



Judith Hutchins Bruner

Judith Hutchins Bruner was born September 17, 1936.

She graduated from Cornell University, New York Hospital School of Nursing with a Bachelors of Science in Nursing in 1959.

Judy entered the U.S. Air Force in February of 1960. She was stationed at Andrews Air Force Base in Washington DC where she staffed the patient aid station enroute for Kennedy's Inaugural Parade January 20, 1961.

She entered Air Force Nurse Flight School at Brooks Air Force Base in San Antonio, TX in 1961. She was stationed at the Tachikawa AFB in Japan from 1961-1963. She flew on Air Evacs on a C-130 in Korea, Japan, Okinawa, Taiwan, Philippines, Hong Kong, and Viet Nam.

Judy was the Charge nurse in ICU at Lackland AFB in San Antonio, TX from 1963-1966. She attended Aerospace Nursing School 1966-1967. She was stationed at the Bioastronautic Operational Support Unit in Cape Kennedy 1967-1968. Judy had the pleasure of sitting next to Buzz Aldrin in the Link Simulator for the Apollo Module in training for the Saturn Mission.

From 1968-1971 Judy was stationed at March AFB in CA where she, her husband, Walter E. Bruner to whom she was married for 31 years, from 1968-1999, and their Irish Setter frequently sailed out to Catalina Island on their houseboat.

From CA, Judy went on to Karamursel, Turkey from 1971-1974. Judy retired from Keesler AFB in Biloxi, MS where she was stationed from 1974-1979. She began working for South MS Home Health, now called Deaconess Home Care, in December of 1979 where she has now currently been employed for the last 37 years.

In 1967 Judy was elected "Outstanding Young Woman of America".

Judy had an article published in the Journal of Occupational Nursing in 1967. She presented a paper on Occupational Nursing to USAFE in Garmisch, Germany in 1972.

Judy was the first woman to ascend to 80,000 feet in a chamber wearing a pressure suit in 1967. She spent a total of 30 minutes free floating in a weightless parabolic flight in a KC-135 in 1967.

She pulled 6.5 G's in a centrifuge, the same as astronauts pulled upon lift off in the Saturn Capsule.

Judy climbed to the top of Mt Fuji in Japan. She took Japanese dance lessons in Kimero and Obi in 1963 and learned to speak conversational Japanese.

In 1963, while in India, she saw the Taj Mahal by the light of a full moon, and rode a camel enroute to Agra.

Judy is ***still working***, now at Deaconess Home Care in Gulfport, MS, she is so beloved by staff that they recently held an amazing 80th birthday party for her. Here are some photos from the party.





