



Judy Jo (Hunt) Arbour

June 10, 1955 - February 28, 2024

Judy Jo (Hunt) Arbour, 68, residing in Chebanse, Illinois, passed away Wednesday, February 28, 2024, at Riverside Medical Center in Kankakee, Illinois. She valiantly with unmatched bravery and courage fought renal failure to the very end.

A celebration of her life will be held on Saturday, April 13th, 2024, from 4:00-8:00 pm at Jensen Funeral Home located at 3639 IL-17, Kankakee, IL 60901.

Judy Jo was born on June 10, 1955, in Gibson City, Illinois, the daughter of John (Tom) Hunt and Valeria (Wright) Hunt.

Surviving are her husband, Joseph; two sons, J.T. (Barb) and Jeffrey; grandchildren, Cayden and Tyson Arbour.

Also surviving are her mother, Val Hunt; sister, Dorri (Harry) Groom, their children, Stacy (Chad) Johnson, Sara Groom Boucek; and nieces and nephews, Hunter and Valeree Johnson and Ainsley, Jack and Annie Grace Boucek. Judy Jo was preceded in death by her father; Grandson, Cody Thomas Arbour; and both in-laws, Joe and Joanne Arbour.

Judy Jo was a beloved beautician who used her hair styling talents for most of her life to keep her clients looking their best. She dedicated countless

volunteer hours to local schools, little league, and the HeadStart organization. She was “mom” to many, known for her caring spirit and endless energy entertaining school and neighborhood kids alike.

After the tragic loss of her second grandson, Cody, she helped organize and founded the not-for-profit organization, Because of Cody, whose mission was to educate parents and create awareness about Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) and Safe Sleep Practices for babies. She was instrumental in passing legislation in Illinois for Safe Sleep Practices, appropriately named “Cody’s Law”. For the past several years, she was passionate about her work at Jensen Funeral Home as a coordinator for funeral services helping families to coordinate the final wishes of beloved family members.

Her talents were endless but perhaps what she will be best remembered for is the way she unconditionally and without reservation provided love to all, especially her family and close friends. She was often the life of any party and the first to offer a helping hand in times of need. She mastered the ability to be present and genuinely listen with care and compassion, never turning away from those in need. This is her legacy and even in death cannot be diminished.

For those who read this, her final message, request and wish would be this: Love hard and be loved in return. Unapologetically live your best life exactly as the good Lord created you. Finally, never forget that she loved you for exactly who you are, no matter what.

Donations may be made to contribute to college funds created for her Grandchildren and other wishes that Judy Jo expressed to family. Her Venmo Account is under her email, judyjo610@gmail.com.

Checks can be made out to Judy Jo Arbour and mailed to Jeffrey Arbour, 510 E. Ash St, Watseka, IL 60970. There will also be an opportunity to contribute

at the Celebration of Life on April 13th, 2024, 4pm-8pm.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

APR 13. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Jensen Funeral Home
3639 EAST State Route 17
Kankakee, IL 60901
jensenfuneralhomes@yahoo.com

Tribute Wall

PC

“ Our deepest sympathy to Joe and his family.
Frank & Pam Cuch

Pamela Cuchiara - April 12, 2024 at 06:17 PM



“ Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of
Judy Jo (Hunt) Arbour.



April 03, 2024 at 03:03 PM

KS

“ Kim, Libby and Lauren Schmidt planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in
honor of Judy Jo (Hunt) Arbour.

Kim, Libby and Lauren Schmidt - April 03, 2024 at 03:03 PM

DP

“ Judy Jo was truly one of a kind. She was the
kindest, most caring, compassionate person
that I have ever known. She will be missed by
everyone that had the honor of knowing her.
RIP my friend.



Deb (LaFrance) Partain - April 02, 2024 at 09:26 PM

PJ

“ Pam Johnson lit a candle in memory of Judy Jo (Hunt) Arbour



Pam Johnson - March 18, 2024 at 06:11 PM

CD

“ Charlene Day lit a candle in memory of Judy Jo (Hunt) Arbour



Charlene Day - March 13, 2024 at 09:58 PM

LW

“ When my son died suddenly in 2019, Judy was so helpful, compassionate, and comforting. She was a beautiful woman inside and out

Lana White - March 07, 2024 at 09:40 PM

JA

Very sorry for your loss! I know it never goes away and it is so nice to hear from people she has touched! If you are able, please come to the celebration of life in April, listed in the obituary. - Jeffrey Arbour (Son)

Jeffrey Arbour - March 08, 2024 at 01:37 PM

TE

“ *Tim And Connie Eaker lit a candle in
memory of Judy Jo (Hunt) Arbour*



Tim and Connie Eaker - March 07, 2024 at 11:32 AM