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Judith F. Griffin, 68, of Cape Coral, passed away Saturday, May 19, 2018 at her home. She was born October 21, 1949 in McMinnville, TN to Ezra Tatum Underhill and Imogene Johnson Underhill. She moved to Cape Coral from Marshville, NC in 1993. She was a member of McGregor Baptist Church. Mrs. Griffin had an illustrious career in the transportation industry. She was the Owner/Operator/President of Southwest Florida Transportation Group, Inc., Owner/President of Bluebird Mobility of Lee County, Inc., Co-Owner of MBA Airport Transportation, LLC, Owner/President of Yellow Cab of Lee County, Inc., Owner/President of Checker Airport Transportation, Inc., Owner/President of Checker Cab of Lee County, Inc. and Owner/President of Bluebird Taxi of Lee County, Inc. She was very involved in various professional organizations which include: Florida Taxi Association, TLPA Steering Committee, Women in Transportation Committee, TLPA Mentoring Committee, Airport Grounds Transportation Association, Disadvantaged Business Enterprise, My Florida Marketplace and Taxi, Limousine and Paratransit Association (TLPA). Judith is survived by her husband of 37 years, Phillip J. Griffin; her children: Angela J. Gwyn (Trey) of Swannanoa, NC, Jodie L. Dacy (Nick) of Del Rio, TX, Michael Griffin (Jackie) of Cape Coral, John Mercer (Kate) of Nashville, TN and Michelle Griffin of Myrtle Beach, SC; her grandchildren: Tatum Lee Gwyn, Judith Alden Gwyn, Nathan Hiatt Gwyn, Ethan Joseph Corbett, Aris James Corbett, Brea Blanchard Mercer, Jack Griffin Mercer, and Caroline Rose Griffin; her mother, Imogene Johnson Underhill of Marshville, NC and her siblings: Nancy Jean Lance (Jeff), Debbie West (Ralph), Diane Crouch (Will) and Johnny Smartt, Jr. (Kelli). She was preceded in death by her father, Ezra Tatum Underhill in 1977 and her sister, Charlene Griffin in 1990. A celebration of Judith's life will take place on Thursday May 24th at 7:00 p.m. at McGregor Baptist Church, 3750 Colonial Blvd., Fort Myers. Friends will be received



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from 6:00 p.m. until the time of the service. Following local services, Mrs. Griffin will be transported to Marshville, NC where she will be laid to rest. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Fort Myers Memorial Gardens Funeral Home, 1589 Colonial Blvd., Fort Myers, FL 33907, 239-936-0555. To share a memory or offer condolences to the family, please visit Judith's memorial webpage at: www.fortmyersmemorial.com. In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorial contributions to McGregor Baptist Church, Marshville Presbyterian Church, or The Humane Society.



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JD

Judy Kacher Davis posted:

Judy was a kind and loving lady and Phil, my childhood neighbor and friend, was so fortunate to have her in his life. May she always watch over her family and friends that she loved, knowing how much they will miss her. A donation to Gulf Coast Humane Society will be made in her honor.

May 26 at 11:32 AM

PS

Patricia Silver posted:

I am so very sorry for your loss. May God bless you and give you comfort and peace. (You will remember me as Patt Melton although I go by my maiden name, Silver, now.) Please know I am praying for you.

May 25 at 4:09 PM

MW

Marsha Wand posted:

We love you and will miss you very much . But, shall see you in heaven !Marsha and Bruce Wand

May 24 at 5:20 PM

LA

Louis Minardi / Florida Taxicab Association posted:

Our condolences go out to Phil and all of the Griffin family. Judy was a wonderful friend and confidant of the transportation industry. Her input and passion was infectious and second to none. Judy was someone you could always count on and she will be missed. One thing is for certain... transportation in Heaven just changed!

May 24 at 12:26 PM

RB

Richard And Betty Balsamo posted:

Our deepest sympathies go out to Phil and all of Judy's family of children, grand children and her mother. Judy will be missed very much by all who knew her. She was a special person in our lives, full of life and love.

May 24 at 11:50 AM



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KM

Karen Mcdonough posted:

Our deepest condolence to Judy's family. Our hearts are breaking for your loss. Judy had so much life in her no matter what was going on. There was never a dull moment around her, never a doubt how much she loved her family and very clear how much she loved the Lord. We loved her like she was our own family and will miss her presence here with us. Be comforted knowing you will be reunited with her in Heaven and in the meantime, continue her legacy. With Deepest Sympathy, Chris, Karen & Ryan

May 24 at 8:19 AM

GC

Greg & Barbara Carlton posted:

We are deeply saddened and will miss Judy's bright smile and loving spirit. We met Judy and Aris on a trip following Paul' Misdion Journeys and was taken by her fun spirit and love for the Lord. She made a great mark on this world for the Lord.

