



## Judi A. Bates-Mourar

October 16, 1956 - April 8, 2025

Judith A. "Judi" (Buckwalter) Bates-Mourar, age 68, of Barto, PA, passed away on Tuesday, April 8, 2025, at home after a short battle with metastatic melanoma cancer. Born on October 16, 1956 in Pottstown, PA she was a lifelong resident known to many through her J.A. Bates Roofing business.

Judi was very active in the auto racing community, achieving many firsts as a female competitor. Notably, Judi was the first and presently only female Central PA 410 Sprint Car winner. Additionally, she loved the outdoors, enjoying snowmobiling in the winter and spending summer days on the lake with her family and grandchildren.

Judi was the daughter of the late Richard D. and Betty Jane Buckwalter, and sister to the late Roger A. Buckwalter and Gary J. Buckwalter.

She is survived by her loving husband Jack Mourar, daughters and sons-in-law, Ashley and Daniel Sammons, Billie Jo and Greg Wagner, and Sherri and Michael Gagnon. Judi was a proud grandmother to Ella and Shane Sammons, Ethan and Zachary Boughter, Tyler and Somer Gagnon, and great-grandmother to Jovi Jac. She is also remembered by her former husband and best friends Clifford Bates and his wife Denise, her mother-in-law Wanda Jean Mourar, along with her beloved dogs, Holly and Hunter.

She is also survived by siblings: Richard D. Jr., husband of the late Nancy Buckwalter; Bruce D. Sr., husband of Veronica Buckwalter; Sandra C., wife of the late Wilson Cooper; and Brian L., husband of Viktoria Buckwalter. She was also an Aunt and Great Aunt to her many nieces and nephews.

We invite you to join us for a celebration of life honoring Judi Buckwalter Bates Mourar. Let us remember her kind heart, her laughter, and the many lives she touched. Join us on Sunday, June 1, 2025 at Hunsickers Grove, 9350 Longswamp Rd, Mertztown, PA 19539 beginning at 12:00 noon. Family and friends will be speaking beginning at 4:00pm.

There will be food so kindly respond if you plan to attend so we can plan accordingly. Kindly respond if you plan on attending via the Facebook event created by visiting <https://www.facebook.com/share/1BWnjzBXew/>.

Feel free to stop by or spend the afternoon. Judi would want everyone comfortable so please wear casual outdoor attire.

Arrangements are being handled by the Cattermole-Klotzbach Funeral Home, Royersford, PA. Condolences may be offered by visiting [www.RoyersfordFuneralHome.com](http://www.RoyersfordFuneralHome.com).

# Previous Events

## **Celebration of Life**

JUN 1. 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Hunsicker's Grove  
9350 Longswamp Road  
Mertztown, PA 19539

## **Celebration of Life Service**

JUN 1. 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Hunsicker's Grove  
9350 Longswamp Road  
Mertztown, PA 19539

# Tribute Wall

JA

“ Judy was so special, always caring and wanting her workmanship to be perfect. I'll be lost without her. Jean Ackerman

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**JEAN T. Ackerman** - April 14, 2025 at 12:41 AM

JR

“ My condolences go out to Jack and Cliff and the entire Buckwalter family. Her father, brothers, and Judy put roofs on my late father's homes that he built. He paid her the ultimate compliment by saying she got right in there and worked alongside her dad and brothers. She was an incredibly hard worker and was very talented. She was an inspiration. Her craftsmanship was outstanding. She put a new roof on our house in Royersford years ago, as well as roofed and sided our home in Schwenksville. All great memories of her and her family. She will be sadly missed by our entire family.

*John Romer*

*Schwenksville*

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**John Romer** - April 12, 2025 at 07:13 PM

RR

“ Judi was a truly impressive racer. The first time I saw her was at Clyde Martin in a 125cc micro. She paved the way for the female racers in this area. Thank you Judi and may you Rest In Peace.

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**robert rodkey** - April 12, 2025 at 11:39 AM

BT

“ *BARRY TRUE lit a candle in memory of Judi A. Bates-Mourar*



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**BARRY TRUE** - April 11, 2025 at 04:12 PM

BT

*I NEW JUDY AND FAMILY SINCE I WAS 15 she was a awesome person and friend we had good times roofing and racing i will miss her. thoughts and prayers 2 all her family*

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**BARRY TRUE** - April 11, 2025 at 04:17 PM

JU

*So sad to hear this, Judy was a great worker and friend. We will think of her often. Jack you are In our thoughts and prayers.*

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**julieplotts** - April 11, 2025 at 09:58 PM

GG

*God Speed, Judi. You will be greatly missed by all you touched. The world has lost a caring, thoughtful, unselfish, hard working and hard driving woman. She left a hole in so many people's lives that will be hard to fill. Sincere condolences to Judi's family and friends from Group88 Racing.*

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**Gwen Gilbert** - April 12, 2025 at 02:42 AM

PA

“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



Paul Arch - April 11, 2025 at 04:04 PM

MB

“ Marie B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Judi A. Bates-Mourar.

Marie B. - April 11, 2025 at 02:54 PM

MB

“ So sorry for this huge loss to your family. Judi is a beautiful and strong woman who gave it all to her family and racing. She is now in God's loving arms. Prayers you find comfort.



Marie Beasley - April 11, 2025 at 02:49 PM

SE

“ Shirley E. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Judi A. Bates-Mourar.

Shirley E. - April 11, 2025 at 10:20 AM

EA

“ Edwin A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Judi A. Bates-Mourar.

Edwin A. - April 11, 2025 at 09:06 AM

BL

“ Jack, Cliff and family,  
We are shocked and saddened to hear about Judi's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Bink and Kim Lederer  
Myrtle Beach, SC

Bink Lederer - April 11, 2025 at 08:43 AM

JR

“ I remember Judi for her dedication to working hard and above all her kindness to all, especially to her family.

John Reed - April 11, 2025 at 08:43 AM

PQ

“ Keeping you in my prayers



Patricia Quinn - April 11, 2025 at 07:26 AM