



## Ms. Judy Irene Tannas

October 30, 1951 - February 15, 2017

It is with deep sorrow we announce the sudden passing of Judy Irene Tannas on February 15, 2017 at the age of 65 years, beloved daughter, sister and aunt.

Judy was born at the High River Hospital on October 30, 1951. She graduated from High River High School and then the University of Calgary with a Bachelor of Education Degree. Judy taught school in Cayley, Okotoks, Turner Valley and Red Deer Lake. She is survived by her loving mother Audrey Tannas; sister Deborah (Michael) Melnyk and her brothers Doug (Shannon) Tannas and Lloyd (Lori) Tannas as well as many nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins. Judy was predeceased by her father Ted Tannas on November 3, 1997.

A private family memorial service was officiated by Reverend David Robertson at the High River United Church. Cremation has taken place. To send condolences and view Judy's Tribute Page please visit [www.lylereeves.com](http://www.lylereeves.com) . Caring for the family is Lyle Reeves Funerals of High River (403.652.4242).

# Tribute Wall

MA

“ Ms Tannas was the BEST. I have never seen a more loving teacher. She welcomed everyone with open arms and heart. Her love for the children she taught went far beyond the classroom. My family is very sad to hear of her passing. Heaven is a little brighter now having such a charismatic angel. ♥

God bless her family.

Love and sympathy, Derek, Marti, Jesse, Jayde, Kyler & Keaton ♥

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**Marti** - March 03, 2017 at 06:18 PM

KR

“ I am so sorry to hear of Judy's passing. She was an amazing teacher with a heart of gold. She opened her heart and arms everyday for so many many children. She taught both my children kindergarten at RDL. While I was in the school volunteering, Ms Tannis would welcome my youngest child (who was 3 years too young to be in kindergarten) to come and sit in her classroom and join my eldest in whatever activity was going on at the time. She welcomed me as a parent volunteer with a warm smile and always a laugh. She was a very important part of my children's lives in giving them a solid school foundation. She will be missed.

Karen, Tristan & Emma Rice

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**Karen Rice** - March 01, 2017 at 11:29 PM

BI

“ Bob & Irene lit a candle in memory of Ms. Judy Irene Tannas



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**Bob & Irene** - February 24, 2017 at 11:34 AM

EC

“ *Ed Soderberg Heather Colbow lit a candle in memory of Ms. Judy Irene Tannas*



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**Ed Soderberg Heather Colbow** - February 22, 2017 at 06:28 PM

DT

“ *Donna Tanner lit a candle in memory of Ms. Judy Irene Tannas*



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**Donna Tanner** - February 22, 2017 at 11:58 AM

DH

“ *It is with Deepest Sympathy, we morn the loss of a former colleague & friend. I had the great fortune to teach with Judy in my early years of teaching at Cayley School and again in my last years of teaching at Red Deer Lake School.*

*There was ALWAYS a smile and little laugh with all our conversations. She is dearly missed.*

*Condolences to the family.*

*Dave & Viv Holowaychuk*

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**Dave Holowaychuk** - February 22, 2017 at 09:24 AM

PF

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**Peter de Foras** - February 21, 2017 at 04:23 PM

FS

*So sorry! RIP Little Judy*

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**Frank Stephen** - February 22, 2017 at 12:10 AM

KS

“ *Judy was one the first teachers who I got to know at Red Deer Lake School. It was my first job, but she had been there already for many years. I vividly recall sitting next to Judy at my first Parent Meet and Greet night. We had some good laughs (which helped me to feel less nervous), and we often sat next to each other at the same event for a number of years after. Many families and their children will remember Ms Tannas and their first introduction to school through her kindergarten classes at Red Deer Lake School. My condolences her family and close friends on your loss.*

*Kristin Stearn*

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**Kristin Stearn** - February 21, 2017 at 08:30 AM

DD

“ *What a shock. Judy and I had many fun golf games when Highwood was nine holes and we could just walk on at our own pace. We also enjoyed many great dinner parties with The Girls. Haven't see Judy for some years, but was thinking of her recently. My condolences to all her family. Donna Downey.*

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**Donna Downey** - February 20, 2017 at 02:34 PM

JS

“ I had the pleasure of teaching with Judy for years at Red Deer Lake School. Judy touched the lives of hundreds of young children throughout her years as a teacher and was a kind and influential person to all. As a kindergarten teacher Judy was the first person to instil a love of learning, a safe space to be, and a learning environment that was fun, creative, and played an essential role in all of her students' lives. Much love to Judy's friends and family. You will be missed, Ms. Tannas.



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**Jennifer Shaw** - February 20, 2017 at 09:22 AM

KC

“ To all the Tannas family- sincere condolences on Judy's passing. May the memories and good times shared help you through this very difficult time.  
Karen (Braunwarth), Crawford

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**karen crawford** - February 19, 2017 at 09:59 PM

CC

“ Sincere sympathy to Audrey and the rest of Judy's family. I remember playing baseball with Judy and many others almost every evening one summer behind an old church near Judy's home. I believe Judy and I had the most mosquito bites!!  
Carol (Dudley) Cornwell

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**Carol (Dudley) Cornwell** - February 19, 2017 at 06:10 PM

TM

“ Words can't express how heartbroken I am to have received the news of Judys passing. I consider my self truly fortunate to have met Judy about 10 years ago when I began teaching at Red Deer Lake School. Judy and I became instant friends, and spent many hours carpooling to work, taking our dogs out for walks (she even tried unsuccessfully to get me jogging with her), and visiting over tea when we became neighbors around the bend. I am thankful to have been able to share many laughs and tears with Judy-the person whom I know would have done anything for me. That was her nature. She truly loved my boys, and I'm so glad I was able to have her in their lives. My heart goes out to you Audrey, and I think of you often, along with Deborah, Doug and Lloyd. May you find peace at this time with your families around you, and know what an honour it was to have had Judy in my life.



