



Judith Craven

September 27, 1939 - February 20, 2026

Judith “Judy” Braxton Craven, 86, of Summerville, widow of the late Norman Craven, passed away peacefully on Friday morning, February 20, 2026. A graveside service will be held at 1:00pm, Monday, February 23, 2026 at Summerville Cemetery, 1330 Boonehill Rd., Summerville, SC 29483. A visitation for the friends of Kenny will be held at James A. Dyal Funeral Home, 303 S. Main Street, Summerville, SC on Sunday, February 22, 2026, from 2:00-3:30 pm, and a visitation for friends of Dennis and Bonny will be held from 4:30-6:00 pm.

Judith was born on September 27, 1939, in Barnwell, SC, daughter of the late Pearl and Tolton Braxton. She was a longtime resident of Summerville and retired from Dorchester County School District Two, where she dedicated many years of service.

She was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother whose quiet strength, deep compassion, and unwavering love shaped the lives of all who knew her. Judith was a founding member of Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, attended Lydia Baptist Church, and a proud member of Milcah Temple No. 77, Daughters of the Nile.

Survivors include her three children: Dennis Craven of Summerville, Bonny Compton of Summerville, and Kenny Craven (Jennifer) of Summerville; five grandchildren: Stacey Craven (Stephen Hill), Michael Compton, Alexander

Craven (Hannah Cooner), Nicholas Craven, and Ashlee Compton; and a great-granddaughter, Ella Grace Hill.

The family extends their heartfelt gratitude to her dedicated caregivers and to Agape Hospice for their compassion, support, and kindness throughout her illness.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Shriners Children's Hospital (<https://donate.shrinerschildrens.org> › give) or Lydia Baptist Church, 520 E Owens Drive, Summerville, SC 29485.

Previous Events

Visitation for Friends of Kenny

FEB **22**. 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM (ET)

James A. Dyal Funeral Home
303 S. Main Street
Summerville, SC 29483
(843) 873-4040
<https://www.jamesadyal.com>

Visitation for Friends of Dennis & Bonny

FEB **22**. 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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Graveside Service

FEB **23**. 1:00 PM (ET)

Summerville Cemetery
Hwy 17A Boone Hill Road
Summerville, SC 29483

Tribute Wall

AF

“ I’m sorry to learn of Judy’s passing. I had the distinguished honor and pleasure of working with Judy while I was the principal of DuBose Middle School. She was committed to serving the students and staff in every way she could. Her smile and laugh were contagious. Whenever I went to her with a special request or to do something out of the ordinary she never told me no. She led her staff well. During my many years as a school principal in three different school districts I worked a number of cafeteria managers. Without hesitation I rank Judy as one of the best. Definitely a life well lived. My deepest sympathy to her family. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Archie Franchini



Archie Franchini - February 27 at 07:59 AM

MW

“ Her devotion to the children and staff at DuBose Middle School was so inspiring!

Mary Williams - February 23 at 09:47 AM

RH

“ My heart is broken. Judy and Norman were such a large part of our Taw Caw family, even after they had to leave us. This sweet couple just simply stole your heart from the very beginning. They possessed a quality most people have never witnessed or experienced before, and I thank God I was blessed to have met, known and loved them for 27 years. It was an honor to be their “family” as Judy always said. And when I lost my Daddy, she and her friend were there before my Momma and I got home from the hospital with a full spread of food, flowers, and everything else we may have needed or thought of needing. She took care of everything. Such a special family. I’m so very sorry to now have lost Judy as well as Norman, but they are together forever again in God’s loving arms. God Speed my sweet Judy. My deepest condolences to all of you, Dennis, Kenny, Bonnie, Stacy, Alex and Nick. Love and prayers sent to all of you. 🙏🙏❤️❤️

Rhonda Hobby - February 22 at 10:11 PM

SL

“ Cousin Judy was always such a cheerful and kind person. I cherish the memories from Rocks Pond as a child to my adulthood. And whenever I hear someone say Shug I’ll surely think of her. She will be greatly missed.

Susan Lewis-Rumbold - February 22 at 06:51 PM

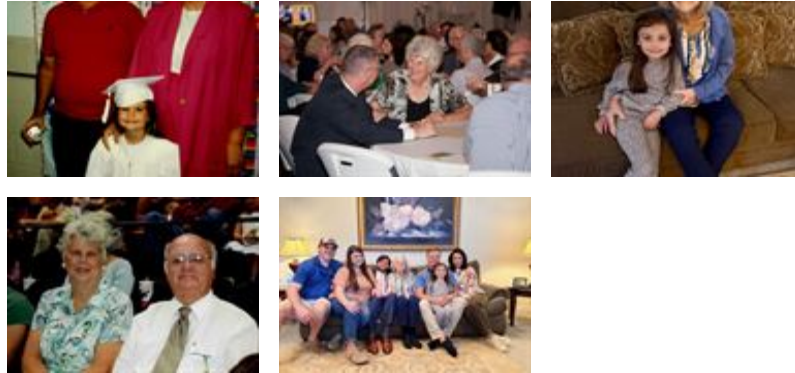
PM

“ Judy was an amazing person. When I first came to food service she took me under her wing and became my mentor. She was so kind. She will be forever in my heart. My thoughts and prayers for all of the Craven family! Judy will be sorely missed.

Patricia McCalip - February 22 at 04:46 PM



“ 101 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



James A Dyal Funeral Home - February 22 at 09:34 AM

NC

“ *Granny was always there for you when you needed her. She always had a smile on her face and always valued the small things in life. I will forever miss our ice cream trips, golf cart rides, porch talks, and most importantly her hugs. I love you granny!* ☐☐

Nick Craven - February 21 at 06:26 PM

WD

“ *So very sorry for your loss. Have known Ms Judy for many years. Always a sweet lady.*

Wanda Rice Dexter - February 21 at 05:14 PM

DH

“ To The Family of the Late Judith Craven: We worked together for many years at DuBose Middle School. At this time my prayers and thoughts are with you. Ms. Craven will surely be missed. May the work she did in Dorchester School District 2 speak for her. A very kind hearted person that loved everybody and we loved her too. From: Dr. Jacquelyn Hill



Dr. Jacquelyn Hill - February 21 at 04:27 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Judith Craven.

February 21 at 04:15 PM

SF

“ Sylvia Christopher & Family purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Judith Craven.



Sylvia Christopher & Family - February 21 at 04:08 PM

RW

“ Ron Wall lit a candle in memory of Judith Craven



Ron Wall - February 21 at 02:20 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Judith Craven.



February 21 at 11:17 AM



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