



Judith A. Gronda

December 14, 1944 - February 25, 2026

Judith A. Gronda, 81, of Lake, passed away unexpectedly Wednesday, February 25, 2026, at North Woods Nursing Center in Farwell.

Judith was born December 14, 1944, in Detroit to Joseph and Laura (Bivens) Kimbro. On August 10, 1968, she married the love of her life Lee Gronda, and together they built a life rooted in love, family, and togetherness until his passing in 2007. She spent much of her life in Dearborn Heights before later making her home in Lake.

To Judith, family was everything. Her happiest moments were not grand occasions but simple ones — children in the house, grandchildren nearby. She lovingly crocheted blankets for those she cared about. She was especially known for her apple pie, potato salad, and banana pudding all favorites that brought everyone back for seconds and lingered long after meals were finished.

She treasured every visit, every conversation, and every gathering, and she had a special place in her heart for her faithful companion, Dusty, who rarely left her side.

Surviving are her children, Joseph (Tricia) Gronda of Lake, Gregg (Kathleen) Gronda of North Branch, and Cynde (Paul) Schmude of Oxford; six grandchildren, Kyle, Kit, Avery, Penelope, Aria, and Zoë. She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents, and siblings Walt, Alma, Paul, Ron, and Nancy.

In keeping with her wishes, cremation has taken place and arrangements

were handled by the Farwell Chapel of Stephenson-Wyman Funeral Home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Clare County Animal Shelter in her memory.

She will be remembered for her gentle care, her welcoming kitchen, and the way she made everyone feel like they belonged.

Tribute Wall

SA

“ Aunt Judy was the best part of my childhood her and grandma gave me so much happiness as a child when i was a child and adult. Many happy trips and going to Gronda restaurant. i have so many happy memories of Aunt Judy and grandma i will miss her forever they were like my second mom. loved staying at their house in the summer when i was a child. Sue Akers

SUE AKERS - February 28 at 07:31 PM

LE

“ Aunt Judy was such a special part of my life, and I feel so incredibly grateful for the memories I was blessed to share with her. She made every holiday truly special...not because of all Of the decorations or the actual events, but because of the love, thoughtfulness, and kindness she poured into every detail. I always felt how much she cared.

I still have the crocheted blanket she made me, and I treasure it more than she probably ever knew. Every time I see it, I think about her hands carefully stitching it together and the love that was woven into every thread. I can still picture myself in her kitchen, eating her fried chicken, listening to her laugh, and feeling completely at home. I always loved her sense of humor...she loved to laugh at me, and truthfully, I loved making her laugh. I always felt welcomed, loved, and like I truly belonged when I was around her.

I will deeply miss her, and my heart aches that she's no longer here with us. I can only hope she is laughing with all of her siblings, especially my mom, and getting a great big hug from Uncle Lee in heaven. She is going to be so very missed. I'm so sorry...💔

Laura Estep - February 28 at 06:42 AM

VA

“ Aunt Judy was the greatest aunt. She was there with me thru everything the passing of my mom, with me when I was pregnant taking me to all my doctors appointments and even after watching my son so I could go to work. She was there to listen to me after my divorce. She was a huge part of my life. I will miss her so much.



valinda - February 27 at 10:50 PM

RK

“ Rodney and Jolyn, Tierra and Karl purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Judith A. Gronda.



Rodney and Jolyn, Tierra and Karl - February 27 at 08:09 PM

TR

“ I'm so sorry! I will miss you so much! I'm thankful of our short time together! Laughs jokes your contagious humor. Was looking forward to a stroll in the scooter with matching unicorn slippers and outfits! God bless you judy!

Tracey - February 27 at 05:47 PM