



Judith Diane Swannack

April 9, 1941 - March 18, 2025

Judith (Judy) Diane Swannack, born on April 9, 1941, in Colfax, Washington, peacefully departed this world on March 18, 2025, at the age of 83. A devoted mother, wife, and sister, Judy's life was a testament to selflessness, love, and an unyielding commitment to family and friends. Her journey nurtured three hardworking sons and their wives—James Eugene and Lisa Swannack, Donald Alan and Amy Swannack, and Robert Dean and Angie Swannack—each of whom holds her teachings and love as cornerstones of their lives.

Judy pursued higher education with vigor, earning a Bachelor's degree in Education from Eastern Washington University, after raising three sons and devoting her life to the homestead. She used this degree as a way to touch the lives of others, substitute teaching. Her professional life was dedicated to shaping young minds and instilling knowledge, just as she did at home. Her sense of purpose extended beyond the family to her community where she was an active member of the Eagles Lodge and a cherished participant in any local card games or visits to the local casino. Through these avenues, Judy shared laughter, wisdom, and friendship with all who had the privilege of knowing her.

Judy also had talents that stretched far beyond her family. She was an outstanding baker, able to make any type of crust needed for all occasions. She could sew with a fine eye, paint like a precious artist, and craft like no

other. Many of her crafts included the creation of magnificent stained glass windows, cross stitched art, and detailed scrapbooks that preserved memories to last a lifetime. Judy could write like a poet and solve the world's most difficult puzzles. If she wasn't so fearful of blood, Judy would have pursued a career in Medicine. Growing up on a wheat and cattle farm, Judy was also able and willing to throw hay, drive combines or tractors, hold a .22 rifle as steady as anyone and hit a target, or even change the irrigation pipe. She was so talented that, once when driving her sister to a wedding shower and a flat tire occurred, she was able to change the flat tire without dirtying her own dress. It wasn't uncommon for Judy to play a fun game of 456 with family or friends and gently take all of the winnings; however, after the game was over, she'd quietly, with a beautiful smile, hand the participants their money back and begin a new game.

Judy is survived by her husband, James Tilden Swannack Jr., and her three sons. Judy also leaves behind her sisters, Carol Kelly and JoAnne Nelson, who stood by her side throughout life's many seasons. Judy also leaves behind six grandchildren: Shaye (27), Gunnar (26), Sienna (25), Cannan (24), Colby (21), and Jacob (19). She also leaves behind her first great grandchild, Poesy (6 months).

Though no formal funeral services will be held, we hold Judith's spirit in our hearts, guided by her kindness and strength. As Proverbs 1:8-9 reminds us, "Listen, my son, to your father's instruction; don't neglect your mother's teaching; for they are a graceful wreath on your head, and beads for your neck." Her lessons extend beyond her children, touching each of us with grace. In her passing, we find comfort in Psalm 127:3—"Children are God's love-gift; they are heaven's generous reward." Judy's legacy is evident in her family, her teachings, and the love that envelopes each life she touched. May she rest in eternal peace.

Memorial donations on behalf of Judy Swannack may be made to Lamont Fire Department at: 823 Main Street, Lamont, WA 99017.

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“ *Thoughts and prayers to the Swannack and Webb families. The Heglar family and me have many fond memories of Webb family and Judy. God Bless. Bill Heglar*

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