

Judy was born in Detroit to Leo and Gladys Kaiser but she spent her early life in Canada with her maternal grandparents following her mother's untimely death. Her mother was only 24 when she passed away, leaving two young girls at the tender ages of 3 and 5.



After 15 years in Florida, Judy enjoyed a sabbatical year at Blessing Place near New Orleans. She thoroughly enjoyed the Cajun Center and participated in the Mardi Gras experience.

Later, after her father remarried, Judy and her sister Cathy moved to Detroit to continue their education. She attended St. Anthony School for the fourth and fifth grades and St. Charles for grades six to 12. It was there that she first met the IHM community. Judy admired all of her teachers and loved the caring environment they provided. She wanted to be just like them.

Following her sabbatical in Louisiana, Judy journeyed to Selma, Ala., to work with the poor. It was there that she deepened her commitment to social justice and an appreciation for the Black American culture. She ministered at a learning center for the underprivileged, run by the Edmundite Community. In her spare time,

During her senior year at St. Charles, she attended a vocation retreat in Monroe. That weekend, God's call became clear that this was where she belonged. Judy entered the community in September 1960.



she was able to attend art workshops and participate in the local church choir. Her 19 years in Selma were both life-giving and fulfilling.

Her formation years were not easy, but she accepted the many challenges of religious life with faith and determination and became a successful and talented teacher.

Now in her retirement years, Judy keeps very active by volunteering at the Motherhouse and developing her healing touch practice and artistic skills. She is a gifted artist and has earned awards for her work.

Judy's first mission was at St. Hugo in Bloomfield Hills, followed by Christ the King in Detroit then St. Anne in Warren. Later, when there was open placement, she chose to go to Pensacola, Fla., with her friend, Lois Morgan, IHM. Along with teaching opportunities, she appreciated the beautiful climate and days at the beach.

Judy is very grateful to the community for her education and the many opportunities that were offered to her throughout her life. She is especially grateful for the loving support that she received when her sister suddenly passed away last year.



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