



Judith A. Ryiz

September 16, 1945 - July 4, 2020

Judith A. Ryiz passed away peacefully and in comfort. After suffering the effects of a number of complexities resulting from spinal surgery in 2018, she fought back fiercely with courage and grace. Judy railed against the odds, and was still able to appreciate some of life's joys. Unfortunately, she lost her battle due to complications of her illness on Saturday, July 4th.

A lifelong resident of New Britain, Judy graduated from New Britain High School in 1963 and completed her education at Computer Processing Institute in 1978. She was a diligent worker always taking pride in what she did and retired from both the Town Of West Hartford and the State of Connecticut Department of Public Utility Control in 2001.

Coming from a large family she was one of seven children born to the late Peter and Etta Ryiz of New Britain on September 16, 1945. Judy was the Middle Kid and was predeceased by her sister Barbara Peterson and her brothers Peter Ryiz Jr. and William Ryiz.

Judy is survived by her loving and devoted spouse Natalie Grasso Campbell with whom she shared 45 years of togetherness. They legally married on 11/12/13. Additionally, Judy leaves to mourn, her sister Virginia Domurat, her brother Andrew, (Sandra), both of Southington and her sister Catherine Lizon, (Stanley) of Berlin, Natalie's sister Jeanie Grasso Gagnon, (Roy) and their

children Gabie and Parker of Rocky Hill. Also grieving her loss are her many nieces and nephews, numerous great nieces and nephews, God children David and Jennifer, cousins, friends, LGBT members of St. Patrick St. Anthony Church where she was a proud parishioner serving in LGBT Ministries.

Judy and Natalie enjoyed a wonderful retirement traveling cross country twice with both sets of parents, annual Fall visits to the Coy Cottage they rented on Cape Cod, seasonal trips to Ogunquit/Wells Maine, Labor Day weekends at Rockingham Race Track with Pop and crew, and Sun Valley Beach Club where she spent summer days swimming effortlessly in the pristine waters of the lake. Judy loved their timeshare in Aruba, the Islands, the Canadian Rockies and Nova Scotia. They vacationed in many European countries including Sicily, Lithuania, Ireland, Spain and Italy.

Judy was an avid UCONN Women's Basketball fan who held season's tickets to all their games traveling to 15 Final Fours including a trip to Italy in 2017 with Geno Auriemma and the team. She loved to swim and has trophies when she swam competitively, bowl (was a member of the Department of Labor's Bowling League for many years winning the Triple Crown for High Single, High Average and High Triple all in one season), play tennis, softball, and all sports. She loved the movies shown at the Cinestudio located on Trinity College's Campus and donated to their fundraising for replacement chairs buying one with hers and Natalie's name on it. Setback, Cribbage, Texas Hold Um, and 31 were her favorite card games she played them all in earnest with family and friends.

Judy was sensitive and caring (volunteering for 7 years at the New Britain YWCA teaching toddlers pool safety and how to swim). She donated countless gallons of life giving blood to the Red Cross. She worked tirelessly behind the scenes helping to feed the homeless and disenfranchised, cooking

for women in shelters suffering from domestic violence. Judy gave freely of her time with humility never seeking recognition or fanfare. She never forgot her family. No matter the holiday, birthday, anniversary or graduation, she always served her famous delicious deviled eggs. Judy also remembered the young people in her family choosing to have their birthdays celebrated by publishing their names in the newspaper. It gave each of them such excitement and a smile.

Judy will be sorely missed as she touched the lives of so many people. The world has been diminished by her passing. May she be held in the palm of God's hand and in the arms of those who loved her. Judy's family would like to express heartfelt gratitude for the excellent and compassionate care provided by the staff at Jefferson House.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at St. Patrick St. Anthony Church, 265 Church Street, Hartford, CT 06103 on Wednesday (July 8, 2020) 10 AM. (Please wear face masks). There are no calling hours. Burial will be in St. Mary Cemetery, New Britain. Memorial donations may be made to St. Patrick St. Anthony Church. The Carlson Funeral Home, New Britain is assisting with arrangements. Please share a memory or note of sympathy at www.carlsonfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

