



Judith "Judy" Irene Suchoski

December 4, 1939 - June 9, 2021

Judith "Judy" Irene Suchoski, 81, of Traverse City, Michigan passed away peacefully on Wednesday, June 9, 2021 at her home. Judy was born on December 4, 1939 in Grand Rapids, Michigan to the late Louis and Dorothy Patricia (Hertig) Eaton. She married the love of her life, Joseph Suchoski, on December 31, 1960 in Sparta, Michigan.

Judy and Joe moved to Traverse City in 1973. She was employed as the school nurse with Traverse Bay Area Intermediate School District, retiring in 1999 after more than 25 years helping underprivileged children. Judy devised and implemented the now-standard process of evaluating special needs children. She wrote and produced a nationally recognized film, "Stay Safe", that helped special needs children learn about and identify abusers and predators. She was honored to receive the Teacher of the Year Award. She served on the Board of Directors of Grand Traverse Community Living Center (now Brickways) which provides housing and support for adults with special needs. Over the course of her career Judith impacted and touched countless lives in our community. She loved to sing and had an infectious laugh. She enjoyed watching birds and caring for animals. Above all her greatest joy was spending time with her family.

Judy is survived by her loving husband of 60 years, Joe; three sons, and a daughter: Mark (Julie Kolodisa) Suchoski, Matthew (Carla) Suchoski, JP Suchoski, and Hope (Steve) Tomlinson. Also surviving are her beloved grandchildren: Chelsea Suchoski, Tyler Suchoski, Kirstyn Suchoski, Kyle Kolodisa, Kristen Kasper, and Yong Xian Goldie Huang; and her great-grandchildren: Judith Delaney, Paul and Mackenzie Kasper, and Hadley and Skyla Kolodisa.

She was preceded in death by her brother Frederick Eaton.

In accordance with Judy's wishes she will be cremated.

The family would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the entire staff of Hospice of Michigan, your loving care of Judy will never be forgotten. Thank you.

Those planning an expression of sympathy may wish to consider a memorial donation to Hospice of Michigan, 10850 E. Traverse Hwy Suite 1155, Traverse City, Michigan, 49684.

Please feel free to share your thoughts and memories with Judy's family at her tribute page at <http://www.reynolds-jonkhoff.com>.

The family is being cared for by the Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home and Cremation Services.

Comments



“ Send BEAUTIFUL Flowers Locally to the family of Judith "Judy" Irene Suchoski. Express your condolences, giving comfort and support. [Click here to view selections on our website](#)

Send Flowers - June 10 at 02:49 PM



“ I'm so sorry for your loss. Many great memories of get-togethers when you first moved here. Joe and my Dad, Bob Kuhlman worked together. Sending Peace and Comfort to all of you on behalf of the Kuhlman Family. Rita (Kuhlman) Thompson

RITA THOMPSON - June 11 at 09:04 AM



“ The world has lost a gentle soul. Judy was a dear friend. She would problem solve to help children's difficulties. Judy helped build confidence in me to handle challenging medical issues.

Cindy Hitesman - June 12 at 10:05 AM



“ Judy was always so kind and compassionate in everything she did Her intelligence and attention to detail was remarkable I I was always in awe of all her abilities She will be missed,loved and always remembered in the hearts of everyone that knew her

patricia wojciechowski - June 15 at 09:11 AM



“ Remembering Judy from our days as parents. Our children attended Central Grade School, sweet memories. Sending our love to each of you. The Allen's.

Betsy & Maurie Allen - June 15 at 08:21 AM



“ Judy, my dear friend and mentor, helped shape my life in so many ways. She had the quiet strength, intelligence, and vision that created quality services to children, their families and colleagues. Plus, she was a generous and loyal friend. She will be dearly missed, and always loved.

Beth Footh - June 11 at 03:21 PM



“ Judy ...what a wonderful soul. Always had such a positive word and wonderful perspective! My deepest sympathy to her family and hope that your wonderful memories bring you solace during this sad time and always!

Sue Makrianis - June 15 at 08:22 PM



“ I love Aunt Judy so much! Although we didn't see each other as often as we would have liked, every time we did was so wonderful. She always made us feel like we were at home when we visited. I treasure the memories. From the hours of playing cards (ohhhhh the laughter!!!), to all the food that magically appeared all the time, to all of the long talks we would have. She was the epidemic of grace and had a heart of gold. I love you Aunt Judy. I will miss you very much until we see each other again!!

Love,
Laurie

Laurie Davies - June 11 at 07:10 AM



“ My dear friend and my cherished colleague has finally found peace. Judy was a joy to work with and laugh with. Joe has been the most remarkable of husbands during her long illness. Judy always represented to me the best TBAISD has to offer: kindness, professionalism, strength and intelligence. I will love her always.

Linda Fink - June 11 at 05:54 AM



“ Judy was so much more than a school nurse for TBAISD. Early in my career, as a teacher of students with special needs, she was my nurse, social worker, counsellor, parent advocate and friend. Sincerest condolences.

Lorraine Laird - June 10 at 08:01 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the Suchoski family. Our family was blessed to have Judy be our daughter Carla 's mother in law. We appreciate all the love and acceptance Judy gave to Carla . Judy was the best mother in law a girl could hope for. We treasured Judy and Joe's friendship .we pray the Lord will grant you strength, love , comfort and peace for each new day. With much love and many prayers. Bob and Joan Campbell , and Mike Froggett

Joan Campbell - June 11 at 09:37 PM



“ Judy was a dedicated, resourceful and intuitive professional. Her students appreciated her kind regard, non judgmental approach and laughter. Early in my professional work at TBA ISD she kept the creativity and "big picture"and was able to offer support to very troubled families. A life well done!

Mary Joslin - June 14 at 09:16 AM



“ Judy (Eaton) Suchoski will be remembered by her Sparta (1958 class) high school classmates for her easy laughter -we knew she was ill for a long time, and we were sorry she was unable to come to class reunions. She was blessed to have a loving family, especially Joe's devotion throughout her illness.
from Sharon (Fitzner) Helsel

Sharon L Helsel - June 14 at 10:58 PM