



## Judith "Judy" Martinez

October 4, 1942 - October 29, 2023

Coleman Funeral Home of Oxford

Judith (Judy) Martinez, 81, died Sunday, October 29, 2023, at Oxford Health & Rehab Center in Oxford, MS. Judy was born in Hartsville, TN to Edith Wright and Charles Lee Burton. Judy attended Tennessee Tech and studied music, and would later complete a Bachelor of Arts from Tulane University in New Orleans, LA. Judy worked in sales for a national insurance company in New Orleans, and moved to Oxford in 2005 after Hurricane Katrina. Judy was known for her musical talents and singing, and she offered these gifts in her parish communities—Church of the Holy Comforter (New Orleans) and St. Peter's Episcopal Church (Oxford). She was also involved in music in the Oxford community through her involvement with a dulcimer group at Peace Lutheran Church. Judy volunteered in St. Peter's outreach ministries at North Mississippi Regional Center and Elison Assisted Living, playing music for residents. She is also remembered for her kindness to animals; she volunteered with a visiting pets program for nursing home residents in New Orleans and was a faithful supporter of 9 Lives Cat Rescue in Oxford.

Along with her parents, Judy was preceded in death by her sister, Linda Elaine Rogers; her step-father, Jesse Littleton Rogers; and her cherished companion of 25 years, Kenneth Alva Stead. She is survived by her many loving friends and her former husband and friend, George Martinez of Atlanta,

GA.

A rite of Christian Burial with Holy Communion will be held on Saturday, November 11, 2023 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Peter's Episcopal Church (113 South 9th St., Oxford, MS 38655). The committal will immediately follow in the church courtyard. All are invited for a luncheon afterwards in the Parish Hall.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Ms. Martinez's memory may be made to the donor's choice of 9 Lives Cat Rescue (P.O. Box 2006, Oxford, MS 38655) or St. Peter's Episcopal Church (113 South 9th Street, Oxford, MS 38655).

Online condolences may be left on her Tribute Wall at [www.colemanfuneralhome.com](http://www.colemanfuneralhome.com).

# Previous Events

## Rite of Christian Burial

NOV 11. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Peter's Episcopal Church  
113 South 9th Street  
Oxford, MS 38655

# Tribute Wall

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**Jill Butler** - November 01, 2023 at 10:17 AM

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“ *Judy was a talented and delightful person. She and Dad enjoyed life to the fullest, and I'm grateful to have had her in our family. Blessings to her and to all of her loved ones and friends.*

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**Jill Butler** - November 01, 2023 at 10:16 AM

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*I just found out that Judy passed several years ago, which makes me so sad. She was such a dear friend when I lived in Oxford. I'm sure you all miss her, and I always will. Carol Dale*

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**Carol** - April 06, 2025 at 01:28 PM