



Judy Polyak

June 24, 1951 - June 12, 2022

Judy D. Polyak, 70, of Centreville passed away on June 12, 2022. She was born on June 24, 1951 to the late Francis and Evelyn Teague Youell.

Judy loved life. She was a caring soul who thought of everyone else first. She started out as a candy striper at 16 years old at North Arundel Hospital in Glen Burnie, which led her to enter nursing school, her passion. She graduated from Catonsville Community College with her Registered Nurse degree, went on to work at Mercy Hospital in many capacities, and was the assistant director at Albert Witzke Medical Center in Baltimore. Emergency Room was her passion though, working at Easton Hospital ER, Paradise Valley ER in Phoenix, AZ, and finally at Shawnee Mission Hospital ER in Kansas, right up to her illness.

She was a member of Goodwill Fire Department in Centerville for a time, where she ran calls on the ambulance even after working 12 hour shifts at the hospital.

Judy was a fighter, even after the diagnosis she fought each and every day. It was that fight and the passion for life that allowed her to officially be "cured" of cancer. Even during her treatment and the following complications, her need to help others never wavered. She joined many support groups so that she could not only tell her story but help others through theirs. Judy placed the

needs of others above her own and she will be deeply missed.

Her favorite pastime was playing the piano (which she did her whole life), and sketching her mice drawings. She was an avid gamer also. She was the kindest person, anyone who knew her would attest to that. She loved her son Chris, her family and her God. She will truly be missed by many.

In addition to her parents, she is predeceased by her children Christopher Miller and Jeannie Miller, and her brother Michael Youell.

Judy is survived by her husband Paul Polyak; her sister Jean Busick; and brother-in-law Duke Busick; her grandchildren Bryan Miller and Joey Miller; five great grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations may be made to Goodwill Fire Company, Centreville, Maryland.

A visitation will be held on Wednesday, June 22 from 11:00 - 1:00 PM with a service to begin at 1:00 PM at Fellows, Helfenbein and Newnam Funeral Home, 408 S. Liberty St., Centerville, MD 21617.

Cemetery Details

Woodlawn Memorial Park

11365 Ocean Gateway
Easton, MD 21601

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 22. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Centreville Location
408 South Liberty Street
Centreville, MD 21617
(410) 758-1151
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Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Webcast will begin at 1:00PM in memory of Judy Polyak*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - June 22, 2022 at 12:49 PM

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It was a beautiful service .. thank you

Paul Polyak - June 22, 2022 at 03:19 PM



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Judy Polyak*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - June 17, 2022 at 04:12 PM



“ I just found out about this. She was an amazing lady. I split up with her son many years ago but she and I remained close and it was very hard to see her loose Chris when he was so young and all her health battles. She already thought of me as a daughter in law and I hate that my own health problems and raising my daughter kept me so busy we could only catch up once in a while. I learned a lot from her . She was strong and faced about every difficulty a person can have thrown at them and still had a kind smile and warm heart for everyone all the time . She deserved more in this life than she received for all her kindness so my one hope is that she and Chris have found each other and are at peace together enjoying the after life together. Chris and I lived to get for 5 years and moved to San Diego and he was so excited to be so close to her in Phoenix again. He had his demons which split us apart but he loved Judy so much and I know she loved him. He talked about her so much the first time I met her face to face I felt like I already knew her. She supported and loved me through Chris and my ups and downs and never took one side or another even when we split up. Chris and I remained friends until he passed .Judy taught me how to not let the things in life that can break you down not actually be able break me . She was there for me when both my dad and mom passed away and we just immediately became friends on the phone and in letters and she made me feel like family the first time I ever met her when she immediately hugged me . I knew as long as she was alive I was never alone where ever we went in life. She had an infectious personality and a heart so big and full of love . She carried a lot and always put other's first. Hard to believe now more than 25 years have come and gone since I first met her. I knew when I didn't hear from her at the holidays this past year something was wrong. Now I know. I am glad she got to be close to her family again before she passed away because family and those she loved meant everything to her .I loved her dearly and know she lived life and faught for her own life and to keep going with health issue after loosing Chris really showed me she had strength and faith and a mindset and



courage we all can only hope to have . I don't know I could be that strong. She called me to tell me Chris had passed the next day and she was consoling me . That's just who she was. She always just wanted to take everyone's pain away and make them feel better. I know she will never be forgotten while I am still alive . And I am sure there are people all over the place from California to Maryland and everywhere in between that while always keep her memory alive too because she touched so many lives and helped so many people. RIP Mama Judy you are always loved in this life and beyond.

Lisa Crow-Graman - January 15, 2024 at 03:52 PM



“ *Judy Polyak*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Judy Polyak*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Judy Polyak*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Butch & Jan purchased the Express Sympathy and Condolences "I Have You in My Heart" with Butterfly Wind Chime for the family of Judy Polyak.*



Butch & Jan - June 17, 2022 at 03:01 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Judy Polyak.* ”



June 16, 2022 at 09:55 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Judy Polyak.* ”



June 16, 2022 at 11:14 AM



“ *Nick & Teira LaBrie lit a candle in memory of Judy Polyak* ”



Nick & Teira LaBrie - June 16, 2022 at 09:08 AM



“ *Jeff & Deborah Kiel lit a candle in memory of Judy Polyak* ”



Jeff & Deborah Kiel - June 16, 2022 at 12:06 AM

JK

“ Jeff And Deborah Kiel lit a candle in memory of Judy Polyak



Jeff and Deborah Kiel - June 16, 2022 at 12:04 AM

JP

“ JoAnn & Royden Powell lit a candle in memory of Judy Polyak



JoAnn & Royden Powell - June 15, 2022 at 09:11 PM



“ William Kopsch purchased the Lovely One Spathi phyllum Plant for the family of Judy Polyak.



William Kopsch - June 15, 2022 at 12:14 PM