*Tammy Masson*

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**Tammy Masson** - February 19, 2017 at 04:20 PM

B(

“ Judy use to make Doug and I Play house with her and Dorthy....she was determined and we always seemed to have fun.....she was really good at Kick The Can game always was able to out smart us...Fond memories we had a good child hood growing up so close to each other. In my prayers to the Tannas Family.

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**Bill (tup)** - February 19, 2017 at 07:39 AM

MW

“ wish I could have said goodbye. Will always miss you

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**Marnie Webb** - February 18, 2017 at 09:07 PM

CH

“ Our deepest condolences to all of the Tannas family at this difficult time. Our thought and prayers are with you all that this time.

*Chuck and Linda Hurl*

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**Chuck and Linda Hurl** - February 18, 2017 at 02:27 PM

DT

“ Good bye my sister

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**doug tannas** - February 17, 2017 at 09:53 PM

LM

“ Lloyd & Nancy MacKillop lit a candle in memory of Ms. Judy Irene Tannas



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**Lloyd & Nancy MacKillop** - February 17, 2017 at 09:05 AM

BM

“ My deepest condolences to all of the Tannis family, & all the best to everyone, Bert Montgomery

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**Bert Montgomery** - February 17, 2017 at 05:49 AM

PH

“ Many many memories of Judy and sharing many moments in the Tannas home everyday grade 10,11,12. I'm ever so grateful for all these memories. Sending you all hugs and most especially to Audrey .

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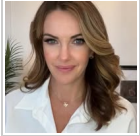
**Pam Henheffer** - February 16, 2017 at 09:38 PM

DC

“ *Ms Tannas taught our son Grade 1 at Big Rock School in Okotoks and was an excellent teacher. She gave many children a good start with their education because of her high standards. Prayers to the Tannas family following her passing.*

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**Denise Connors** - February 16, 2017 at 08:24 PM



“ *My Aunt Judy loved to cook, bake & entertain. I remember many an amazing meal at her dinner table...but my favourite thing she ever made was my wedding cake. A show stopper for sure! Rich chocolate cake, buttercream frosting and decadent white chocolate shavings. It looked like a feathery masterpiece. Even better than how it looked was how it tasted! Just one of the memories I will always have of Judy's kindness. Not just a wedding cake but a gesture of ❤️!*



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**Toby Tannas** - February 16, 2017 at 06:09 PM

PZ

“ *Our deepest sympathy to the Tannas family in the loss of Judy. Cherish the memories and hold them close to your heart. Sincerely Len and Pat Zebedee*

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**Pat Zebedee** - February 16, 2017 at 05:49 PM

KN

*Deepest sympathy to the Tannis family. You are in my prayers... hugs, kathy Niemans*

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**kathy Niemans** - February 17, 2017 at 01:22 PM

AK

*Audrey and family - we are so sorry for your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers*  
*Adele and Wally Kemp*

**Adele and Wally Kemp** - February 21, 2017 at 11:10 AM

JM

*I loved that woman dearly*

**John MacKillop** - February 21, 2017 at 12:02 PM

RJ

*Audrey and family -so sorry to hear of your loss. Judy was our babysitter for quite some time when we first moved to High River and our kids and Ray and I loved her. Ray and Margie Johnston*

**Ray Johnston** - February 21, 2017 at 07:23 PM



*Judy was so good to me and my husband Jim MacKillop when we relocated to High River from California months after our daughter Cecelia Jane was born. Her kindness, humor and wit were equally matched by her friendliness, care and heart. Although we've been back in Northern California for three plus years, I'll never forget what a blessing and a difference she made for us three. Big LOVE and Judy may you Rest In Peace.*

**Katie MacKillop** - February 21, 2017 at 11:33 PM

LW

*We're so sorry to hear this very sad news... Our deepest condolences to you all! Frank Stephen and Lana Wilkins*

**Lana Wilkins** - February 21, 2017 at 11:45 PM

RW

*I always hoped that we would have time to reconnect...very sorry.*  
*Your cousin,*  
*Rhonda (Kimmnett) Wilson*

**Rhonda Wilson** - February 23, 2017 at 05:07 PM

LM

*I first met Judy while attending University of Calgary. She was part of a group of us that lived in Residence first year and became close friends. Although some of us ended up living in other cities and provinces, our group continued to get together throughout the years. The thing I remember most about Judy was her smile and her laugh. She will be missed at our bi-annual luncheons in Calgary.*

*Linda McDougall (nee Voisey)*

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**Linda McDougall** - February 24, 2017 at 02:41 AM

SM

*Our condolences to Audrey and the family.*

*Ray & Sandra Murray*

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**Sandra Murray** - February 26, 2017 at 04:55 PM