



## Judith A. Moler

April 20, 1943 - September 13, 2014

Judith (DelRaso) Moler, 71, of Traverse City passed away on Saturday, September 13, 2014 at Munson Medical Center. Judy was born on April 20, 1943 in Grand Rapids to Adolph and Edith (Antonini) DelRaso. She was married to Robert C. Moler on April 16, 1966 in Grand Rapids. Judy and Bob moved to Traverse City in 1971. She was a member of St. Patrick Catholic Church and was named St. Patrick's Women of the Year in 1991. She volunteered, helping people with Alzheimer's and with the Crop Walk. Judy was a member of the Grand Traverse Astronomical Society. Judy was proud of her Italian heritage; she loved to cook Italian food and she perfected the family sauce with no sugar. Above all, Judy loved spending time with her family and friends. She will be missed by all who knew her.

Judy is survived by her husband of 48 years, Robert, daughter Stephany Farrell, mother Edith DelRaso, three grandchildren Christopher Farrell, Nicole Farrell and Bernadette Farrell, two brothers; Robert DelRaso and Carl DelRaso, and brother-in-law Donald (Terry) Moler. Also surviving are many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father Adolph DelRaso, sisters-in-law Gladys DelRaso and Shirley (Moler) Burnham.

Friends are welcome to visit with Judy's family on Wednesday, September 17, 2014 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home, 305 Sixth Street Traverse City, MI 49684.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, September 18, 2014 at St. Patrick Catholic Church, 630 SW Silver Lake Rd., Traverse City, MI 49685, with visiting one hour prior. Rev. Fr. Greg McCullum will officiate. Burial will follow in Linwood Cemetery.

Those planning an expression of sympathy may wish to consider memorial donations to The Alzheimer's Association or the American Diabetes Association.

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

The family is being served by the Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home.

# Cemetery

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## Linwood Cemetery

4242 Church Road at N. Long  
Lake Road  
Traverse City, MI, 49685

# Events

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**SEP 17** **Visitation** 06:00PM - 08:00PM  
Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home  
305 Sixth St, Traverse City, MI, US, 49684

**SEP 18** **Visitation** 10:00AM  
St. Patrick Catholic Church  
630 S. West Silver Lake Road, Traverse City, MI,  
US, 49685

**SEP 18** **Funeral Mass** 11:00AM  
St. Patrick Catholic Church  
630 S. West Silver Lake Road, Traverse City, MI,  
US, 49685

# Comments

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“ I was so shocked & saddened to hear about Judy's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family Bob.

Tamie Conrady

Tamie Conrady - September 22, 2014 at 11:36 AM

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“ To Bob and the Family, I was shocked and saddened to hear of Judy's recent passing, as I remember her (and Bob also) with fondness and respect from the days you lived in Grand Rapids during the 60's and early 70's. You were both such great assets to the Grand Rapids Amateur Astronomical Association and Roger B. Chaffee Planetarium, as you have also been for the Grand Traverse Astronomical Society for many years now since moving north. I remember especially the home cooked meals for Judy's bachelor boss at the Planetarium, our times chasing eclipse shadows, and laying blocks in the sunset at Veen Observatory, as well as the exhilaration and pride we all felt at the conclusion of that long arduous construction project. Judy was the always cheerful and wise confidant and someone who could be unfailingly relied upon to do her best with passion and enthusiasm, whatever the endeavor, and she was involved in a lot of them. I am sure her many friends in Traverse City feel likewise, as do other GRAAA members who still remember her with fondness. On behalf of our organization, and myself personally, I wish to express our heartfelt sympathy at Judy's passing. Bob and family, you will be in our thoughts going forward.

Dave DeBruyn

President, Grand Rapids Amateur Astronomical Association

David L. DeBruyn, longtime friend - September 17, 2014 at 01:37 PM

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“ Bob, what a wife you had in Judy. She kept you even though you spent so many nights with the stars. All who know you share your loss of a very dear lady.

Adam Gahn

Adam Gahn - September 17, 2014 at 12:46 PM

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“ Aunt Judy,

Words can not express how much you meant to me or how much you helped me when my mom was dying and after she passed. You spent so much time talking to me, almost nightly, telling me how much she loved me and my brother and sister, how much she loved my dad, what a devoted wife and mother she was, how she loved you and her family, sharing stories with me to make me laugh when I was crying. You were the Godmother my parents chose for me when I was a baby, even at the adult age of 43, you continued to be that Godmother they wanted you to be. Thank you for everything you've ever done for me. I love And miss you!

**Sue DelRaso** - September 17, 2014 at 12:27 PM

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“ Judy was the love of my life.

She had a long slow decline. She worked at her job as a CSR for an independent insurance company until this spring, when her boss folded the company. That job, at the end down to two days a week, helped keep her somewhat active.

