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Jackson Zoo Saddened by Loss of Chimpanzee

Judy, the oldest female chimp at the zoo has died

JACKSON, MS - 05/03/10 - It is a sad day at the Jackson Zoo as it mourns the loss of one of its oldest residents.

Judy, who was at least 42 years old, has died. She had arrived in Jackson on February 27, 1974 from Marine Life Oceanarium in Gulfport, MS. While zoo officials don't have an exact birth date, she was believed to have been born in the wild in 1968. She has been at the zoo for a little over 36 years. She gave birth to Binti (who remains at the zoo) on January 26, 1999.

Judy was part of the family group which now consists of Jackson, Binti and Maybelle.

A complete necropsy is pending.



Zoo admission is \$8.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children ages 2-12, and \$7.20 for senior citizens (65 and over). Children under the age of 2 and Friends of the Zoo members are admitted free of charge.

The Jackson Zoo is located at 2918 West Capitol Street in Jackson and is open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Visit www.jacksonzoo.org to check out exciting special events, animal updates, one-of-a-kind education programs, membership and adoption packages, and so much more. The Jackson Zoo is accredited by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA). The AZA is America's leading accrediting organization that sets rigorous, professional standards for zoos and aquariums. The AZA is building North American's largest wildlife conservation movement by engaging and inspiring the 143 million annual visitors to its member institutions and their communities to care about and take action to help protect wildlife.

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