



## Judith Tripson McElroy

May 8, 1938 - July 16, 2015

Montgomery TX, Judith Tripson McElroy of Montgomery Texas passed away on the morning of July 16th after a brief illness, surrounded by those she loved. Judy is survived and will be deeply missed by her daughter Holli Ann May and granddaughter, Logan Elizabeth May (18) both of Montgomery. She considered Holli and Logan her greatest accomplishments. The three had a beautiful, unique, loving bond that was incomparable, admired by many and envied by most.

Judy is also survived by her brothers Frank Tripson of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and Rich Tripson of Spring, Texas. As the big sister, Judy took the role seriously and nurtured and cared after her brothers, as if they were her own sons. Her love for Frankie and Richie was unconditional and her presence, mentor-ship, and guidance served them well. Judy was preceded in death by her mother, Louise Tripson and her beloved father, Frank "Hoopie" Tripson.

Judy was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and attended Wilson Street elementary school. It was here she met her lifelong best friend Harriett Navarro with whom she shared all life's ups and downs. Judy graduated from Etna High School. Later, she married and moved to Springfield, Tennessee. Her 8 years in Springfield were some of the happiest of her life. She loved raising her daughter here and was very involved in her community. Here she

had an active social life and forged lifelong friendships that she maintained until her death.

In the early 1980's, her family moved to Spring, Texas and Judy began a thriving sales career. Judy was widely respected throughout her industry and had over 3 decade long career marked by awards, accolades and many friendships formed. Judy had a hard driven work ethic that was beyond compared and help mold so many in the industry. This included her daughter, who picked up and ran with what her mom taught her and became a leader in their industry. It was one of Judy's proudest achievements, watching Holli succeed and climb to the top of their field.

Upon retirement, Judy moved to Montgomery to be closer to her wonderful family. In Montgomery, she began the 3rd chapter of her life. It was a life filled with an abundant and active social life. The friendships she built here, though new, were deep and meaningful. She was very active in the April Sound Ladies Auxiliary and loved their cards games, bunco and an occasional trip to the Louisiana casinos. Gambling was one of Judy's favorite past-times she taught many of her daughter's friends how to play on their girls weekends to Las Vegas.

Judy lived a rich life filled with the things most important to her, her family, dear friends, her faithful companion, her rescue dog Jody and wonderful trips, especially to her beloved Aruba, where her ashes will be put to their final resting place, next summer surrounded by her closest friends. Her wish is to be let go in the sunset winds, so upon all of Holli and Logan's return trips, they will feel her in the breezes on their faces, knowing she there is enjoying the trip right beside them and always looking out for them both. Their bonds are unbreakable, even with death. Judy left a mark on her family and we are sure others, that will last a lifetime.

Judy was passionate that in lieu of flowers, money be donated to a local animal rescue or the Houston SPCA. You may leave written memorials at [www.shmfh.com](http://www.shmfh.com).

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

AUG 1. 5:00 PM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Montgomery

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Judith Tripson McElroy*

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November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *I will really miss Judy. Hard for me she won't be there to share with her my joys, our "old age" problems, aches & pains, our favorite TV shows etc. Not much missed our discussions over the years. The wonderful thing is they all ended with us laughing, sometimes those hard belly laughs! It was great therapy for both of us. Judy, my George & I met many years ago when she worked at Marfac. Customers at first but very, very quickly, we became the best of friends. I have all those years of memories & laughter to play over & over in my mind's eye. The stories I could tell! I know Judy & my George are watching over us. I also know Heaven may never be quite the same and certainly more laughter! If we listen really hard, we may be able to hear it ! Love you, Judy.*

*Paula Burtch*

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**Paula Burtch** - August 02, 2015 at 04:27 PM



“ *I am sorry to hear of Judy's passing. We were friends for many years as we were growing up. I have many memories of all the good times we had. I also know she was like a sister to me and my sister's . We were in each other's weddings. My whole family loved Judy and spoke of her and Louise, Frank and family often and I will cherish those memories forevermore. May she rest in peace.*

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**Pat (Hughes) Lane.** - July 31, 2015 at 08:40 PM