



Judy Ann Kruse

December 11, 1946 - December 3, 2025

Judy Kruse (Nana), 78, loving wife of Arvin Kruse, passed away peacefully on December 3, 2025. Judy was born on December 11, 1946, to the late Troy and Margaret Edwards in Spartanburg, SC where she was raised and lived her entire life.

Judy retired from Springs Industries after 20 years.

Everyone that knew Judy (Nana) knew how fiercely she loved her family. She made it known to everyone that her husband, Arv (Poppy) was the love of her life and her best friend. She never missed an academic celebration, graduation, sporting event, baptism, or birthday. She was her family's biggest cheerleader! She cherished every minute she had with her family!

Judy will be remembered for her selfless nature, generous heart, love for fashion/shopping (and lipstick), countless friendships, love for traveling (especially Hilton Head Island), beaming pride for her family, and her ability to make everyone feel special and "at home". Her faith was her grounding source; deeply rooted and a steady source of strength and encouragement. She was also a big supporter in the community – being one of Dorman's biggest fans (all sports) for decades. Every single birthday of her family members was a big celebration. Thoughtful and intentional birthday calls and handwritten cards were never forgotten!

Surviving are a husband, Arvin Kruse; two daughters, Sandy Kruse of Knoxville, TN and Kandy Barbare (Billy) of Wellford, SC; two sons, Ken Kruse (Angie) of Wellford, SC and Richie Solesbee (Candy) of Wellford, SC; one

daughter in law, Robyn Kruse, two brothers, Darren Edwards of Spartanburg, SC and David Edwards (Heidi) of Greer, SC; one bonus mother, Pat Edwards of Spartanburg, SC; Nine grandchildren, Brittney Watt (Nick), Austin Johnson, Chris Litterall, Josh Kruse, Brent Barbare (Janna), Jessica Kruse, Branson Solesbee (Lilly), and Morgan Ellis (Jordan); Zane Cordell (Maegan); Thirteen great grandchildren, Riley Barbare, Sydney Watt, Savanna Watt, Will Watt, Caydence Cordell, Lily Faneuf, Lyla Faneuf, Jay Kruse, Atlas Litteral, Kyle Cordell, Charlie Cordell, Reid Solesbee, and Maybree Barbare.

She was predeceased by two sons, Ronnie Solesbee and Greg Kruse and one grandson Kyle Cordell.

Her love will be carried in the hearts of everyone that knew her. She left a legacy of love, kindness, and family. She will be deeply missed by her family, friends, and all who had the privilege of knowing her.

A celebration of life will be held on Sunday, December 14th 2025 from 2-4pm at 13 E Pine St., Startex SC 29377. <https://maps.app.goo.gl/nGxywpwGDYrGHfrp8>

Memorials may be made to SRHS Hospice Home, 686 Jeff Davis Dr, Spartanburg, SC 29303. <https://www.regionalfoundation.com/ways-give/online-giving/hospice>

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

DEC 14. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Church
13 E Pine Street
Startex, SC 29377

Tribute Wall

RT

“ Rodney and Teresa purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Judy Ann Kruse.



Rodney and Teresa - December 12, 2025 at 11:54 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Judy Ann Kruse.



December 12, 2025 at 09:49 AM

SA

“ nana was the best ever! i loved her so much with all my heart and she was always there for anybody. if you asked her for something she would make sure to get it right then. nana was on of the persons that meant the world to me and she still does. i'm so glad to think she's up in heaven with some of her family and im happy that she's in no pain up in heaven and running around up there! 💕💕



savanna - December 11, 2025 at 09:07 PM

TF

“ *The Conwell and Robison family purchased the Y our Light Shines for the family of Judy Ann Kruse.*



The Conwell and Robison family - December 10, 2025 at 07:18 PM

TF

“ *The Conwell and Robison family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Judy Ann Kruse.*

The Conwell and Robison family - December 10, 2025 at 07:18 PM

PK

“ *We will certainly miss Judy at Dorman. She was always there to support so many of our teams whenever she could.*



Paula Kirkland - December 10, 2025 at 11:28 AM

KO

“ *Kenneth Orr lit a candle in memory of Judy Ann Kruse*



Kenneth Orr - December 09, 2025 at 04:03 PM

RW

“ Dear Arvin, Our hearts go out to you and all Judy’s beloved family. I was shocked to hear of her passing. I worked with Judy at Springs some 35 years ago—we talked daily. Everyone loved her. Please take good care of yourself. All our love, Roberta & Ken from Chicago

Roberta Wilk - December 09, 2025 at 06:38 AM

TF

Arvin.... I remember well how Judy would work to get us samples on time in the Wamsutta Midwest region! Always with a smile. I also remember how she and you seemed so to enjoy each other during that time. I’m very sorry for your loss , stay well.

Thomas Flaherty - December 09, 2025 at 06:34 PM

TH

“ The family’s discretion of Judy is so spot on. I worked with her for many years and when ever she had us over You never left empty handed. She was so loving: caring. Always going the extra mile I loved her dearly. I’m sure the Angels wanted her true beauty as much as all of us. Tonda

Tonda Henerey - December 08, 2025 at 07:56 PM

KT

“ Kathy Thompson lit a candle in memory of Judy Ann Kruse



Kathy Thompson - December 08, 2025 at 06:47 PM

KC

“ Judy brought me so much joy with her carefree laughter, her beauty and her friendship.
It was no secret that Arv was her sweetheart. She loved him and their entire family with all she had.
My sympathy to the family for the loss of an amazing lady.
Rest in peace, my friend.

Kathy Carver - December 08, 2025 at 06:04 PM

PP

I'm so sorry to hear of the passing of this beautiful and precious woman. I worked with her at Springs for many years back in the good old days. She was a lady that was always smiling and with those beautiful lips that were always had lipstick on them. I remember when she and Arvin got together and she was so happy. Sending prayers and love to her beautiful family. RIP pretty lady.

Patsy Potts - December 09, 2025 at 05:55 PM

LF

“ Lee And Maria Fuentes lit a candle in memory of Judy Ann Kruse



Lee and Maria Fuentes - December 08, 2025 at 05:31 PM