



Judith E. Kirkland

September 11, 1940 - March 18, 2013

Newburyport, MA – Judith E. “Judy” Kirkland, 72, of Newburyport, MA died peacefully on Monday, March 18, 2013 after a long fight with Crohn’s disease.

She was born in Lawrence, MA, September 11, 1940, a daughter of the late Edwin and Ethel (Patterson) Covell.

Judy was a long-time resident of both Hampton and Andover, MA. An avid reader and sports fan, of not only the Red Sox and Patriots, but of her grandchildren as well. She was known for her smile and eternally positive outlook.

Family members include her children, Doug Kirkland and his wife Linda, David Kirkland, Jennifer Carrington and her husband LaJace and Stephen Kirkland and his wife, Chellis, her grandchildren, Christopher and Peter Kirkland, Amanda Kirkland, Alana, Taylor, Lillian and Evelyn Carrington and Ellie and Jack Kirkland, her brother Dan Covell and his wife Kay and her sister Nancy Horan.

She was predeceased by her beloved husband Roger Kirkland, her son Phillip Kirkland, her granddaughter Tabatha Kirkland and her brother-in-law Paul Horan.

Visiting hours were March 21, 2013 in the Remick & Gendron Funeral Home – Crematory, 811 Lafayette Rd., Hampton. Services were held March 22, 2013 in the funeral home. Burial was in West Parish Cemetery, Reservation Rd., Andover, MA. In lieu of flowers, donations may be mailed to the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America, National Processing Center, PO Box 1245, Albert Lea, MN 56007-9976 or made online at www.ccfa.org.

Tribute Wall



“ *Judith E. Kirkland*

September 18, 2022 at 12:49 AM



“ *Doug and Steve, Chellis so moved me at your mom's service that I wanted to write to speak of your mother too. Judy's quick smile won me many years ago and I have been a fan ever since. I appreciated her devotion to Chris and Pete and her no- nonsense practicality. She was so wise about children and life, and never expected anything to be perfect, just good. Her devotion to her family was fierce, but in the nicest way. Judy kept going despite her failing body because of the love she felt for you. Your families gave her so much to live for! You have that same love with your wives and children and are truly blessed for that. We are thinking of you. with Love Always, Leslie, Alan, Matt and Evan*

Leslie Hill - May 07, 2013 at 04:56 PM



“ *Doug, David, Jen, and Stephen, We were so sorry to hear of your Mother's passing. We have very fond memories of the friendship and good times we had on Washington Ave. with your Mom and the rest of your family. She was a kind, caring and fun person to be with. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. With our sincere sympathy, Dave and Judy Pinkney*

Dave and Judy Pinkney - May 07, 2013 at 04:55 PM

BH

“ Judy’s smile and positive attitude towards life no matter how difficult the challenge that faced her is what I will continue to carry with me. I am so appreciative to have had her in my life. There has been more than one occasion that she has helped me through a rough time. I truly enjoyed her company and am grateful my children have had the opportunity to have her in their lives. I will be forever grateful for Judy’s time, love and compassion.

Beth Tremblay Hall - May 07, 2013 at 04:55 PM

LS

“ I am saddened to learn of Judy's death. As cousins we spent many happy hours together during our growing up years. School vacations were usually spent either at her home or mine. Our families vacationed together at either Lake Sunapee or Newfound Lake. Oh the crazy things we did together. Due to marriage taking me to the West Coast we rarely saw each other after that. I will always remember her happy go lucky attitude even when she had more than her share of burdens to bear. My prayers are with her children and Nancy and Dan at this sad time.

Lois (Jean) Stansel - May 07, 2013 at 04:55 PM

DB

“ When I remember your Mom, I always think of how fun she was and what good times we had. Thanksgivings past are an extra special memory... Countless times we visited in Andover and Hampton... Really anytime we were together was a good time. I've always been impressed with how much adversity was thrown her way and how she handled it all. There are too many reasons to count as to why she was a favorite aunt, but the number one reason would have to be that no- one else ever gave me a birthday buddy to share my special day with! Doug, Linda, David, Jen, Jace, Stephen & Chellis and kids - hold tight to memories for comfort, lean on your family and friends for strength, and always remember how much you are cared about. My heart is with you in this time of sorrow.

Deb (Horan) Breen - May 07, 2013 at 04:55 PM

RC

“ Scott and I want to extend our deepest sympathy to the entire family at this deepest time of sorrow. Mrs K is in God's care now and what better care could we ever ask for her? I am sure she is giving Him some pointers, asking for some better draft picks and having a good laugh with Johnny, Philby, Roger and Jack (Dad); Looking back, Jen and I got into our fair share of silly mischief and Mrs K was my second mom that didn't mind giving us a kick in the butt when we needed it (and it's fair to say we both needed it on occasion)! Please remember to look back on all the good times, remember and celebrate her life. She would want or expect nothing less. I pray for your comfort in the days ahead. And Judy, God bless you and keep you in His tender care and love for all eternity.

