Judith of Brittany

Judith of Brittany also called **Judith of Rennes** (982–1017) Duchess of Normandy from c. 1000 until her death.

1 Life

Judith, born in 982, was the daughter of Conan I, Duke of Brittany and Ermengarde-Gerberga of Anjou.[1] She was the mother of Robert I, Duke of Normandy and paternal grandmother of William the Conqueror.[2]

She was a part of an important double marriage alliance between Normandy and Brittany first recorded by William of Jumièges.[3] In 996 her brother Geoffrey I, Duke of Brittany married Hawise of Normandy, daughter of Richard I, Duke of Normandy while in c. 1000 Judith married Richard II, Duke of Normandy, Hawise's brother.[4] The duchess Judith died on 28 August 1017[1] and was buried in the abbey of Bernay, which she had founded in 1013.[5]

2 Family

Judith married Richard II, Duke of Normandy[6] c. 1000.[2] They had six children:

- Richard (c. 1002/4), duke of Normandy.[2]

- Alice of Normandy (c. 1003/5), married Renaud I, Count of Burgundy.[2]

- Robert (c. 1005/7), duke of Normandy.[2]

- William (c. 1007/9), monk at Fécamp, d. 1025.[2]

- Eleanor (c. 1011/3), married to Baldwin IV, Count of Flanders.[2]

- Matilda (c. 1013/5), nun at Fecamp, d. 1033. She died young and unmarried.[7]

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