



## Judy A. Leininger

April 10, 1940 - August 12, 2009

Judith Ann Tipton Leininger, 69, of Bolivar died Wednesday, Aug. 12, 2009, at St. John s Hospital in Springfield from a severe heart infection. She was the daughter of Raymond Eugene Bud Tipton and Wilma Louise Pride Tipton. She was born April 10, 1940, in East St. Louis, Ill., graduating from East Side High School in 1958 and Washington University, St. Louis, with a B.A. in elementary education in 1962. She taught school as a substitute teacher for several years but considered her primary calling to be a mother and pastor s wife. She married William Ray Leininger in 1962, and they had three children. As a pastor s wife, she served with Ray in Hennepin, Okla., from 1971 to 1973; Normal, Ill., from 1973 to 1984; and First Baptist Church of Bolivar from 1984 to 2004. Over the years she ministered in youth and student ministry. In women s ministry she served in planning, leading Bible studies and discipleship. She was a mentor to many women and invested herself in each ministry with her characteristic passion. In the 1980s, she and Ray led their first international mission team to Bolivia and have led mission teams to Venezuela, Belarus, Ukraine and Romania. Since 2005 they have served under the appointment of the International Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention as Virtual Strategy Coordinators in Tomsk, Russia. In these recent ministries, in Central and Eastern Europe, they have led teams to teach conversational English, have prepared teaching materials and trained several hundred short-term missionaries from multiple states. These mission ministries have been her joy in recent years, and during her brief illness family

and national friends that circle the globe lifted her and her family up in prayer. She was preceded in death by her parents. She is survived by her husband, Ray, of the home; three children, Andy and his wife, Elizabeth, of Novosibirsk, Russia, Beth and her husband, Steve Moore, of Port St. Lucie, Fla., and Sarah and Tom Jones of Bolivar; and 11 grandchildren, Hannah, Rachel and Rebekah Leininger, Katy, Nathan, Emily and Claire Moore, and Madelynne, Abby, Sam and John Jones. She is also survived by a host of friends and fellow believers in many places and time zones. Her family joins in giving testimony that she is now healed, with a whole heart that is rejoicing in the presence of the Jesus Christ whom she now knows face to face. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that gifts be made to First Baptist Church for Tomsk, Russia, Ministry. Funeral services will be at 10:00 A M Monday, August 17, 2009 at Bolivar First Baptist Church with Rev. Billy Russell and the Leininger family officiating. Interment will be in Greenwood Cemetery. Visitation will be at First Baptist Church Sunday from 2:00 to 5:00 PM. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that gifts be made to First Baptist Church for Tomsk, Russia, Ministry. Online condolences may be made at [www.murrayfuneralhomes.com](http://www.murrayfuneralhomes.com).

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Judy A. Leininger*

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October 05, 2023 at 05:18 AM



“ *Judy A. Leininger*

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January 26, 2023 at 04:15 PM



“ *Dear Ray and children- We only learned of Judy's death, upon reading the Word and Way yesterday, August 29th. We have been stunned by Judy's homegoing and find it hard to keep you all out of our thoughts and prayers. Please know that we would have been at Judy's funeral if only we'd known. Our lines of communication were non existent in this particular case, and we grieve that we could not do even that small token of consolation to you. Ray, you and Judy have been such rays of God's glory in our lives and we are so thankful for your lives. We love you Ray and pray God's peace during these days of sorrow, for both yourself and the precious lives, your children and grandchildren, that God brought into this world through Judy and you. With much love- Ken and Betty Ragsdale*

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**Ken and Betty Ragsdale** - August 30, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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“ To the Family of Judy, I have had the pleasure of getting to know and care for Judy over the last couple of years at the cardiology office at St. John's. We have had numerous conversations about her faith and missions. I feel very blessed to have known Judy. She will be greatly missed in our office and in our hearts. My prayers are extended to your family during this time. DesiRey RN (Dr. Lakshmi Parvathaneni office)

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**DesiRey** - August 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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“ Sarah and Family, You and your Mom are in our prayers. God Bless, Teresa Gray and Family

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**Teresa Gray** - August 17, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you in this time of sorrow. Blessings on all.

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**Hugh and Twila Smith** - August 16, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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“ Much love to all at this difficult time.

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**Peggy Grant** - August 15, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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“ No words or even beats of a heart could explain what Judy meant to me. She and I shared a one-of-a-kind relationship that I still don't fully understand. I guess I am not meant to understand it at all. I was searching for something and she somehow found me, and took me in. I never made it easy for her, and that is probably my biggest regret. I may have only known her for three years, but in that time, we shared something that I have never before experienced. She truly could grab my hand and look into my soul...she was trying to teach me lessons I didn't think I wanted to learn. I am thankful for every moment I spent in her presence. Andy, Beth, and Sarah--your mom was the most remarkable woman I have ever known. Ray, I know your heart must be shattered in ways, but I have watched your family for three years now. And I know that you all have a kind of peace that I long for. Thank you for sharing her with me--if only for a little while. I was honored that she chose to be my dear friend. I will never stop missing her touch in my life.

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**Sheri Beersman** - August 15, 2009 at 12:00 AM