Rubina Corazzini - May 07, 2013 at 04:54 PM

LF

“ Doug, We're so sorry to hear of the passing of your mom. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. -Your colleagues at Eisai

Linda Farr - May 07, 2013 at 04:54 PM

WB

“ As everyone has noted, Judy was a beautiful soul always full of live and love and her laugh was infectious you needed to laugh with her, I can hear her now through my tears. She had many trials in her life but she never let it get her down, she was so unbelievably positive. She was an inspiration to all who knew her and will be so greatly missed. I have known Judy a very long time as she was my Mom's best friend and around from the time I was born. Judy's passing is a loss that is so great, that I hurt so and know that her children, grandchildren, family and any one else who knew her hurt as well but I also know that Judy would say Life goes on, make the most of it and for you Judy I will. May all the angels sing for you and say hi to Dad, Roger, John and Phil for me! 45's in the sky with a nice cold one.

Wendy "Carver": Berry - May 07, 2013 at 04:54 PM

RM

“ So very sorry to hear of Mrs. Kirklands' passing. So many happy memories from Washington Avenue come to mind when I think of her and family. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

Rosemary Aumais MacDonald - May 07, 2013 at 04:53 PM

JO

“ DOUG, David, Jen, and Steven, Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this most difficult time. We surely had a lot of good memories on Washington Ave. She always had something on the stove for everyone. No matter how many, there was always enough. God Bless you all. See you soon. LOL Jessie and Pete Mr. and Mrs O'Shea 13294

jessie and pete o'shea - May 07, 2013 at 04:53 PM

PG

“ We were so lucky to have Judy & her family work for us at the hotel over the years. Exceptional people & workers that are hard to find these days. Judy was so caring & wonderful to all the employees & guests. Once you met her, you would not forget her laughing smile, & positive attitude toward life, regardless of what life handed her... We love you, Judy, you were truly "one of a kind".

Pat & John Grandmaison - May 07, 2013 at 04:53 PM

PH

“ I often look back on my memories at the Ashworth by the Sea and remember Judy as one of the many awesome people who I was fortunate enough to have met and worked with. I will forever smile on those days we shared...although a bit crazy at times we did laugh a lot. Judy - you will be missed and I thank you for being a friend. Paul

Paul Hartgen - May 07, 2013 at 04:53 PM

PW

“ Aunt Judy will always be remembered by me as a true example of how to live life with kindness and grace. Her positive attitude towards life is her legacy, which will always be an inspiration to those she knew who are facing challenges in their lives.

Peter Waterson - May 07, 2013 at 04:53 PM

DC

“ Your big brother will miss you. Many memories as we grew up in Stoneham, trips with Mom Dad Nancy and you going to Lake Sunapee, and the white mountains. Visits to Florida, Disney, the Keys. When I talked with you last Thursday you were still upbeat and now I'm sure you're in a better place and will bring happiness to those around you. I love you Sis

Dan Covell - May 07, 2013 at 04:52 PM

CJ

“ Words cannot express the sorry we feel at the loss of Judy. She was an exceptional person in every way and will be sorely missed. I am so grateful to have had the chance to spend time with her our last trip to NE and will cherish the memories of our last family reunion at Lake Sunapee. Jud was one of a kind :)

Carolyn Jordan - May 07, 2013 at 04:51 PM

ED

“ Dear Kirklands, We are thinking of you during your time of sorrow. I always remember what a lovely lady Doug's mother was and how kind she was to Ricky and Timmy when they were little. We would share great conversation at the HYA games and I have never forgotten that. God Bless! The DeCosta Family

Ellen DeCosta - May 07, 2013 at 04:51 PM

JO

“Judy was a great part of the Ashworth for many years...please accept my sympathies sincerely, Joyce Grandmason

joyce - May 07, 2013 at 04:51 PM

PC

“ My Aunt Judy had the best attitude of anyone I know. She faced the many challenges in life with a big smile. Her laugh was infectious. Judy enjoyed the simple gifts in life - those of her family, conversation with anyone she'd meet, and especially nature. My first cup of coffee was with Judy, Roger & the kids heading up to Lake Sunapee. My first cocktail was with Judy - probably at age 14! My favorite memory that we shared was a meteor shower one summer night at lake Sunapee - out on "the big dock". Every time I see a shooting star, I will think of you Judy. Thank you for many great memories, Much Love.

Patricia Cote - May 07, 2013 at 04:50 PM

JT

“ I loved my Auntie Judy, we had many fun times over the years and lots of adventures in our car trips to NH. You always spoke of her children and grandchildren and how much she loved you all. You all made her very proud. Judy, you will be missed by many, and will be loved eternally. xxxo

Joan Telles - May 07, 2013 at 04:50 PM

KC

“ When I think of my Aunt Judy a smile comes to my face. She is a person that always was so giving and loving and was ALWAYS ready with a laugh. For many years, I have admired her positive outlook on life. Life was not always easy, but Judy was my role model on how to laugh through the pain. She will be missed and always loved!!

Kathy Covell - May 07, 2013 at 04:50 PM