

Judy Orthel passed away peacefully on January 2, 2026. She entered the Lord's hands, knowing He chose her before the world was known.

Born in 1951 to Raymond and Caroline Douglas, Judy grew up on the Douglas orchard in Emmett. Toni Graham (Boise) was a childhood play partner (and niece) who remained her dearest friend throughout her life. She graduated from the University of Idaho in 1973, completing her degree cum laude in three years. She met Gerald Orthel while at the university. Their first date was an Idaho-Boise State basketball game (the Vandals won). They married in May 1976. On the Orthel family farm in southern Idaho, her garden, dairy calves, Simmental cattle, and cherished golden retrievers filled the few parts of her days not dedicated to family.

Despite having MS symptoms for 60 years, Judy never complained and stayed active in her favorite activities. She volunteered in classrooms and at church. She supported many 4-H projects and fair events, and was regularly in the stands for Filer High School baseball and basketball games. She ensured family recipes and traditions were passed forward.

In recent years, she enjoyed meeting with friends at BSF: Bible Study Fellowship and horseback riding at Rising Stars Therapeutic Riding Arena.

She is survived by her husband, Gerald; children, Scott (Emma) Orthel of Tyler, Minnesota, Krista (Doug) Huettig of Hazelton, and Bryan Orthel of Bloomington, Indiana; and seven grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents and sister, Joan Blaine.

In Loving Memory



Judy Orthel

January 31, 1951 - January 2, 2026

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Born

January 31, 1951
Emmet, Idaho

Passed Away

January 2, 2026
Twin Falls, Idaho



The LORD is my shepherd;
I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul:
he leadeth me in the paths of
righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will
fear no evil:

for thou art with me;
thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:
thou anointest my head with oil;
my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall
follow me all the days of my life:
and I will dwell in the house
of the LORD for ever.

Psalm 23



Celebration of Life

Monday ~ February 2, 2026 ~ 11am
Immanuel Lutheran Church
2055 Filer Ave. E., Twin Falls, Idaho 83301
Officiant ~ Pastor Roger M. Sedlmayr
Organist ~ Mr. Johnathon Ehlers

Hymns

“How Great Thou Art”

“Amazing Grace”

Judy's Favorite Granddad's Donuts

3/4 Tbsp Shortening (Oil)
1/2C + 1 Tbsp Sugar
1 1/2 Eggs
1/2 C + 1 Tbsp Milk
3/4 tsp Salt
1 1/4 Tbsp Baking Powder
1 1/2 tsp Vanilla
1/4 tsp Nutmeg
2 1/2 - 3 C Flour

Mix shortening and sugar, add eggs, beat well.
Add milk, salt, baking powder, flour, and flavorings.
Roll, cut, let rest 10 minutes. Fry in oil at 375.
Enjoy!