



## Judith Gengras McDonough

March 1, 1939 - January 11, 2012

Judith Gengras McDonough, died peacefully at St. Francis Hospital Wednesday Jan. 11, 2012. Born in Hartford, the daughter of the late E. Clayton and Elizabeth Hutchins Gengras, she had made her home in West Hartford for most of her life. She attended MaryMount College in Tarrytown, NY. She is survived by her ex-husband, best friend E. Merritt McDonough and her loving children and their spouses; Virginia Gasho and her husband Thomas of Simsbury, E. Merritt McDonough, Jr. and his wife Maggie of West Hartford, Guy McDonough of Simsbury, Elizabeth Shannon and her husband Phil of Avon and Jennifer Albanesi and her husband David of Avon. She was the proud grandmother of twelve adoring grandchildren; Katherine, Tucker and Merritt Gasho, Elizabeth, Emily and Merritt McDonough, Natalie and Kate McDonough, Philip and Graham Shannon, Patrick and Ryan Albanesi. She also leaves her sisters and brothers; Elizabeth Ambrosi, Merrily Moynihan, E. Clayton Gengras, Jr., Guy, John, Richard, Mark, Robert, and Joel Gengras, and her half-sister Joan Gorman. Judy was involved in many charitable, civic and religious organizations, including her position as a Corporator of St. Francis Hospital, serving as a director of St. Francis Foundation, a founder and chairman of the Hartford Chapter of the MS Society, and as a family representative at the Gengras Center. Her extensive charitable outreach included Foodshare, St. Peter Claver Church, and the Retired Priest Fund of the Archdiocese of Hartford. Judy was an early pioneer of medical record management and continued working faithfully until her passing notably for Dr.

Arthur B. Landry of Hartford, Neurology Consultants of Hartford and Avon Oral Maxillofacial Surgery. Her family would like to thank and express great appreciation for the lifelong compassion, dedication, and friendship of her doctors, clergy, and the wonderful care she received at St. Francis Hospital. Friends and relatives are invited to join the McDonough family for the celebration of her Mass of Christian Burial on Monday Jan. 16th, at 10 a.m. in St. Peter Claver Church, 47 Pleasant St. West Hartford. Interment of her ashes will be private. There are no calling hours. Donations in her memory may be made to St. Francis Hospital, 140 Woodland St. Hartford, CT 06105, or Foodshare, 450 Woodland Ave. Bloomfield, CT 06002.

# Tribute Wall



“ *My condolences on the passing of Judith McDonough. My mother (Mona Davidson/Munro) was a nanny for your family in the early '60's, and we grew up hearing stories and looking at photos of your wonderful family. I know she will be deeply saddened to hear of Judy's passing. I just wanted you all to know how much my mother loved and respected your family.*

*Kathleen Munro*

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**Kathleen Munro** - April 03, 2017 at 09:47 AM



“ *My dear friend Judy I will miss you. We have been friends since 1984 when I worked at Travelrama and you will always be remembered with fondness as one of my favorite clients. I will surely miss your laughter.*

*Lydia Brown###imported-begin##Lydia Brown##imported-end##*

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January 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ To Virginia it was spelled that same way in your high school yearbook - I remember many times when your mom was at our kitchen table laughing with my mom. One memory I have occurred when my mom shot one of her "looks" to me, I must have said something she didn't like, and you burst out laughing because your mom had that same "look" when she got mad. At first, Judy was angry that you laughed when my mom got mad, but then got the joke and laughed - lightening the mood considerably I was very thankful for that. That is a very small memory but it highlights how joyful your mom was. I saw her two or three years ago at my mom's and she had that same spirit. Thinking of you all and hoping you're doing ok and comforted by her legacy and great memories. I will miss your mom.

Lorie Berson###imported-begin##Lorie Berson###imported-end##

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January 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ To the entire Gengras family. We are so sorry for your loss. Judy was a sweet, kind and caring person with always kind words for everyone. She will be missed greatly by all who new her.###imported-begin##jeff and mary creech###imported-end##

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January 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ I have many wonderful memories of Judy going all the way back to St. Thomas School and Marymount College. She was a delight, full of fun and laughter! You are in my thoughts and prayers. Thora Burkinshaw Barker###imported-begin##Thora Barker###imported-end##

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January 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Jennifer and family,  
I am so sorry to hear of your mom's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your entire family.  
Susan Raimondo###imported-begin###Susan Raimondo###imported-end##

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January 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ To Merritt & Family and all the Gengras',  
  
We were so sorry to hear about Judith's passing. We hope you all are finding solace in a life well lived and great memories.

