



Ruby Judy

October 27, 1932 - January 25, 2026

Princeton - Ruby D. Judy, age 93, of Princeton, Illinois, passed away peacefully on January 25, 2026, at Liberty Village Nursing Home in Princeton.

Ruby was born on October 27, 1932, in Watseka, Illinois, to Lea H. and Amy H. (Gaffield) Doran. She was raised with strong values of faith, family, and service-principles that guided her throughout her life.

Ruby pursued her education with determination and heart. After graduating from Donovan High School, she began working toward a degree in education at Illinois State University. On March 1, 1953, she married the love of her life, Max L. Judy, in San Francisco, California, while Max was serving in the United States Army. Ruby lovingly placed her education on hold to raise their family, a role she cherished deeply. Years later, with the same perseverance she showed in all areas of life, she completed her Bachelor's Degree in Education through extension courses, graduating on August 8, 1969.

That same year, Ruby began her teaching career in Morton, Illinois. In 1970, Ruby and Max moved their family to Princeton, where Ruby began what would become a remarkable 26-year tenure at Lincoln School. Over a total of 28 years in education, she touched the minds and hearts of countless students-most notably generations of second graders, along with one memorable year teaching fifth grade. Ruby retired in 1996, but her influence

never faded; even during her later years at Liberty Village, former students continued to recognize her fondly as their second-grade teacher.

A woman of deep and abiding faith, Ruby was a devoted and active member of Christ Community Church. She attended worship services faithfully, participated in Bible studies and prayer circles, taught Sunday School, assisted with funeral dinners, and volunteered wherever she was needed. Her commitment to prayer remained strong throughout her life, including during her time at Liberty Village.

Ruby found great joy in life's simple pleasures. She loved fishing alongside Max, and together they explored lakes and nature in their canoe. She cherished time spent entertaining her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and friends-always welcoming anyone who stopped by with warmth and generosity. She also enjoyed reading, sewing, and cheering on her favorite sports teams.

Ruby is lovingly survived by her sons, Mark (Sue) Judy of Peru, Illinois, and Steven (Miranda) Judy of Chillicothe, Illinois; four grandchildren, Kelsey (Charlie) Hazard of Peru, Illinois, Cassandra (Charles) Johnson of West Des Moines, Iowa, Collin (Chelsey) Judy of Chillicothe, Illinois, and Keaton Judy of St. Paul, Minnesota; and five treasured great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Lea and Amy Doran; her beloved husband, Max Judy; her brother, Robert Doran; and her sister, Marjorie (Doran) Wolfe.

Visitation will be held Sunday, February 1, 2026, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at Norberg Memorial Home, Inc. & Monuments

Funeral services will take place Monday, February 2, 2026, at 11:00 a.m., with

Pastor Brian Lord officiating. Graveside services will follow at Oakland Cemetery, where Ruby will be laid to rest beside Max.

Pallbearers will be her grandchildren and their spouses: Cassandra Johnson, Charles Johnson, Kelsey Hazard, Charlie Hazard, Collin Judy, Chelsey Judy, and Keaton Judy.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to Second Story Teen Center, reflecting Ruby's lifelong commitment to nurturing and guiding young lives.

Ruby D. Judy will be remembered for her unwavering faith, her servant's heart, her love of family, and the countless lives she shaped with patience, kindness, and grace.

Online condolences may be directed to www.norbergfh.com

Arrangements entrusted to Norberg Memorial Home, Inc. & Monuments.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 1. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Norberg Memorial Home, Inc.
701 E. Thompson Street
Princeton, IL 61356

Funeral Service

FEB 2. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Norberg Memorial Home, Inc.
701 E. Thompson Street
Princeton, IL 61356

Graveside Service

FEB 2. 12:00 PM - 12:30 PM (CT)

Oakland Cemetery
Park Avenue
Princeton, IL 61356

Tribute Wall

DV

“ *Diane VandenBorre lit a candle in memory of Ruby Judy* ”



Diane VandenBorre - February 21 at 12:10 AM

JW

“ *and Jesus said, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your father which is in heaven." Never have I known one whose light shined so brightly as she blessed the lives of all she knew. "Well done ...enter into the joy!" Thank you Miss Ruby* ”

James Wallace - January 28 at 09:31 AM

RB

“ *Ruby is one of the greatest examples in my life of an unwavering Godly woman. She taught our sons Sunday school and I will always treasure the legacy she has left with me.* ”

Rhonda Baker - January 27 at 03:28 PM

JT

“ *Ruby was a "jewel" as she was aptly named. My late husband Forrest Turpen, said she was one of the best educators he knew and worked with.* ”

Judy Turpen - January 27 at 03:20 PM

SL

“ To the family of ruby my heart and prayers go out to all of you. I loved her and found it an honor to be one of her care givers here at Hawthorne inn of liberty.

Suanne leschewski - January 27 at 02:32 PM

 Jane Silverberg

“ Ruby and Max were our dear friends as you know. We rode to Putnam to church with them for many years. They babysit for us occasionally. They gave us advice. Ruby was like an older sister to me. Jane Silverberg

Jane Silverberg - January 27 at 01:55 PM