



Julia "Judy" Patton

August 17, 1936 - March 5, 2024

Julia "Judy" Freeland Slate Patton, 87, of Spencer, NC passed away Tuesday, March 5, 2024 at her home.

Judy was born August 17, 1936 in Rowan County, NC to the late Julia Freeland Slate and Lester Hillard Slate. She was a graduate of Spencer High School and earned her degrees in music and education from Catawba College. After earning her Masters from UNCC in Special Education, Judy worked in the school system as a Special Education teacher and Assistant Principal for 35 years.

Judy was a member of Central United Methodist Church in Spencer, where she served as the organist from the time she was 16 years old until her retirement at 84, during which she also served other churches in the community.

Judy was well-loved by many in the community and was blessed with many chosen family members, whom she cherished as her own. Her gracious and loving spirit impacted all who had the opportunity to know her, and she shared her beautiful talents throughout her life to the glory of God.

Preceding her in death was her son Richard Robert "Rob" Patton, Jr., who died February 17, 2022.

Left to cherish her memory are her daughters, Jennifer Patton Crawford (Bill) of Spencer, NC and Wanda Gwinn (Barry) of Travelers Rest, SC; grandchildren: Colin Patton Crawford (Brit) of Rockwell, NC; Caitlin Julia Crawford McDermid (Jeff) of Dallas, NC; Catherine Frances Crawford Munoz

(Alex) of Summerfield, NC; Jennifer Fortner Edris (M) of Simpsonville, SC; Thomas Oliver Terry of Denver, CO; and great-grandchildren: Addie Jane Crawford expected in July, and Bella and Grace Edris.

The family will receive friends from 6-8 PM Tuesday (Mar. 12) at Summersett Funeral Home.

A memorial service will be held at 1 PM Wednesday (Mar. 13) at Central United Methodist Church in Spencer, NC; officiated by Rev. Steve Combs and Rev. Elinor Wilburn.

Memorials may be made to the Central United Methodist Church, PO Box 203, Spencer, NC 28159 or the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research, PO Box 5014, Hagerstown, MD 21741.

Summersett Funeral Home is serving the Patton family. Online condolences may be made at www.summersettfuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 12. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Summersett Funeral Home
1315 W. Innes St.
Salisbury, NC 28144
(704) 633-2111
<https://www.summersettfuneralhome.com>

Memorial Service

MAR 13. 1:00 PM (ET)

Central United Methodist Church
200 4th Street
Spencer, NC 28159

Tribute Wall

C8

“ *Rest in Paradise Ms Judy Patton*

Candance Chambers Class of 83) - March 16, 2024 at 04:19 AM

MF

“ *MMA Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Julia "Judy" Patton.*

MMA Family - March 11, 2024 at 12:41 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Julia "Judy" Patton.*



March 11, 2024 at 12:41 PM

CC

“ *To the family of Ms Judy Patton as I knew her as was one of my Teachers she taught me well she was a great teacher and very friendly and she helped me all she could when I was in school she even came to my Graduation in 1983 we still remained friends.
Candance Chambers*

Candance Chambers - March 11, 2024 at 12:53 AM

SE

“ Susan, Mark, and Kristie Everhart. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Julia "Judy" Patton.

Susan, Mark, and Kristie Everhart. - March 09, 2024 at 07:02 PM

SE

“ Susan, Mark, and Kristie Everhart. purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Julia "Judy" Patton.



Susan, Mark, and Kristie Everhart. - March 09, 2024 at 07:02 PM

CF

“ Christopher Johnston and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Julia "Judy" Patton.

Christopher Johnston and Family - March 09, 2024 at 05:52 PM

CF

“ Christopher Johnston and Family purchased the Your Light Shines for the family of Julia "Judy" Patton.



Christopher Johnston and Family - March 09, 2024 at 05:52 PM

LP

“ *Lynne Purvis purchased the Simply Elegant Spat hiphyllum for the family of Julia "Judy" Patton.*



Lynne Purvis - March 09, 2024 at 12:18 PM

SE

“ *What a gentle, kind, loving heart! Judy was my friend, mentor and confidant. We would share devotions every morning. We would encourage and strengthen one another. We also had the privilege and joy to serve the Lord through music for many years at Central Methodist Church. We often said how blessed we were that the Lord put us together to serve Him! I could always go to Judy with a problem and she would give me such wise counsel. I will miss our morning devotion times and conversations, but I think it will not be long until the Lord returns and we can see Judy again! Luke 21:28. She loved her family so much, so let this verse comfort your hearts until we are United again; “Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts.” Colossians 3:15 NIV*

Susan Everhart - March 09, 2024 at 11:21 AM

BB

“ *I remember Judy very well. We grew up on the same block in Spencer and went through high school together. She was a wonderful girl and lady she will be missed. Richard "Brownie" Brown*

Brownie Brown - March 09, 2024 at 10:25 AM

MM

“ *My talent and love for piano was brought out in me by this precious lady at the young age of seven. She was my inspiration and I became a better person for knowing her. A true southern lady that followed he own mother's footsteps that will never be forgotten. Love to you, Jenny and all of your family.*

Michelle Armietead McCoy - March 08, 2024 at 05:28 PM