You are in our prayers.

Peace,

Marie Tyler Wiley & Family###imported-begin###Marie Tyler Wiley###imported-end##

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January 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Joel, Merrit and family,  
This is so odd. Communicating in this way. For this condolence. But I think Judy would have got a kick out of this. At least a raised eyebrow and a laugh. I'm thinking of you all. Judy was the best and she'll be truly missed. I'm so very sorry. Love, Sugar###imported-begin###sugar savin###imported-end##

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January 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ I was a classmate at St Thomas. We had an informal 50 year reunion that Judy and Merrill attended. Always a very gracious person. She will be missed by all who knew her.##imported-begin##John Hogan##imported-end##

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January 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ We are so sorry for your loss. Our family is thinking of you. We hope you find comfort. --- David, Mary Ellen, Sarah, Emily, and Ben Burstein.##imported-begin##David Burstein##imported-end##

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January 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ It is with our heartfelt sympathy, that our family writes. Judith has left a legacy of love and giving as her history of life, indicates. Her beauty and charitable spirit was shared with us, by her granddaughter, Katherine, who spoke often to us of Judith's passion for life. May each of you find comfort in the arms of Christ, as she is well and whole, now.##imported-begin##Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Corning##imported-end##

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January 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ I want to pass on my condolences to the whole family. Sorry to hear of here passing. Merritt probably will not remember me but I am speaking for my family.##imported-begin##David Unsworth##imported-end##

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January 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Merritt Sr. & Family, and the Gengras Families:

*I have such fond memories of Judy from my childhood and am very saddened to hear that she has passed away. My deepest condolences to you all. I wish I could be there. You will all be in my prayers.*

*With Sympathy,  
Lee J. McDonough & Family##imported-begin##Lee J. McDonough  
& Family##imported-end##*

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January 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Merritt and Maggie,  
*So very sorry to hear of your Mom's passing. You and your family will be in our thoughts and prayers at this very difficult time.  
Sincerely, Stu and MaryLynn Rosenberg##imported-begin##Stuart  
& MaryLynn Rosenberg##imported-end##*

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January 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Merritt and family and all the Gengras's,

*I knew Judy from my childhood when she was a friend of my mother. She had the brightest and most constant smile, and every time I saw her over the years she made me feel special.*

*I am so saddened to learn of her passing, and I so sorry for your loss. It was she who was the special person.*

*With deep sympathy for you all,  
Mickey Cartin##imported-begin##Mickey Cartin##imported-end##*

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January 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ DEAR MERRITT,  
I WAS SADDENED BY THE NEWS ON JUDITH AND I HOPE AND  
PRAY THAT YOUR PERIOD OF GRIEF IS SHORT.  
THOUGH WE HARDLY EVER MEET ANYMORE , YOU'RE ON MY  
MIND OFTEN.

SINCERELY ,

JOE HORVATH##imported-begin##JOE HORVATH##imported-  
end##

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January 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ To the entire Gengras family and with special directive to Guy and  
Robert Gengras, Bill and I wish you all strength at this time of your  
loss. Your fortune is Judith's wealth in famiy - you, her family,  
children and grandchildren.

Susan, Bill Regan family and Patricelli Family##imported-  
begin##Susan Patricelli-Regan and William Regan##imported-  
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January 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ We are so sorry for your loss. No words can describe the wonder of  
Judy. She was truly a gift. We will always remember her words of  
wisdom :, the shared laughs, listening to her stories, and her sweet  
nature. Our thoughts are with you at this time-there is one beautiful  
angel above us to watch over.##imported-begin##Deb & Pete  
Kurtz##imported-end##

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January 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Please accept my sincere sympathy.*  
*Lafayette##imported-begin##Lafayette Keeney##imported-end##*

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