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Judith Ann Kennemore Buck was born July 2, 1946, to Charles and Mildred Kennemore in Mississippi County, Arkansas. She departed this life on November 8, 2024, at 6:30 a.m.

Raised in Osceola, Arkansas, she graduated from high school in 1964. She attended Arkansas State University where she obtained her bachelor's in education. She moved to Southeast Missouri and was united in marriage on March 31, 1968, to James (Jim) Buck of Bloomfield, who survives of the home.

She was an educator for many years and retired from the Sikeston Public School System. While at Sikeston she was sponsor of FBLA and Director of Adult Basic Education Programs. She obtained a master's degree and specialist degree from Southeast Missouri State University. After retiring from Sikeston, she was hired as Director of the Southeast Missouri State University Higher Education Center in Sikeston. She was recognized for her hard work and dedication to the center for 14 years, growing it from an incubation stage, starting with 20 course sections in 1998 to 170 sections in 2012. She received the Outstanding Missourian Award by the Missouri House of Representatives for her work in education. She loved helping students reach their goals and encouraged those who didn't think it was possible. She was active in the Elks, P.E.O. (Philanthropic Educational Organization), Sikeston Chamber of Commerce and Rotary. She was the first female president of the Sikeston Chapter 1993 - 1994. Upon retirement she and

Jim moved to Murray, Kentucky where they loved to spend time on the lake and traveling.

Together they had two children from their union, Keith (Shelly) Buck and Kim (Barry) Crumley. She had four grandchildren, Jacob Crumley, Victoria (Brady) Rogalla, Keiton Buck, and Jase Crumley. She was also proud to have three great grandchildren, Ben Jamerson, Chloe Jamerson, and Waylon Rogalla. She is also survived by her brother Jimbo Kennemore of Osceola, Arkansas.

She was preceded in death by her parents Charles and Mildred Kennemore of Osceola and her brother Charles Richard "Dickie" Kennemore also of Osceola.

A visitation will be held Tuesday, November 12, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Ponder Funeral Home in Sikeston, Missouri.

Graveside Services will be held on Wednesday, November 13 at 11:00 a.m. at Murray Memorial Gardens Cemetery Chapel in Murray, Kentucky.

In lieu of flowers the family asks that donations be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or Shriners Children, loveshriners.org.

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