



Judy Nell Johnson Ross

July 4, 1958 - June 22, 2026

Judy Nell Johnson Ross, 67, of DeMossville, KY, passed away peacefully in the company of her family on Monday, June 22, 2026. Born on July 4, 1958, in Louisville, KY, she was the daughter of the late Vanhoy Johnson, Sr. and Patty Nell Cook Johnson. A 1976 graduate of Jesse Stuart High School, Judy worked as an administrative assistant with Harry's Corner Carpet in Cincinnati, OH for 15 years. On November 12, 1988, she married Matt Ross, and they were blessed with 37 wonderful years together.

With faith as the guiding compass of her life, Judy exhibited kindness and unconditional love to everyone she met: her family, her friends, her church family, complete strangers, and the countless inmates, with whom she journeyed in her prison ministries. She and Matt conducted weekly Wednesday Bible Study at the Roederer Correctional Complex, where several patrons came to call her "Mom." Judy and Matt also served the incarcerated through Prodigal Ministries, Inc., an organization near and dear to Judy's heart.

Surviving to continue her legacy are her husband Matt; two children she loved dearly Monica Ross and Eric Ross; her brother Gary Johnson (Joanie); her brother-in-law Brad Ross (Carla); her sisters-in-law Kim Thornberry and Lecia Ross; an adopted granddaughter Penelope "Penn" Shelton; several nieces and nephews, extended family and friends.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her brother Vanhoy Johnson, Jr.; her brother-in-law Mark Ross; and her father and mother-in-law

Arnold and Jo Bowen Ross.

Visitations will be held on Friday, June 26, 2026, from 4-8 pm at Sherman Church of Christ and on Saturday, June 27, 2026 at her church from 10-11 am preceding the funeral service at 11 am with Gary Johnson and Scotty Simpson officiating. Interment will take place in the Gardnersville Cemetery, DeMossville, KY. Woodhead Funeral Home, Falmouth, is honored to serve the family. Memorials are suggested to Prodigal Ministries, Inc., P.O. Box 1484, Crestwood, KY 40014.

Cemetery Details

Gardnersville Cemetery

DeMossville, KY 41033

Upcoming Events

Visitation

JUN 26. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Sherman Church of Christ
1055 Sherman Mount Zion
Dry Ridge, KY 41035

Visitation

JUN 27. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Matt and Family,
Please accept my sincere condolences upon Judy’s passing.
May the Good Lord afford comfort....*

Don Wells - Yesterday at 11:20 PM

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“ *Judy you were an incredible friend to me. We got to spend our youth together as best friends, shared church together at South Jefferson, and for a short time in our young adult years, we were related (cousin in-laws). I will meet you and mom at the Middle Eastern Gate when I arrive in heaven. Wear your wings proudly. Your sister in eternity, Tina Frazier Kopatz*



Katrina Kopatz - Yesterday at 09:32 PM

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“ *I will never forget all of the memories we made, you are always in my heart, until I see you again.
My Love to all of the family. Teresa VanWinkle Puckett*

Teresa Puckett - Yesterday at 09:01 PM