



Judy Ann Hernandez Donaghey

January 11, 1948 - February 2, 2026

Judy Ann Hernandez Donaghey passed away from the suffering of this world into the peace of eternal life on February 2, 2026 at the age of 78. She was born in New Orleans, LA and a resident of Metairie, LA.

Mother of Shannon Rae Donaghey, Ross Jason Donaghey, Karey Lea Donaghey and Nicholas Jason Donaghey. Beloved and dedicated grandmother to Taylor Pavon, Luke Singleton, Dominic Singleton, Adah Singleton, Sonye Donaghey, and Anthony Taranto. Daughter of the late Pauline Venus Hernandez and Edwin August Hernandez. She is survived by her brother Edwin Hernandez Jr., her nephew, niece and Godchildren Fredrick Hernandez and Marci Hernandez Lyons, other nieces and nephews and godchildren, a host of loving cousins and good friends, as well as her beloved companion and friend- her little dog Sissy.

Judy loved sharing stories of her young life as the granddaughter and daughter of Sicilian grocers in uptown New Orleans, often taking drives with grandchildren pointing out the various historical landmarks of her childhood. The love of her New Orleans Catholic Sicilian traditions continued throughout her life by participating in the Good Friday "9 churches" walks and attending St Joseph Day Altars with her daughter and grandchildren. She attended St. Michaels and St Teresa grammar schools, SJ Peters Jr High, and graduated from Warren Easton High School in 1968. Shortly after graduation she married her high school sweetheart Phillip Donaghey, the father of her four children. Despite later divorcing, they remained close throughout life. She built many lifelong friendships and enjoyed her work for many years as a customer service representative at Sears Clearview, as well as a sales representative for BellSouth Yellow Pages, later becoming LM Berry Company where she retired.

Judy was a natural hostess. Never to turn down an opportunity to open her home to friends and family for gatherings such as Easter Saturday celebrations, birthday parties, St Joseph Day altars, Pokeno and card games. She affectionately became known as the "cake nazi" as apparently she was the only one who knew how to correctly slice a birthday

cake. Her empathetic nature also compelled her to open her home to both people and dogs who found themselves homeless, often at the expense of her own health and wellbeing. She gave without expecting anything in return. Judy never met a stranger. People felt at ease with her and enjoyed her personable and friendly personality. In addition to her Pokeno games, she enjoyed Mardi Gras, St Patrick's Day Parades on Metairie Road, Christmas in the Oaks, spending countless nights at Tiffin Inn with cousins and extended family, enjoying time and innumerable activities and sleepovers with her grandchildren, taking Taylor to get snowballs and go to Lafreniere Park and to the movies, as well as going to Nick's house for gourmet dinners, crawfish boils, and get-togethers.

The family of Judy requests the honor of your presence as we celebrate the Rite of Christian Burial Thursday, February 12, 2026 at L. A. Muhleisen & Son Funeral Home, 2607 Williams Blvd., Kenner, LA. Visitation will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. followed by a Funeral Mass at 12:00 p.m. Interment in St. Louis Cemetery No. 3, New Orleans, LA.

In lieu of flowers, please have a Mass offered for her and consider a donation in her memory to the Northshore Humane Society, a non-profit, no-kill animal rescue at <https://www.northshorehumane.org/donate>

To share memories or condolences, please visit www.muhleisen.com

Cemetery Details

St. Louis Cemetery No. 3

3421 Esplanade Avenue
New Orleans, LA 70119

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 12. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

L. A. Muhleisen & Son Funeral Home
2607 Williams Boulevard
Kenner, LA 70062

Funeral Mass

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Tribute Wall



“ L.A. Muhleisen & Son Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Judy Ann Hernandez Donaghey



L.A. Muhleisen & Son Funeral Home - February 12 at 09:15 AM

LT

“ Oh my broken heart :(Mrs. Judy was an angel on earth. I spent the first half of my life with her & her daughter Karey! My parents grew up with Mrs. Judy & (Uncle) Phil therefore it was a no-brainer Karey & I became fast friends!!!! Mrs. Judy was the kindest, sweetest, BEST COOK EVER pseudo-mom & I will always remember her GORGEOUS smile!!! I'm so sorry to Karey, Shannon, Ross & Nick (and all the grandies) for this tremendous loss. She will definitely be missed by the Juneaus for sure & my husband Kris & I will be donating in her honor to the Northshore Humane Society (they are the best) we are sending HUGE HUGS & Prayers to her entire beautiful family!!! From the bottom of our very broken hearts...We Love her so much & are so sorry to everyone.



Lesley Troncoso - February 10 at 08:18 PM

BD

My God how sweet are you for saying all that,you spoke the truth 🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏

Barbara Dubroc - February 12 at 12:38 AM

SD

Thank you Leslie for your kind words and donation in her name. She loved all the doggies and would take them all if she could. Really appreciate you reaching out.

Shannon Donaghey - February 12 at 10:35 PM

SD

Barbara Dubroc I know your name from my parents. Our lives are forever changed.

Shannon Donaghey - February 12 at 10:37 PM

DJ

“ I've been friends with Judy through Jr. High and High School and know how kindhearted and caring she always was. I will always remember her beautiful smile and will miss her terribly!! Prayers for her beautiful family!!

Dianne McGovern Juneau - February 10 at 07:45 PM

SD

Thank you. Appreciate u taking the time to leave a message.

Shannon Donaghey - February 12 at 10:38 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Judy Ann Hernandez Donaghey.



February 10 at 04:07 PM

PH

“ Patricia Haynes purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Judy Ann Hernandez Donaghey.



Patricia Haynes - February 09 at 08:54 PM