



Judy Slapnik

July 16, 1939 - February 24, 2026

Judith Lynn Slapnik, age 86, passed away on February 24, 2026. She was born on July 16, 1939 in Cleveland, OH to the late Harold and Linnie Nielson.

Judy was the beloved wife of Chuck Slapnik, for over 65 years; loving mother of Sue Sokalski (Ken), and the late Scott Slapnik; caring mother-in-law of Angie Slapnik; proud grandmother of Spencer and Savannah Marincek, and Lily, Chase, and Allie Slapnik; cherished sister of Jane Krivoy (Dan, deceased), Rudy Nielson (Eileen), and the late Bob Nielson; sister-in-law of Lorelee Nielson; and an aunt, cousin, and friend to many more. Judy's life was woven with love, laughter, and artistry. Before retirement, Judy dedicated many years of her life as a seamstress, initially making clothes for her children and later turning her passion into a career specializing in beautiful wedding dresses. Her attention to detail and craftsmanship brought joy to countless brides, making their special days even more memorable.

Beyond her incredible talents as a seamstress, Judy was known for her adventurous spirit. She adored boating and made many boat trips to the islands and Canada over the years. In addition, Judy loved traveling to Florida and thoroughly enjoyed her many bike runs, including to Sturgis, Daytona, and Pennsylvania. In the 60's, she was a proud member of the Cleveland Water Ski Club, performing in shows for various yacht clubs across the Cleveland area, showcasing her adventurous personality.

Judy's most cherished legacy will be her sweet smile and her quiet yet impactful presence that touched the hearts of those around her. She was well known to delight guests by bringing out many photo albums filled with her treasured memories, and sharing with anyone, the love and laughter that was created over her many years. Judy will be greatly missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing her.

A Celebration of Life will be held for Judy at a later date to be announced.

Tribute Wall

CM

“ I never knew we shared a middle name! Both named after Grandma, I imagine. Quiet yet impactful was a good way to describe Aunt Judy. It feels like everyone in Ohio knew her and there were always friends coming over. I miss the days when we lived across the river. ❤️

Carrie Moloney - February 27 at 02:57 PM

SP

“ So sorry to hear this!!! Judy was so smart and kind! She was always there to help if you needed anything! Always fun to be around. I've never seen her mad 😞 a very kind soul. may she rest in peace. ❤️❤️ prayers to the family

Stephanie Phillips - February 26 at 11:47 AM

ME

“ I am so sorry to hear of Judy's passing. You were my kind and helpful neighbors. She will be missed. My sincerest condolences. Marc Ernstoff

Marc Ernstoff - February 26 at 11:35 AM

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“ Marc Ernstoff planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Judy Slapnik.

Marc Ernstoff - February 26 at 11:32 AM

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“ Marc Ernstoff purchased the Favorites Gift Box for the family of Judy Slapnik.



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GC

“ Chuck,
So sorry to hear about Judy! My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family 🙏🙏🙏

Gloria Costello - February 25 at 08:49 PM

RH

Oh my gosh, I've know Judy & Chuck forever. My kids hung around w/ their kids since they were only 6-7 yrs. Old & now they're in their 50's. I'm in shock, she was such a wonderful person, & both of them were great people!!! Susie, I'm so sorry...!! She'll be with Scott now in heaven!!!

Rose Helt - February 25 at 09:10 PM

CB

Chuck and family- Truly sorry to learn of Judy's passing. Our thought are with you. May you find comfort in recalling all the joyful family memories. John and Connie Brock

Connie J Brock John F. Brock - February 25 at 09:24 PM

TM

Chuck and Susie, I am so sorry to see. We have known each other for many years and Judy was such always such a joy. Thoughts sent your way. Tina May

Tina May - February 26 at 01:44 AM

PB

We are so sorry for your loss. Skip and Phyllis Bailor

Phyllis Bailor - February 27 at 05:03 PM



Sorry to hear of her passing. Judy was the oldest of my Nielson cousins and I remember her and Chuck's wedding. I have recently been going through old family photo albums and found photos from the wedding, plus a bunch of her and my sisters as kids. Plus some from her modeling days.

Craig Rogers - March 02 at 01:30 PM