



## Judy Lawson

September 6, 1954 - April 15, 2023

Judy Lawson passed away April 15, 2023, in Berea, Ohio at 68 years young.

Judy was born on September 6, 1954, in Casa Grande, Arizona to Roy and Leeoda Lawson. She grew up at the White House Ranch in Benson, Arizona where her father was the ranch foreman for many years.

Judy is survived by her husband John Mela, son Andy Walton, daughter in law, Alexis Walton and beloved grandsons Waylen and Austin Walton; her sisters Sandra Hitchcock, Joyce Martin, Carrie Fletcher and brother Jerry Lawson as well as numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews all of whom Judy treasured very much.

Judy is preceded in death by her parents Roy and Leeado Lawson, with whom she will be laid to rest alongside, her sister Royce Suchi, and brother Sonny Lawson.


Judy graduated from Benson High School in 1971, and married Roger Walton; soon after she gave birth to her only son, Andy on Christmas Day in 1973.

Judy and her younger sister Carrie loved living on the ranch, they enjoyed riding horses, tagging along with their dad when he'd allow it and riding dirt bikes when their older sister Joyce and her family would come home to visit

from California.

The best part was when all seven siblings and their families would come home. It was nothing to fill the house with thirty or more people.

Judy had a passion for riding and showing horses; especially cutting horses. She was a member of the Arizona Cutting Horse Association for many years.

In recent years Judy moved to Ohio to be closer to her son Andy and his growing family. In May of 2022 Judy became a grandma to little Waylen; he stole her heart the moment she met him. She was the most doting wonderful grandma or “Amma” a little boy could hope for. She will be dearly missed. Today we come together to celebrate Judy and reminisce about all the wonderful ways she touched each of our lives. We’re all better for having the honor of knowing her or having the privilege of calling her family. 

Memorial services will be at 2:30 pm on Saturday, May 20, 2023, at Westlawn Chapel. Burial will follow in Sunset Cemetery.

# Cemetery Details

## Sunset Cemetery

N. Sunset Strip Road  
Willcox, AZ 85643

# Previous Events

## Memorial

MAY 20. 2:30 PM (MT)

Westlawn Chapel & Mortuary Inc.  
105 S Arizona Avenue  
Willcox, AZ 85643  
(520) 384-2413  
westwx@vtc.net  
<https://www.westlawnchapelmortuary.com>

# Tribute Wall



“ Dear John and family,

*I hope this message finds you and your family surrounded by love and support during this difficult time. I wanted to extend my deepest condolences for the loss of your beloved wife, Judy. Although I did not have the opportunity to know her well, the brief interactions I had with her left a lasting impression of kindness and warmth. Despite the short time she spent in our neighborhood, her genuine and caring nature were evident in every conversation we had. Although our acquaintance was brief, the last time I had the privilege of speaking with her was on April 10th, while we were outside with her grandson and my baby, eagerly planning a playdate for the summer.*

*I recall her excitement, love, and warmth surrounding her grandson and it deeply saddens me to think that those moments will not come to fruition as we had hoped.*

*In the time I knew Judy she displayed a remarkable ability to create connections and genuine kindness. Her presence will be missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing her. I can only imagine the immeasurable loss you and your family must be feeling, and my thoughts are with you during this time of grief.*

*If there is anything I can do to support you and your family, please do not hesitate to reach out. Whether it's lending a listening ear or offering a helping hand, I am here to offer my support in any way I can.*

*May the memories of Judy's kindness and love bring you solace in the days ahead.*

*Wishing you strength and comfort during this challenging time.*

*With heartfelt condolences,  
(your neighbor) Lisa Adams*

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**Lisa Adams** - May 28, 2023 at 10:33 PM

PA

“ Pat lit a candle in memory of Judy Lawson



Pat - May 19, 2023 at 03:08 PM

PB

“ I loved Judy like a sister. We always enjoyed each others company and there was always laughter when we were together. She loved her family and Andy was her whole life. As life moves on and both of us moved down life’s highway, we always kept in touch. My heart is sooo sad, but my love for Judy Will always remain. ❤️

Pat Browning - May 19, 2023 at 11:48 AM

DS

“ John, Andy, Alexis, I am so sorry to hear of Judy’s passing. John, you were a great husband and I know she loved you very much. Andy, we’ve never met - but Roger was my half brother. Even though your mom and I never “discovered” each other until about 5 years ago, and I didn’t know her when she was married to Roger, since I met her I have considered her my sister in law. We used to try and talk on the phone every couple of months, and would email back and forth more often. And undoubtedly she loved being a grandma to Waylon.

*Sending hugs from Hawaii.*

*Judy, as we say in Hawaii, “a hui hou” - Until we meet again.*

Dennis Smith - May 18, 2023 at 12:19 AM

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“ Dennis Smith purchased the *Pretty Please* for the family of Judy Lawson.



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“ Pink Potpourri Bouquet was purchased for the family of Judy Lawson.



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May 14, 2023 at 08:54 PM

GA

“ Gussie Arzberger lit a candle in memory of Judy Ford



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Gussie & Sharon Arzberger - April 21, 2023 at 11:00 AM



“ *Gussie Arzberger lit a candle in memory of  
Judy Ford* ”



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**Gussie & Sharon Arzberger** - April 21, 2023 at 11:00 AM