



Judith A. Mendelsohn

September 6, 1932 - December 4, 2007

Judith Anne Mendelsohn, 75, of Caseville, formerly of Southfield, died Tuesday, December 4, while under hospice care at the Bloomfield Hills home of her son James. Judy, as she was known to family and friends, twice fought courageously against cancer. She was born on Sept. 6, 1932 in Newark, New Jersey, to the late Joseph and Mary Ann (Kubot) Moore. Judy married the father of her three sons Peter Cristiano, Sr., on June 19, 1954 at Corpus Christi Church, Dayton, Ohio. She married Sam Mendelsohn Aug. 2, 1981 in West Bloomfield. He died March 23, 1986. Judy, a nurse, worked, throughout her medical career, for several physicians in the metropolitan Detroit area. She retired from the Detroit Medical Center in 1995. After summering with her family in Caseville for many years, following her retirement, Judy and son Christopher Cristiano, became permanent residents of the community. She then became owner of Port Elizabeth Marina and Yacht Club, Caseville. Always wanting to contribute to the betterment of Caseville, Judy served as a member of the Caseville Village Council. She was an active supporter of village events and promotional efforts. She was a member of Fraternal Order of Eagles, Aerie 3690, Caseville. Judy was a devout member of St. Roch Catholic Church and lovingly devoted countless hours serving her parish through the Knights of Columbus Council #8042 Ladies Auxiliary, Pigeon, and her work as St. Roch's Christian Service Director. Her faith sustained her throughout her life. She also served her community as a member of the Scheurer Hospital Auxiliary, Pigeon, and was

appreciative of the care received by its medical staff. She loved so many and gave of herself and personal resources so freely. There are many who will never know that they have benefited from her generosity; that was her way. Everyone who knew and loved her will feel this loss, but are thankful she is now at peace and in the arms of the God she loved. She is with Him now and surely will be asking Him to help those she has left behind.

Judy is survived by her sons Peter Jr. (Joan) Cristiano, South Lyon, Christopher Cristiano, Caseville, and James (Kevin) Cristbrook, Bloomfield Hills and grandchildren Lindsey and Tony Cristiano and Aidan Cristbrook.

Under her direction, the following arrangements have been made: At the Desmond, A.J. & Sons Funeral Home, 32515 Woodward Avenue, Royal Oak, visitation will be held Saturday, Dec. 8, 1-3 p.m., followed by a Catholic Service at 3 p.m. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to Beaumont Hospice, 1200 Stephenson Highway, Troy, MI 48083. Cremation has taken place. Additionally, per Judy's request, on Saturday, May 24, 2008, 10 a.m., a Memorial Mass will be co-celebrated for her at St. Roch Catholic Church, Caseville by it's pastor the Rev. Kenneth Yaroch and Rev. Dennis Kucharczyk, pastor of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Caro. A special memorial and luncheon will follow at Port Elizabeth Marina and Yacht Club. Those wishing to express condolences can send them to: The family of Judy Mendelsohn, 615 Yarboro Drive, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304 or express them by clicking on the Online Condolences link on this page.

Tribute Wall



“ *Judith A. Mendelsohn*

December 07, 2023 at 05:11 AM



“ *Dear Chris and all the family, we are so sorry to hear the news that your beloved mother has passed. We truly felt blessed to have known her and been a part of her life for a time. She was always such a gracious and generous person. We know she is united with our God. May your memories and faith help you and bring consolation. With friendship, Jim and MaryAnn*

Jim and MaryAnn Musser - December 12, 2014 at 10:28 AM



“ *Judy's family and friends: She was a wonderful lady. I loved her dearly. I had the pleasure of working with her in a Southfield Obstetrics practice for about 7 years! She greeted me every day with a smile. I was able to observe her taking wonderful care of her patients as she did me on a daily basis. Her sense of humor carried us through the busiest of work days laughing and having fun. I will remember her fondly and love her the rest of my life.*

Bunny Plagens - December 12, 2014 at 10:28 AM



“ *Chris and Family,
Please accept our deepest sympathies on your mother's passing. We didn't know Judy well but we did see her around Port Elizabeth Marina and she was always so friendly and always had a smile on her face. She was a wonderful lady.*

