



Judith Lynne Restagno

April 23, 2015

Judith Lynne Restagno of Mt. Laurel, NJ passed away on Thursday April 23rd 2015 in Reading, Massachusetts after a strong fight against lung cancer. Judy lived her adult life in Moorestown and Mt. Laurel, NJ, but spent her final months near her children in Massachusetts.

Judy was born on August 17th 1945 in Chicago, Illinois to parents Guido F. and Mary Ann Ramm Restagno. In her early years, Judy and her family, now including younger sister JoAnn, moved to Olympia Fields, Illinois where she finished grade school and graduated from Rich East High School in 1963.

Judy attended the University of Wisconsin in Madison where she majored in speech therapy. She was an active member of her sorority, Alpha Phi, and met her future husband, Bill Klanderman, while performing in "Humorology", a UW charity. Bill and Judy were married at the Fourth Presbyterian Church in Chicago, Illinois on July 9, 1966. Judy was only two semesters short of her degree and intended to finish her degree on the east coast when she chose to move to the Philadelphia area with Bill as he began his career.

When Judy arrived on the east coast she had the opportunity to follow her desire to become a teacher and taught first and second grade in Marlton and Bordentown, New Jersey for three years. Judy then decided to take some time off and start a family; son Greg was born in 1970 and Eric in 1974. Judy and Bill settled in Moorestown, NJ where they raised their children. In addition to being a loving and involved mother, Judy had many hobbies including tennis, needle point, gardening and antiques. Judy's eye for design and detail were evident in the care and decor of both her yard and home.

As Judy's children grew, she became more involved in community activism and spent much of her time with CAREZ (Citizen's Advocating for Responsible and Equitable Zoning), a volunteer non-profit organization she created. Judy was passionate and worked tirelessly to save wetlands from being developed in Moorestown along the Route 38 corridor between Marter Ave and Moorestown/Mt Laurel Rd.

Judy's passion and activism lead her to finishing college, and then attending and graduating from Rutgers Law on May 21st 1992. Judy really found her passion as a lawyer working for DYFS, The Division of Youth and Family Services of NJ. Judy felt as though this was her calling and truly loved advocating for underrepresented children. After Judy retired in 2007, she continued to volunteer through CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates of NJ) until her diagnosis of small cell carcinoma of the lung (Stage 4) in early 2014.

Judy is survived by two sons; Greg Klanderman and his wife Barbara of North Andover, MA, Eric Klanderman and his wife Andrea of Longmeadow, MA; four grandchildren; Amy and Andrew Klanderman of North Andover, MA, Jacob and Sophia Klanderman of Longmeadow, MA, sister JoAnn Kulaski, niece Michelle Kulaski, nephew Mike Kulaski, her beloved miniature schnauzer Oliver, as well as several extended family members and countless friends.

The family would like to thank Virtua Hospital System in Southern NJ, Mercy Hospital and Mercy Hospice in Springfield, MA, East Village Place in East Longmeadow, MA, and Sawtelle Family Hospice in Reading, MA for their love and care of Judy.

Services for Judy will be at Lewis Funeral Home located at 78E Main Street in Moorestown NJ 08057. Doors for Memorial will open at 1PM with services starting at 2PM. Judy's tribute page is located at <http://www.lewisfuneralhomemoorestown.com/obituaries/Judith-Restagno/>. In Lieu of flowers please consider making a donation to American Cancer Society (<https://donate.cancer.org/index>) or CASA (www.casaofburlingtoncounty.org)

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Events

MAY **Visitation** 01:00PM - 02:00PM

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Lewis Funeral Home

78 East Main St., Moorestown, NJ, US, 08057

MAY **Memorial Service** 02:00PM

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Comments



“ My sincerest sympathies to you Greg and Eric. Judy was a wonderful and loyal friend with a great sense of humor. She took her advocacy for our abused and neglected children very seriously and fought many battles for them. She was unique, bright, tough, warm and funny lady and will be dearly missed. Lisa Castaneda

Lisa Castaneda - May 23, 2015 at 11:13 AM



“ LaVerne Gnoit lit a candle in memory of Judith Lynne Restagno



LaVerne Gnoit - May 16, 2015 at 10:40 PM



“ LaRae Gnoit Hirsch lit a candle in memory of Judith Lynne Restagno



LaRae Gnoit Hirsch - May 16, 2015 at 10:36 PM



“ Scott Gnoit lit a candle in memory of Judith Lynne Restagno



Scott Gnoit - May 16, 2015 at 05:56 PM



“ My fondest memories of Judy were from the late 50's and early 60's. Judy's mother and father were my godparents. My father worked for her dad for over 30 years. We would often be entertained at their home in Olympia Fields. Judy, her sister Joanne, my sister and I would always find something to do other than hang with the "old folks". Guido, her dad, would take us to Riverview every year when we were young. He would give us carte blanche for the day to eat and drink as much as we wanted and to go on as many rides as we could handle. I am sad to say that I did not see her after those times. I became aware of her passing from my good friend Lydia Strong, who was a close friend of Judy's. Rest peacefully Judy, and may we meet again.

Scott Gnoit - May 16, 2015 at 05:55 PM



“ Benny & Nancy lit a candle in memory of Judith Lynne Restagno



Benny & Nancy - May 12, 2015 at 12:50 PM



“ Judith Lynne-----would always be followed by....yes, Kaye Ellen? I can still hear her voice responding to mine and it has been 50 some years since those college years. I think we had the most time and the most fun together in my two years at Wisconsin even though we were HS peers as well!

Judy and Bill were dating then and the three of us would make the beer party rounds on campus every Friday afternoon----I was always a short hitter and Judy and Bill would guide me home early and then go on to enjoy their evening!

That's only one of the kindness happenings I got from her----she was organized and diligent, a voracious knitter (if one can use that adjective with knitting?) and lots of fun----always smiling and a great roommate! Judy had a multitude of friends and was loyal to those of us fortunate to be in her circle.

As life plays its role----Judy ended up on the East coast and I ended up on the West and we lost touch during the years after. So many times, I meant to write or call and now wish I had done more but I will always remember her with joy for the years we shared.

Sweet Dreams Judith Lynne,
Your friend, Kaye Ellen

Kaye Stewart - May 12, 2015 at 11:39 AM



“ My most sincere condolences to Eric and Greg (and their families) in the loss of Judy. She and I were close friends during our pre-teen and teenage years, and we shared the sometimes difficult and confusing years of growing up together. I loved her family and spent a lot of time with them in their beautiful home. Unfortunately, the years that followed took us in separate directions, and we eventually lost contact. Although I have never met Eric and Greg, I'm so glad I watched them grow up via pictures and Christmas letters. Your mother was very proud of both of you. I am very saddened by her death at such a young age, but I will always be grateful that our lives connected for those short years. May the many wonderful memories of Judy carry you through these difficult days.

Arlene (and Roy) Clay

Arlene Clay - May 12, 2015 at 09:02 AM