St. Mary Cemetery

1141 Stanley Street
New Britain, CT 06053

Previous Events

Mass of Christian Burial

JUL 8. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Patrick St. Anthony Church
265 Church Street
Hartford, CT 06103

Tribute Wall

NA

“ It's been nearly 4 months since you left this earth my sweet Judy. I struggle everyday missing you beyond all telling. I know you don't want me to cry but I can't help myself. I try to comfort myself by knowing you are no longer in pain, no longer suffering. I visit your grave everyday and light a candle. I know how much you loved candles. You made my world brighter and I miss you so much. Please pray for me my Judy and save a place for me beside you in Paradise. I love you.

Natalie - October 29, 2020 at 09:37 AM

DJ

“ We want to extend our sincere sympathy to Natalie and Judy's family. We were lucky to have met Judy and Natalie through Jan and Molly and spent a weekend at Land's End Inn with all of them a number of years ago. We remember Judy as a fun-loving person. You are in our thoughts and prayers.
Donna Johnson and Sande Hartdagen

Donna Johnson - July 08, 2020 at 04:09 PM

DS

“ Your laughter was infectious. Your soul, so beautiful. Rest in peace sweet angel. Give everyone in heaven a hug from me.

Danielle St.Onge - July 07, 2020 at 10:03 PM

NC

“ She was the light of my life. We shared 45 years of happiness and tears ever devoted to one another. I will miss you my sweet angel. Please save me a spot in paradise beside you, your Natalie

Natalie Campbell - July 07, 2020 at 08:28 PM

SC

“ Rest easy my friend. You were one wild and crazy gall - always the life of the party! ❤️

Sandy Cobb

Sandy cobb - July 07, 2020 at 07:39 PM

SR

“ I have so many great memories with Aunt Judy and Natalie. She always went above and beyond to help others. I'm so glad we were able to celebrate her birthday last year in Rhode Island. She will be dearly missed but forever in my heart. She is reunited in heaven with many relatives including my Mom and Dad. RIP Aunt Judy!



Susan Ryiz - July 07, 2020 at 12:15 PM



Great photo!

David McLean-Perkins - July 09, 2020 at 08:33 PM

JP

“ My happiest moments was when I hanged out with JUDY & NATALIE. We never ran out of laughters & jokes. I can remember those days with no ending happy hours drinking beers and booze. I remember her little 3 cyl Honda. I love that car. We both working using IBM computer. We were the pioneer of this technology. I missed my friend and I'm sure she will find peace up there. May GOD BLESS HER SOUL.

JAIME & MARIA
860-837-3654

Jaime Pacquing - July 06, 2020 at 08:45 PM

DR

“ As a child, I was sent to Ryiz's store and was always happy to see Judy's smile. She made me feel welcome. We lived across the street from the Ryiz family.
We watched each others families grow and prosper. Fun times in Hollywood, Florida at the Tiffany.
Natalie, Andy, Virginia, Cathy, my heart goes out to you. May your memories be stronger than your sadness.
Denise Bryzgel Roberts

Denise B. Roberts - July 06, 2020 at 08:36 PM

GD

“ I was 6 1/2 when Judy was born. She was such a beautiful baby, those big green eyes and platinum hair, a true Lithuanian girl. Barbara, Peter & I all fell in love with Her at first sight.. Rest In Peace, Judy.. Till the day when we're all united together again in our home in Heaven 🙏❤️🙏 Love, Sister Ginny

Ginny Domurat - July 06, 2020 at 06:29 PM

DM

“ I was so blessed to have such a special Godmother! Her passion for life and love of family was extraordinary. When she met Nat she found a soulmate with that same passion for life, love, and family as she had. They truly belonged together and all my wonderful memories of Judy include Nat.

We always exchanged Christmas presents each year, however, we didn't always do so at Christmas time. I remember one year we had Christmas in July, as that was when we're able to get together. Judy and Nat kept up the Christmas decorations because they wanted it to truly be a Christmas get together. That tree was on its last leg, but, they did that because they thought of others before themselves.

She is now in heaven with her maker and family and friends called home before her. I, for one, will miss her terribly. Hugs and love to you Nat.