Dave and Renee Diroff - December 12, 2014 at 10:28 AM

SB

“ *Miss Judy was an incredible woman. She accepted us into her home in Casseville and the kids immediately fell in love with her. I will never forget her or her unbelievable heart. She was such a loving person who touched me personally. I feel extremely lucky to have met her. I am better for it. Thank you for sharing her. Scott*

Scott, Krista and the rest of the Boorn's - December 12, 2014 at 10:28 AM

CA

“ *To: You my additional family!
I want you all to know what a true honor it has been for me not only to become a part of this family, but the opportunity that James gave me to assist in the care of one of the most amazing women I have ever met. As Judy and I had formed our own special relationship! From me sitting on the end of her bed as we watched her favorite show Law and Order! and just talking after a long day! To us strolling through Meijer on the half battery powered buggy! The laughs her and I shared as we sat in the waiting rooms of the doctors offices and hospital (as we monitored the way the girls treated the patience!) I have so much love for this amazing being that GOD now has by his side!(probably showing him how the right way is to scrub the pots and pan's!) She will truly be missed by not only me, but all the great people she had touched and will continue to touch. Her work is not done she will do amazing things up there! I will always be here for you all and to my little buddy Aidan (I love you and so glad to be part of your life munchken!) Grandma loved you so much and will be with you always! I love you guys and am so very sorry for the emptiness you will feel for a while. It will be filled soon when you have had the time to heal.
Love Always!
Christopher*

Chris Ayers - December 12, 2014 at 10:28 AM

SG

“ Dear James, Kevin, Aidan, Chris,
I am so sorry to hear of the passing of your Mom. It is so difficult to deal with the emptiness in our lives when this happens. Always remember the good memories and legacy our parents leave with us are the greatest gifts of life. My thoughts and prayers are with you.
With love, Susie

SUSIE GARDINER - December 12, 2014 at 10:28 AM

MM

“ Dearest James, Kevin, Aidan, and Chris A.,
I did not know Judy for very long but I knew right away how blessed she felt having you in her life, and how lucky you are to have had her in yours.
"I believe that imagination is stronger than knowledge. That myth is more potent than history. That dreams are more powerful than facts. That hope always triumphs over experience. That laughter is the only cure for grief. And I believe that love is stronger than death." --
Robert Fulghum
If there is anything that you need, please do not hesitate to call. I love you and my prayers are with you.
Warmest Regards, Mary Frances

MARY FRANCES MCCALEB - December 12, 2014 at 10:28 AM

KT

“ I am writing to extend my deepest condolences to you and your family. I was so very sad to hear about Judy, she was such a wonderful woman.
I had the honor and the pleasure to know her as a young child and, now as a woman. I was very sorry to hear about her passing away. I had the greatest respect for Judy and will miss visiting with her up at the lake. Her frank honesty and sharing remarkable sense of humor will be sadly missed.
Please let me know whether there is anything I can do to help during this difficult time. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

Kendra De Verna Taylor - December 12, 2014 at 10:28 AM

JS

“ Dear Chris:
Thought of your Mom and you many times since I saw you Friday. Although I know she is in a better place it is never easy to let loved ones go. Keep the wonderful memories near and know that I am thinking of you and her and keeping you both in my prayers. Take care buddy...
Hugs,
Jerry Smale

Jerry Smale - December 12, 2014 at 10:28 AM

LK

“ I'm having trouble finding words to comfort you Chris. I know you were there for us when we lost loved ones and I hope that you know We are here for You now. Judy was a true Friend of that I have no doubt. We will miss her smiling face but know that she is where she needs to be...

Larry & Pat Kopczyk - December 12, 2014 at 10:28 AM

KF

“ Chris,

We are so sorry to hear about your mom but we imagine she is now pain-free and mentally crystal clear, the way she always was to all of us. She truly blessed us with her being, her smile, her laughter. Her spirit still shines brightly through her children. May God bless you all. Memories of her are plentiful and rich. Love, Kelly and Steve

Kelly and Steve Fick - December 12, 2014 at 10:28 AM