



Judith Francis Parrish Ratcliffe

January 31, 1947 - February 26, 2025

Judith Francis Parrish Ratcliffe, 78, of Manassas, Virginia passed away unexpectedly on February 26, 2025 after a brief illness. A beloved wife, mother, grandmother, and sister, Judy was preceded in death by her husband of 43 years Richard Jackson Ratcliffe; her sister-in-law, Ann Harrover Thomas; and her niece, Samantha Meyer.

Judith Parrish Ratcliffe is survived by her brother, former Manassas Mayor Harry J. (“Hal”) Parrish II (Cheryl); daughters Jenny Ratcliffe Billingslea (Bob) and Susanna Jackson Ratcliffe (Whitney); grandchildren Tyler, Ethan, and Madison Billingslea and Larkin Francis Ratcliffe; nephews Chris Harrover (Denise) and Harry J. (“Trey”) Parrish III; nieces Lisa Harlow (Brian), Molly Lane (Ron), and Sydney Meyer.

Judy was born on January 31, 1947 in Manassas, Virginia to the late Virginia Delegate (R-50) and Manassas Mayor Harry J. Parrish and Mattie Hooe Cannon Parrish. She was a 1964 graduate of Osbourn High School and a 1968 graduate of Westhampton College at the University of Richmond, where she majored in mathematics and economics.

Upon graduating from college, Judy worked as a computer programmer for IBM for many years. In later years, she began working full time at the family business, R. Jackson Ratcliffe Insurance, where she worked until her death.

Judy also served on the board of Manassas Ice and Fuel Company, Inc. (MIFCO), as Secretary.

Judith Parrish Ratcliffe, like her parents before her, believed in community service. She was a life member of the Manassas Volunteer Fire Company Auxiliary. She was a member of the Junior Women's Club of Manassas, the Manassas Garden Club, the D.A.R., Crimesolvers, and the Prince William/Manassas Chamber of Commerce. In her free time, she enjoyed socializing with her friend groups: the Mother-Daughter Book Club, the Birthday Group, the Happy Hour Group, and the Sunday School Group. She was also an avid Virginia Tech fan and season football ticket holder (Go Hokies!).

The family will receive friends from 5 - 7pm on Thursday, March 6, 2025 at Grace United Methodist Church, 9750 Wellington Road, Manassas, Virginia. Funeral services will be held at the same location at 10:00 am on Friday, March 7, 2025 with Reverend Drew Colby officiating. Interment will follow at Manassas City Cemetery.

Since Judy had a great love for children and animals, the family requests that in lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy take the form of contributions in her name to an animal or children's charity of your choice.

Cemetery Details

Manassas City Cemetery

9317 Center Street
Manassas, VA 20110
(703) 257-8372
<http://www.manassascity.org/181/Cemeteries>

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 6. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Grace United Methodist Church
9750 Wellington Road
Manassas, VA 20110

Funeral Service

MAR 7. 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

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Burial

MAR 7. 12:00 PM - 12:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Judith Francis Parrish Ratcliffe.

March 06, 2025 at 05:06 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Judith Francis Parrish Ratcliffe.



March 06, 2025 at 05:06 PM



“ They say the truest friends are old friends. But we were friends when we were young, and that was best of all. Remembering summer nights, hide-and-seek, and fireflies. RIP, Judy.

Doug Wilhide
Lynne Wilhide (Storer)

Doug Wilhide - March 05, 2025 at 08:07 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Judith Francis Parrish Ratcliffe.



March 05, 2025 at 09:27 AM

MG

“ Our sympathy to Judy's family. Judy was al loving, dedicated, and deeply involved citizen of Manassas.
Maury Gerson and Family.

Maury Gerson - March 04, 2025 at 08:05 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Judith Francis Parrish Ratcliffe.

March 04, 2025 at 12:56 PM



“ Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Judith Francis Parrish Ratcliffe.



March 04, 2025 at 12:56 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Judith Francis Parrish Ratcliffe.

March 04, 2025 at 09:49 AM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Judith Francis Parrish Ratcliffe.



March 04, 2025 at 09:49 AM

GE

“ George and Theresa Ellis planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Judith Francis Parrish Ratcliffe.

George and Theresa Ellis - March 04, 2025 at 08:08 AM

GE

“ George and Theresa Ellis purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Judith Francis Parrish Ratcliffe.



George and Theresa Ellis - March 04, 2025 at 08:08 AM

MA

“ MaryAnnaJohnson lit a candle in memory of Judith Francis Parrish Ratcliffe



MaryAnnaJohnson - March 02, 2025 at 01:15 PM



“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Judith Francis Parrish Ratcliffe.



March 02, 2025 at 12:52 PM

MD

“ I’m so sorry to hear of Judy’s sudden passing. She always made me feel so welcomed and included. I know she will always be in your heart, in your soul, in every corner of every smile that comes with the memories of all those precious times shared together because love never dies, but lives on in those who remember. May you find peace and comfort in the days ahead.

Mary Dickins - March 01, 2025 at 05:36 PM

BF

“ I am so sad to hear of Judy’s passing. She was such a sweet person. We send our sincere sympathy to all of Judy’s family.

Beth Fini - March 01, 2025 at 04:48 PM

PG

“ Judy will be missed by so many who knew and loved her. She has been a dear friend for over 70 years, so many memories , so many laughs and so many fun birthday dinners. Rest in peace dear Judy.
Love, Pam Messall Gwinn

Pamela M Gwinn - March 01, 2025 at 01:39 PM

LM

So very, very sorry to hear of Judy’s passing. She was an OHS 1964 graduate classmate. So sweet and friendly. My thoughts and prayers go out to her family and friends. Rest in peace Dear Judy,
Lois Markley

Lois Doretta Markley - March 03, 2025 at 09:51 AM

PG

I knew Judy through Grace UMC. She was a beautiful lady and a wonderful sister in Christ. God Bless Judy and her family.

Paul Gurlea - March 04, 2025 at 08:02 PM

CM

It is with sorrow in my heart that I offer condolences to Judy's family. My contact with her was at their insurance office on Battle Street where I often paid my premiums in person. Judy was always so friendly, cheerful and professional. She was indeed a sweet lady.

Claudia May Moore - March 04, 2025 at 11:15 PM