



Ortrud "Trudy" Anna Frederica Rasmussen

September 5, 1936 - January 11, 2024

Ortrud "Trudy" Anna Frederica Rasmussen, age 87, of Gravois Mills, Missouri, passed away peacefully, at home, in the loving care of her children and hospice, on January 11, 2024. Trudy was born on September 5, 1936, in Berlin, Germany, the daughter of Otilie (Link) Jodry, and Louis Joseph Jodry. She was united in marriage, April 12, 1975, to the love of her life, Command Sargent Major, retired, Eugene (Gene) Rasmussen, who preceded her in death, January 25, 2016.

Trudy was known to be, "the life of the party", and a "firecracker". She loved fashion, purses, shoes and jewelry. As a young girl, she always wanted to be a dancer, but instead worked as an office assistant, until she married and had children. She would eventually move stateside, after becoming an Army wife. She also became a U.S. citizen. Trudy raised her children, while being an avid gardener, wonderful cook, and seamstress. She made many outfits, cooked many meals, canned lots of vegetables, sold Avon, and cookware, to make ends meet. She taught her children to be responsible and hardworking, the German way. She did a variety of bookwork, medical, and service jobs, once her children went to school.

In the late 70s, she and "Ras" once again moved to Germany. Trudy was very proud to teach new troops, stationed in Germany, German, to help them transition into the community. She also translated for the Colonel, during

important meetings between the U.S. and local German Army.

Trudy and Ras returned stateside to Rolla, Missouri, in 1982, retiring in 1984. They started camping and boating at The Lake of The Ozarks, where they eventually purchased a weekend home. Many family memories were made at The Lake. They purchased their dream home when they retired. Trudy's kids and grandkids had many summer visits and vacations at, "The Lake" with Oma and Opa. Her favorite place was out on the water with her "Schatz", family, and friends.

Trudy loved animals. She always managed to have a cat named Smokey and a German Shepherd, Cocker Spaniel, or Shih Tzu.

Her kids are very proud of the fact that she quit drinking at age 80 and became a member of her local AA chapter, which saved her life.

Trudy is survived by her four children, Joan (Mark) Decker, St. Peters, Missouri, Jane Croucher, Rolla, Missouri, Anthony Blake, Rolla, Missouri and Caroline Rasmussen, Davenport, Iowa. She is also survived by her grandchildren, Andrea Merrick (Jerry), Jessica Merrick (Jess), Ryan Decker, Haley Marable (Chase), Kirsten Sparbel, Kaitlyn Sparbel, and two great-grandchildren, Christopher "Wynnie" Page, and Henry Marable.

She was preceded in death by her parents Otilie and Louis Jodry, her brother Dietmar Jodry, a son Michael and her loving husband, Gene Rasmussen.

A celebration of life will be held in the springtime. Donations may be made in Trudy's name to the Ozark Kat and Canine Shelter. The mailing address is 17290 Hwy 5 Sunrise Beach, Mo. 65079. The phone number is, 573-374-2629. Her children would like to thank Three Rivers Hospice of Jefferson City, Missouri for their wonderful care.

Arrangements are under the direction and care of the Kidwell-Garber
Laurie/Sunrise Beach Chapel.

Tribute Wall

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“ *The Celebration of life for our mother, Ortrud “Trudy” Rasmussen, is Saturday, April 13th at Val's Restaurant, in Laurie, Missouri, at 4:00 pm. The address is 601 N. Main Street, Gravois Mills, Missouri. Please reach out to me (Joan Decker 636-399-7120) or my sisters (Caroline Rasmussen or Jane Croucher - pm on messenger) if you plan on attending. Facebook removed the obituary for some reason.*

Joan Decker - April 01, 2024 at 06:24 PM

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“ *Ms. Trudy, you will forever live in my heart & am so grateful for the gift of getting to know you, God bless!*

Pam Windsor - February 15, 2024 at 11:29 AM

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Joy McSparren - January 26, 2024 at 04:57 PM