David McLean-Perkins - July 06, 2020 at 05:57 PM

NA

Thank you so much David. Judy and I love you and your Mom. We four shared so much laughter and fun. Sending hugs back to you. Thank you again for your kind words.

Natalie - September 17, 2020 at 03:13 PM

PC

“ Dear Natalie, I was saddened when I read the paper today to learn that Judy had passed away. I didn't realize what a busy person she was. I know you both liked to travel and I am sure you have fond memories of those times. I didn't realize what a busy person she was. I have been thinking back to High School and remembering all of the crazy things we all did.

Please know you are in my thoughts.

*Fondly
Patti Cancelli*

Patricia Cancelli - July 06, 2020 at 04:25 PM

VG

“ Dear Natalie and Ruiz family,
I am so sorry to hear of Judy's passing. She was an amazing soul. Always smiling and so much fun to be around. Sending prayers and my love to you.
Hoping you can find peace in the memories. Be well Natalie.
Vicki (Kogelman) Griswold

Vicki Griswold - July 06, 2020 at 03:10 PM

NA

Thanks Vicki. Judy was special indeed. I miss her beyond all telling.

Natalie - September 17, 2020 at 03:15 PM

JK

“ Love and Peace to you Natalie and the Ryiz family. So many happy memories of you and Judy at our bowling outings playing cards with your Mom and Dad and just Judy being Judy. She always brought a smile to my face when she would stop in at the Hospital Gift Shop to say hello. You were a perfect match made in Heaven always ready with a helping hand when needed.. Judy was one of a kind. The best kind.

Joan Kelly Coyle

Joan Kelly-Coyle - July 06, 2020 at 02:29 PM

NA

Thanks Joan. We did have a lot of fun at Final Fours, Bowling, picnics etc. She was my soulmate and I miss her beyond all telling.

Natalie - September 17, 2020 at 03:17 PM

GB

“ Dearest Natalie,
My heart is aching for the loss of your wonderful partner, Judy. I have such wonderful memories with you gals. I wish I was close by so I could give you a huge hug! Even though it's prohibited... thinking of you and all of your wonderful family ❤️

Love,
Gayle Brown and
Willie❤�

gayle brown - July 06, 2020 at 02:07 PM

NA

Thanks Gayle. Judy surely was one of a kind. I miss her beyond all telling.

Natalie - September 17, 2020 at 03:19 PM

CL

“ Judy! Judy! Judy! One of my big sisters, maid of honor & best friend. We had many happy memories together. I'm glad you're finally at peace. Save a good spot for us up there! Till we meet again in Paradise!!! Love you always & forever! Your baby sister, Cathy & Loving brother-in law Stan xoxox

Catherine Lizon - July 06, 2020 at 11:59 AM

NA



Natalie - September 17, 2020 at 03:19 PM

KL

“ One of the sweetest and funniest woman we ever met. Rest well sweet lady ❤️ ❤️ ❤️ ❤️ ❤️

Kathy and Lou - July 05, 2020 at 08:43 PM

HB

What a very special person !!
Please say hi to all those in heaven with you that we both shared memories with.
My heart goes out to Natalie
Such a special person you were both blessing to each other..
Her upbeat personality and humor will be missed by all who knew her..
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Henie Budnik - July 05, 2020 at 11:17 PM



You were a third daughter to Sam and Jenny. You always had a smile and expressed compassion and joy when dealing with people. For my surprise 50th birthday party, Nat was recuperating from surgery and Sam wasn't well. You took Jenny to my party and she had a great time. Trips to the Cape always had them raving. So sorry for your loss Nat. She fought so hard and so long. Bonnie Redd

Bonnie Redd - July 06, 2020 at 12:13 PM

SM

“ I met Judy over 30 yrs. ago when I began working at DPUC in New Britain. We became very good friends, talking daily and attending the Union Christmas parties! She was a wonderful caring and very busy lady. She gave me some Lily of the Valley plants that flourished into a large garden I call, My Judy Garden”. This is just some of my wonderful fun times with Judy. She will be missed. 💕💕



Sharon Mann - July 05, 2020 at 01:38 PM