



## Judith "Judy" Gooch Newman

February 24, 1947 - January 20, 2022

Judith "Judy" Gooch Newman passed away January 20, 2022, in her hometown of Salisbury, NC. Although her death was untimely, she passed peacefully surrounded by her family.

Judy was born in Salisbury, NC on February 24th, 1947, a part of the Baby Boomer generation after WWII. She grew up in Salisbury, NC, High Point, NC and Tyler, TX. She graduated from Robert E. Lee High School in 1965 in Tyler. It was also in Texas where she began her undergraduate studies at Texas Tech University. She completed her degree in Business Administration at Catawba College in May of 1981. She was also a long-standing member of St. Luke's Episcopal Church.

Judy was the first Executive Director of the Rowan County Tourism Authority where she worked most of her career. Her leadership was instrumental in bringing the Trolley Program to Salisbury and building it to the success we see now. She also partnered with the County through legislation to create the Tourism Development Authority as the independent public authority it is today. Her service in this role was recognized when she received the "Distinguished Alumnus Award" from Catawba College in 2001.

In retirement, Judy served in a number of volunteer organizations including St Luke's Episcopal Church's Altar Guild, Food for Thought, and Rowan Helping

Ministries. Anyone who worked with her knew she threw herself wholeheartedly into her work. One joked, "There is the right way and then there's Judy's way." Her energy and spirit drove to get things done and help those around her.

She also had a deep love and appreciation for her family especially her daughter, Travis Brady, and her granddaughter, Grier Grose. When Judy was not volunteering, she spent time sharing recipes and craft ideas for their next projects together.

Judy is survived by her husband, Harold "Hank" Newman III, daughter, Travis Elizabeth Brady, her husband, David Spencer Grose, and their daughter, Julia Grier Grose. She is also survived by her sister, Eleanor Gooch Hall, husband, Charles Franklin Hall and their children and grandchildren, Carter Hall Fogleman, Louis Henry Fogleman III, Eliza Jennings Fogleman, Andrew Charles Fogleman, Molly Fields Hall, Charles Austin Hall, Mary Christina Hall, and Eleanor Moore Hall and her godson, Porter O'Neill Glock.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Julia Carter Gooch, and father, Lonnie Charles Gooch, and her beloved Jack Russell Terriers, Miss T and Spec.

Her family wishes to share their deepest gratitude for the staff in the CCU Unit at Novant Health in Salisbury for their excellent, compassionate care. A memorial service will be planned in the near future. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts can be made to St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 131 West Council Street, Salisbury, NC 28144 or give online at [www.SLS.church/give](http://www.SLS.church/give), then choose "Memorial" from the drop-down list.

# Tribute Wall

EP

“ Dear Hank & Travis,

*Our Hearts ache for you. The loss of Judy is such a profound loss. May the memories you hold most dear comfort you now. May you draw strength from those you love and those who love you. Go gently. you are in our hearts and prayers.*

*With love from your cousins in Arizona & Florida,*

*Emmy Porter & Mike Baker*

*Scott & Dian Porter*

*Becky (Porter) & Kaj Hussfeldt*

*Jaymee (Porter) & David Hernandez*

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**Emmy Porter** - February 06, 2022 at 02:46 PM

JM

“ Dear Hank: I was so saddened to hear of Judy's passing. I send my deepest sympathies to you and your family. Wish I could have had the opportunity to visit North Carolina and see all of you and spend precious time together. Love from your cousin, Jennifer Porter Molina.

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**Jennifer Porter Molina** - January 24, 2022 at 08:37 AM



“ Hank and Travis, Judy was a dear friend, mentor, confident and full of wit, laughter and a smile. My life is far richer for having known her and worked with her. My heart goes out to you. She had been on my mind lately and I was going to call Leslie to get your number. I should have made the call. We had a lot of memories, good ones. I will treasure them.

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**Greta Lint** - January 22, 2022 at 11:57 PM

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“ *Hank, I was so sorry to hear of Judy’s passing. Praying for you  
, Travis and family during this difficult time in your life.*

*Sharon Hoffman*

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**Sharon Hoffman** - January 21, 2022 at 04:53 PM