May 24 at 6:23 AM

VY

Vince Yambrovich posted:

My condolences to the family on Judy's untimely passing... I will always remember Judy for stepping in and supporting the families of Bluebird employees and drivers that passed away and undertaking funeral arrangements for those that had no family. Judy's missionary travel to Central America should be long-remembered as well.

May 24 at 5:34 AM

DN

D. David Nantz posted:

Judy, You are missed and I am blessed to have known you for the past many years. I look forward to seeing you again in Heaven. I am grateful for you inviting me to lunch last year in Asheville. I miss you friend...until we meet again! Your friend, David

May 24 at 4:45 AM



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VC

Victor Chiofolo posted:

Written by: Victor ChiofoloPhil & family, My heart is broken and I'm filled with sadness for your loss. I knew Judy through TLPA and was joyful every time I saw her and always made an effort to sit next to her at every event. Her lucid and ironic commentary presented through her colorful use of language was a treat. She was full of love, and if one was lucky enough to have Judy tell you that she loved you, you were humbled and grateful. We are all lesser without her. Too soon gone, Victor

May 23 at 7:00 AM

LK

Laura Klaverweiden posted:

Judy was a special person! She was full of energy and loved life. We will miss her! Our condolences to you Phil and your lovely family, sending prayers your way!With Deepest Sympathy, Phil, Laura and Annie Klaverweiden

May 22 at 6:18 PM

PS

Pat Shanks posted:

I am so blessed to have known Judy and considered her a special friend. We volunteered together at the Hope Counter at McGregor and shared stories about family and talked about our Lord. I will miss her

May 22 at 3:40 PM

JS

Janine Sells posted:

My prayers go out to Phil and Judy's family. Angie is my niece and I had the pleasure of going on a trip to Europe and Judy was my room mate. Oh did we have a time. She was such a great person and she will be sorely missed.RIP Judy. We love ya

May 22 at 3:25 PM

EC

Egor Shulman/Ccsi posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with Phil, Michael and the rest of Judy's family. We are so sorry to hear about Judy's untimely death. The Judy we knew was full of energy, had amazing passion for the taxi business and was a perfectionist in everything she did. She will be sorely missed.

May 22 at 11:46 AM



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AC

Ann Cody posted:

Rest In Peace sweet lady. I can only imagine the joy you are experiencing at this very moment. You have left a legend of God's love to your family and friends.

May 22 at 11:23 AM

EH

Ellis Houston posted:

My thoughts and prayers go out to Phil and the rest of the Griffin family in this time of sorrow. Judy will be sorely missed by all that knew her. May her family and many friends find some comfort in knowing she is now in a better place in God's hands.

May 22 at 10:49 AM

JC

Jack And Judy Corsten posted:

We have only known Judy for the last eight years, but have been able to see Judy love her Lord with all her heart and show Christ's love to all she came in contact with. What a great light of God you have shown us. This world is a better place for God's glory because of you.

May 22 at 9:06 AM

RL

Ruth Ladas posted:

Judy was my best friend and mentor. She lived a life of significance. She was a blessing to countless people and gave generously of her time and her resources; much of it without fanfare. She called Veteran's to thank them for their service. She spoke out when there was injustice. She loved her husband. She loved her family. She loved God. She loved her Country. I will miss you, my dearest friend.

May 22 at 8:40 AM

SA

Shirley Allen posted:

Oh my dear sweet Judy what a spitfire! She will be sorely missed by all who were fortunate enough to have known her, certainly I was blessed by her friendship. Undoubtedly Heaven is a little livelier for her presence. My prayers are with you Phil and all your children. I can't imagine the shock and grief you're working through - I will ask God to wrap you in his tender care. Thank you for sharing her with all of us, know that we share in your sorrow.

May 22 at 8:37 AM



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AT

Aaron Tank posted:

It was a pleasure getting to know Judy on a mission trip to Guatemala. I will always remember her love for the Lord and her love for her family. She will be missed.

May 22 at 7:07 AM

MB

Michelle Byrne posted:

Judy, you lit up every room you ever walked into. Your love and passion for life was only matched by your love of your family, you inspired everyone who knew you with your endless energy and joy. I am only comforted by knowing that you are in the arms of your Lord. I will love and admire you forever. Rest easy Judy and may God bless your family.

May 22 at 6:02 AM

DC

Doris Carner posted:

Judy was a member of my life group at McGregor. She always participated in our group discussions. We will miss her!

May 22 at 5:54 AM

LW

Lorraine Wilde posted:

My heart goes out to Phil and all of Judy's family. I can't imagine a meeting without her. She left us too soon. Rest In Peace Dear Judy!

May 22 at 5:28 AM

HT

Helen Tank posted:

The only thing that makes this easier is knowing she is with her Lord. Judy filled up a room by walking through the door. I have many great memories and so blessed to meet most of her grandchildren on trips we took together. She loved her family and the Lord with passion. I will miss her sitting in that second row at McGregor every time I sing from the choir loft. Go rest high on that mountain Judy.

May 22 at 4:45 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Judith by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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