For over a month starting in July she became my sister Shirley Burnham's 24/7 caregiver along with daily visits from the hospice nurses. Shirley had a form of pancreatic cancer. We were staying at Shirley's condo in Walker, MI. I helped out staying there about half the time, coming back to TC for a few days weekly for various things I had to do. My big job was filling syringes with the drugs Shirley had to take every 4 and 6 hours, and woke up to give it to her, or got Judy up by phone, if I wasn't there to give Shirley the dose. After a few weeks Shirley became too weak to stay at home, but Judy stayed to visit her at least twice a day to bring mail and clothes, whatever she needed, until the end on August 8th.

Shirley wasn't just a sister-in-law to Judy. They were best friends all the way back to high school. And actually Shirley introduced Judy to me.

It was after we got back to TC after trying to organize Shirley's condo that Judy really started to get worse, with infections and rashes on her legs. It was a blood clot Saturday morning that probably moved up from her legs to her lungs that stopped her heart.

Judy, maybe your final job, nursing my sister through her final days, was completed; but your passing leaves a big hole in our lives. That goes for Stef, Chris, Coley, Bea and myself plus our dogs Pepper, and (Clara and Phoebe who always slept on you), and our cats Flash, Junior, and our latest acquisition from Shirley's condo, Lily.

I love you Judy.

Your husband Bob

**Bob Moler** - September 17, 2014 at 07:27 AM

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“ Thank you for staying and taking care of my mom during her final days. We appreciate it very much. Aunt Judy was a sweet, kind and caring lady. She will be missed

You're in our prayers

Love,

Jodi and George Woldring

**Jodi Woldring** - September 17, 2014 at 07:14 AM

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“ Judy was always so kind and helpful when I would visit her at the insurance office! I have missed her--a one of a kind special lady!!!! Luv, Loretta Ludka XOXOXO

**Loretta Ludka** - September 17, 2014 at 04:22 AM

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“ I am so sad to hear of your loss. She was so very sweet to Mathias and me!! The world was brighter with her in it! - Lisa



**Lisa Morgan** - September 16, 2014 at 09:27 PM

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“ Bob and Family....

Our loving thoughts go out to you. Sorry we are unable to be with you during the next few days. Our prayers are with you. We will be sending a memorial donation in Judy's name to the Alzheimer's Association

Aunt Lucille & Cousin Mike

**Mike Siemion** - September 16, 2014 at 07:57 PM

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“ Lon and I are so sorry for your loss. And so soon after Shirley's passing. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you.

Betsy and Lon Emelander

Lon and Betsy Emelander - September 16, 2014 at 06:42 PM

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“ We were saddened to hear about Judy. Dick had a very nice conversation with her at Marilyn Antonini's funeral and had no idea how soon she would be gone. We hope time will allow you to focus on the good times you had together. Our family sends our prayers to you all.

Nancy Mello, Betty Spoons, Dick and Linda Antonini

Dick Antonini - September 16, 2014 at 03:36 PM

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“ Thank You. You took care of my sister, your friend and sister in law, Shirley this summer during her last days. You mobilized your family and took care of her even to the detriment of your own health. Terry and I couldn't have possibly handled her care alone. God will have a special place in his Kingdom for you.

Donald Moler - September 16, 2014 at 07:10 AM

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“ Uncle Bob, Stephany, Chris, Nicole and Bea, I am so sorry for your loss. I love you! Aunt Judy...the next time I see the crane game, I will pull money out of my pockagook and say "this ones for you!". No one will get as excited as we did when coins or stupid little tricketts would fall. We are the masters at the crane game. I will miss you and always love you. Love, Maria Volansky

Maria Volansky (the favorite niece) - September 16, 2014 at 06:52 AM

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“ Bob, Stephanie and family, Judy was a caring, strong, kind and lovely lady. We have so many wonderful memories of time spent together at St Patrick. Judy always had a smile and kind words. She brought me into the CCW and we volunteered together many years. She was there with all my children through their religious sacraments, and she was a good friend with a huge heart. I will miss dearly. addio amico

Liz McKellar - September 15, 2014 at 09:17 PM

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“ It was 25 years ago I met Judy and Bob. Thanks for being part of our family.

Marc McKellar - September 15, 2014 at 09:17 PM

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“ I first met Judy 2 years ago at St. Patrick Church. She had a super smile and a warm hug every time we met. She was an inspiration to me when it came to her faith. She involved me in charitable programs and was encouraging all the way. When I decided to officially join the catholic faith she was so excited it was hard for her to contain her enthusiasm. I asked if she would be my spiritual sponsor and she accepted. She walked by my side on that path and it only increased our friendship. I was proud to have her as my sponsor and friend. She was always very proud of her family, particularly her grandchildren. I would stop by her office to conduct 10 minutes of business and 20 minutes of catching up on family matters. She understood how to build relationships. Our family is better off having been part of Judy's life. Our heart goes out to her family during this difficult time. We will keep you all in our prayers.  
Marc McKellar

Marc McKellar - September 15, 2014 at 09:12 PM

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“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you, Bob, and the rest of the family.  
Jim and Esther Veeneman

Esther Veeneman - September 15, 2014 at 09:00 PM