

## Morning Prayers

AUG 18. 9:30 AM (CT)

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Aurora, IL 60506  
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## Funeral Mass

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AUG **18**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Annunciation Church  
1820 Church Road  
Aurora, IL 60505

# Tribute Wall



“ Daleiden Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Judith Lee Runge



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**Daleiden Mortuary** - August 16, 2021 at 04:41 PM

SM

“ Our sympathy goes out to you Janet and Ron and to your families. We hope your faith gives you comfort in this time of sorrow. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

*Scott and Annmarie Martens*

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**Scott Martens** - August 18, 2021 at 01:51 PM

KW

“ Memories from the 23 years we lived on Violet St. Judy was a friend, room mother, and Cub Scout leader and she will be remembered as a wonderful, giving person. I remember the years she watched our son Noel after school. We laughed at his envy of the Runge kids having brothers and a sister to play with. We laughed at them for envying Noel (an only child) for not having to share everything. The grass is always greener - and Judy made everyday brighter.

*Paul & Karen Weston*

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**Karen Weston** - August 17, 2021 at 06:57 PM



“ *Multicolor Bright Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Judith Lee Runge.*



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August 17, 2021 at 10:36 AM



“ *European Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Judith Lee Runge.*



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August 16, 2021 at 11:31 PM



“ *Fields of Europe was purchased for the family of Judith Lee Runge.*



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August 16, 2021 at 05:28 PM



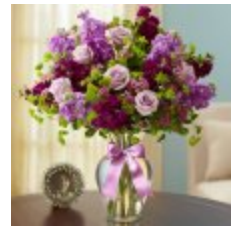
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Daleiden Mortuary - August 16, 2021 at 04:38 PM



“ Shades of Purple was purchased for the family of Judith Lee Runge.



August 16, 2021 at 04:03 PM



“ Simply Lily was purchased for the family of Judith Lee Runge.



August 16, 2021 at 03:12 PM



“ *Pink & White Sympathy Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Judith Lee Runge.*



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August 16, 2021 at 02:00 PM



“ *Renet Toney purchased the Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White for the family of Judith Lee Runge.*



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**Renet Toney** - August 16, 2021 at 01:11 PM



“ *Simply Lily was purchased for the family of Judith Lee Runge.*



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August 16, 2021 at 12:41 PM



“ *Many people come into our lives, but few of them stay in your heart. Judy is in my heart and will always be there. She was a true friend, my liberal ally in North East Neighbors, and the kindest person I have ever known. She impacted many lives and truly leaves this world a better place. Love and miss you, Judy.*

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**Gerry Becker** - August 15, 2021 at 12:54 PM

JS

“ I got to know Judy and Fred Runge and their children at Simmons Junior High, where I was a teacher, Dean of Students, and Principal over a period of a dozen years. Her boundless energy, volunteer talents, school and community spirit and involvement, her positive approach to making a difference separated herself from the ordinary.. Judy and Fred were always “Johnny on the Spot” to lend a hand at school activities, events, or involvement in school organizations.

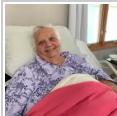
Judy was a very special lady, compassionate an caring, and always an advocate for the less fortunate. She was caring Mom to her children and grandchildren and unofficial mom to many others. I am grateful that I got to know such a champion lady who has truly made a difference. She has left an indelible mark on the lives of so many. Mine included! Her memories will always be my treasure.

*My sincere sympathies and prayers to her family*

*John Struck*

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**John Struck** - August 15, 2021 at 12:42 PM



*Thanks, John. You were always one of her favorites. ❤️*

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**Janet Runge Lindstrom** - August 15, 2021 at 03:35 PM

TS

*We are so sorry to hear of Judy's passing. She had a heart of gold for everyone.*

*Rest In Peace Judy!*

*Terrie & Whitey  
Sternberg*

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**Terrie Sternberg** - August 15, 2021 at 06:40 PM



“ *White Standing Wreath was purchased for the family of Judith Lee Runge.*



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August 15, 2021 at 12:31 PM



“ *When we met Judy the first time it was very evident that she was a community minded person. She spoke of her meetings with people who were involved with making decisions that affected the city(especially the east side)! We were really impressed with her concern for issues that affected people and neighborhoods. She was an activist who strived to make a difference. She also made great meatballs!*

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**Bob and Linda Hartman** - August 15, 2021 at 09:17 AM



“ *Judy was a very loving cousin. She was always welcoming each time I visited and it gave her the opportunity to tell about all the wonderful grandchildren. I loved attending Judy and Fred's 50th Wedding Anniversary party and seeing her extended family in person. What a beautiful legacy she left by nurturing so many young people in her lifetime. I will remember and pray for Judy with great fondness in my heart. Rosemary Kuhn Bouse*

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**Rosemary Kuhn Bouse** - August 14, 2021 at 10:22 PM



“ *Peaceful Wishes was purchased for the family of Judith Lee Runge.*



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August 14, 2021 at 07:01 PM



“ *Memories of Judy from when we lived next to her inlaws on Violet Street. Judy was a pillar in the neighborhood and in the community she so selflessly gave so much to!  
Rest in peace Judy. Condolences to the family on your loss.  
Karen (Symak) Davis*

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**Karen ( Symak) Davis** - August 14, 2021 at 05:51 PM



“ *Healing Tears - All White was purchased for the family of Judith Lee Runge.*



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August 14, 2021 at 02:23 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White was purchased for the family of Judith Lee Runge.*



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August 14, 2021 at 01:50 PM