



Judith Ann Sapio

July 6, 1939 - March 4, 2017

Judith Ann Sapio, 77, passed away March 4, 2017, in St. George, UT. She was born to Beverly and Wesley Wells on July 6, 1939, in LaCrosse, WI. She was the first of five children followed by, Tim, George, Barbara, and John. They were a solid mid-western family.

Judy played violin, tenor sax, and piano. She played in the 'Swing Band' section in school. As she graduated high school, Judy was Miss Betty Crocker for her talent in food preparation and presentation. This served her throughout her life.

Judy loved cooking unusual dishes setting the table with fine dishes, table cloths, and eating utensils. An introvert, she established super dining atmosphere so the extroverts could have fun.

Judy was married to Bill Lathrop and they had three fabulous children: Bill (Dorothy), Kathy (Mark) Miskovic, and Brian (Shelly).

Judy worked a variety of jobs until finally finding her niche as an executive secretary in the Biology, Science and Math departments at the University of Wisconsin in LaCrosse.

After her divorce from Bill, Judy met Pat who was teaching at UWL and they

married on March 9 and 10 of 1979. (Judy gets two presents each year). Two different step families began loving and respecting each other. Pat has three sons, Joseph, Terry and David Sapio.

While Judy was working at UWL, she began to get into the acting scene at the LaCrosse Play House Theatre. Here this quiet introvert exhibited perfect timing in her various roles and won three Dionysus awards. Judy was also a superb photographer and took many, many pictures on their travels to the Caribbean, Alaska, Hawaii, Italy, and Canada.

Judy's real fame is her artistry. She has painted, sewn her own and pat's clothes, learned the art of origami, made an assortment of flowers for the annual Spring Show at the Sky Mtn., HOA, and lastly, she has mastered the art of coloring, creating hundreds of super pages.

Her home was her castle and she loved every second of it. If Pat was hanging around too long, she'd ask, "Don't you have a meeting to go to somewhere?"

Judy came from love. She gave and received love and now will be praying and guiding us all as we continue our paths.

A celebration of life will be held Saturday, April 29, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. at the Gardner Center at Dixie State University. A lunch will follow.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Dixie Regional Medical Center "Live Well Department" or the Dixie State University "Institute for Continued learning", or the St. George Senior Center.

Friends and family are invited to share condolences online at www.SerenityStG.com. Arrangements and memorial tree planting by the Cremation Center of Southern Utah, 986-2085.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

APR **29**. 10:00 AM (MT)

Dixie State University Gardner Center
South 900 East
St George, UT 84770

Tribute Wall



“ *Pat, so sorry to hear about Judy's passing. Harry Gardiner*

harry Gardiner - August 06, 2017 at 08:03 AM

CH

“ Dearest Pat~ Clark and I are currently snowbirding in Tucson and we just happened to be talking about you and Judy and the wonderful memories we have of you two back in the UW-La Crosse days. We are going to visit Bryce and Zion parks as we wend our way back to La Crosse starting this Saturday and wondered how you and Judy were doing over there in St. George and thought of stopping by to see you being we would be so close. I went online to see if I could find an address for you and came across Judy's obituary. We were terribly saddened by this news and send our heartfelt condolences your way. I have many fond, fun memories of you and Judy especially--Dinners at your home, drinks out, parties, etc., but most of all your friendship and support as I was going through a very difficult time in my life. We had often thought about heading out your way for a visit but it just never happened, and now Judy is gone. I wish we could be there for Judy's celebration of life on the 29th but we have to head back home. I'm sure it will be a wonderful celebration. I was always in awe of Judy and her many talents. She was amazing in so many ways. And I remember how much you two loved to dance and how beautiful you were together, no matter what you were doing. True love! I see by the comments below that there will be a memorial service in La Crosse. Clark and I will be watching for that and hoping we'll see you then. In sympathy and love, Clark and Linda (Jorgenson) Himmel



Clark & Linda Himmel - April 10, 2017 at 02:20 PM

JN

“ I met Judy in the cast of "The Diviners" at La Crosse Com. Theatre in 1989. She was so nice, showed an interest in me as a newcomer to town, and made me feel welcome.

Jim Nelson

Jim Nelson - March 28, 2017 at 12:30 AM



“ I remember Judy as the first ADA I encountered in the history dept at UW-L when I started in '89. She was a pleasant and stable person who made the first months a pleasure (even when I broke the coffee pot!)

God bless you all.

Mark W. Chavalas, history, UW-La Crosse

Mark Chavalas - March 22, 2017 at 07:56 AM

MB

“ Judy and I were in Grease at UW-La Crosse. She was our beloved Miss Lynch and played the role to perfection. Her big laugh line was, "If you can't be an athlete, be an athletic supporter!" She was also a good friend to my sister, Nancy Christie Zimmerman. I know Judy Nagle and Nanc never got into any trouble and were the nun's favorites! Well, maybe Judy actually was...
Please know that your families are in my thoughts and prayers. It was a joy to be around Judy!

Mo Breuer

maureen breuer - March 21, 2017 at 11:48 AM

CL

“ To Pat and both families. I am so sorry for your loss. I graduated from Logan with Judy. We had many fun times while growing up. We are having a 60th reunion this year and she was the one I really hoped would be coming. We have had other reunions and Judy did not attend. It has been many years ago since she was at one. We all will be watching for the memorial service in La Crosse.

Carol Lunke

carol lunke - March 19, 2017 at 04:12 PM

JG

“ Pat and family, We are so sorry for your loss. Judy touched many lives, and mine was touched by being in Prime Time Performers with her. She shared joy and a love of life. She will be missed. Our hearts are with you. Jean and Chuck Goode

jean Goode - March 16, 2017 at 09:15 AM

SH

“ Pat and family...I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Although I didn't know Judith, she sounded like a wonderful person. Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Susan Hohenboken

Susan Hohenboken - March 12, 2017 at 04:22 PM

JK

“ To Pat & Family: I am so sorry for your loss. I know that Judy was everything to all of you and how much she will be missed. Blessings to each of you. Fondly, Joanne Keropian

Joanne Keropian - March 12, 2017 at 10:58 AM

CS

“ Pat- So sorry to hear of your loss. Although I was not personally acquainted with Judy, your love and devotion to her shone through when you talked about her and your lives together. We'll catch up with you. Miss seeing you at Senior Board meetings!

C Stewart

cstewart - March 11, 2017 at 04:59 PM

PE

“ Pat, Thinking of you today. May God's light and love shine down on you and bring you peace. You and Judy had such a special relationship, that was obvious the way you spoke of her.

Janey Peters

peters - March 11, 2017 at 04:57 PM

CL

“ Pat and family: My condolences on the passing of Judy. I became acquainted with Judy when both she and I were in the Prime Time Performers. It was a special group at that time and we enjoyed practicing, performing, joking around and friendships. I know she was a special person and you will miss her so very much. My best to you. See you at the Live Well lectures sometime.

Carol Lakin

Carol Lakin - March 10, 2017 at 05:44 PM