



Judith Farber Chaiken

May 13, 1941 - November 12, 2024

Judith Farber Chaiken, known fondly as Judy, Granny, or simply JFC, passed away peacefully on November 12, 2024, after a courageous battle with Parkinson's disease and cancer. Born in New York on May 13, 1941, Judy's life was one of love, kindness, humor, and elegance. Her unwavering spirit touched everyone around her, and her legacy will be cherished by all who had the joy of knowing her—as a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and friend, and, as she was most proud, as the beloved owner of A Likely Story, a renowned children's bookstore and toy shop. Judy's boutique was more than a store; it was a haven for children and families, where her warmth and enthusiasm for stories created countless memories.

A woman of boundless interests, Judy's love of books, music, travel, and the occasional thrill of the casino or a lively bingo or card game brought joy to her days. She was an early and inspiring example of a working mother, balancing her dedication to family with her entrepreneurial spirit and love of literacy. After studying at Hofstra University and American University in Washington, D.C., Judy married Filmore in 1962, becoming a mother the following year and later moving with her family to Miami. There, she embodied what it meant to be a successful working mom, paving the way for many who followed.

Judy later found her heart's home in Texas, where she was surrounded by her entire family, watching her beloved grandchildren grow. Nothing brought her

more pride or joy than her family's achievements, and she was a fixture in their lives—an enthusiastic, supportive presence who never missed a milestone. Judy is reunited with her parents Mildred and Charles Farber. She is now remembered lovingly by her husband, Filmore; her sons and their wives, Kenneth and Patricia, Robert and Melissa, and Michael and Michelle; her adored grandchildren – who she so often said were the “ultimate superstars” -- Erin, Matthew, Samantha, Kevin, Spencer, Nicholas, and Isabella; and her bonus grandchildren Katherine and Jackson Harvey. Judy is also survived by her sister, Helen Farber Marshall, her brother and sister-in-law, Howard and Nancy Farber, and her extended family of in-laws, nieces, nephews, and friends.

Judy's family would like to extend a heartfelt thank-you to her extraordinary caregivers, Nikki, Alecia, and Maria, as well as the compassionate team at Parkview Frisco, who provided her with comfort and love through her illness.

Judy's departure leaves a profound emptiness, yet we take solace in knowing she is finally at peace. Her legacy of love and resilience will live on in our hearts forever.

A private family service will be held on November 15, 2024, in Dallas.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Cindy and I want to express our sincere condolences to all in the Chaiken family for the loss of Judy. She was a kind and loving spirit and left a wonderful legacy of children , grandchildren and extended family. We were honored and blessed to have known her and shared children and grandchildren with her. Steve and Cindy Blythe*

Steve and Cindy Blythe - November 15, 2024 at 11:30 AM