



Judith Kulak

August 4, 2018

Judith Robinson Kulak (affectionately known as Judy, Mom, Robbie, and AJ) aged 76, of West Hartford, CT, a graduate of Weaver High School in 1959 and Moravian College in 1963, passed away early Saturday afternoon. She was predeceased by her husband of 46 years, Robert John Kulak. She is grieved by her daughters Cate Kulak and her husband Kevin Sheehan, and Jessica Kulak and her partner Brian Irwin, her loving extended family, her wonderful friends, her community at Immanuel Congregational Church in Hartford, her neighbors at Hartmeadow in West Hartford, and those who also care for the underserved communities of Hartford. She had a natural curiosity and always embraced new experiences. In this spirit, she and Rob organized groups to see Hartford hockey games and enjoyed going to see productions at the Bushnell and the Goodspeed Opera house, as well as other local venues, and she continued to enjoy these activities with her friends, including her new neighbors at Hartmeadow, after Rob passed. Judy's energy was most often focused on those around her, whether caring for her family or the greater community, both human and animal. She volunteered within her daughters' schools, with Literacy Volunteers, and through Immanuel Congregational's school tutoring program. Joining the Immanuel community offered her many other opportunities to give back, both to the church community as well as to the Greater Hartford area, including through the Larrabee Foundation. She was an avid gardener, earning her Master Gardener certification from the University of Connecticut Extension Service. She was also an avid walker,

often putting her decades-younger Fitbit friends to shame with her daily step count. She worked as an editor at LIMRA for many years, making wonderful friends over that time. She remained a renaissance woman who developed skills in areas such as wallpapering, painting, electrical work, upholstery, furniture caning, lace making and quilting, while continuing to earn accolades as a home chef, baker, knitter, gardener, and seamstress. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Literacy Volunteers or to the Immanuel Congregational Church, for the benefit of their community garden. The good acts and funny stories of her life encompass much more than we can enumerate on a page, and we look forward to sharing your memories at Molloy Funeral Home, 906 Farmington Avenue, West Hartford, CT, during visiting hours on Thursday from 5:00-7:00PM, or following the funeral services at 10:00AM in Immanuel Congregational Church, 10 Woodand Street, Hartford, CT, on Friday.

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Calling Hours

AUG **9**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Molloy Funeral Home
906 Farmington Ave
West Hartford, CT 06119
(860) 232-1322

Funeral Service

AUG **10**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Immanuel Congregational Church
10 Woodland St.
Hartford, CT

Tribute Wall

GJ

“ As a neighbor of Judy's at Hartmeadow Village, I only recently met her. However, after one conversation, we knew we would become fast friends. Judy had such a welcoming demeanor that when she moved in, she introduced herself by delivering muffins to her neighbors. That anecdote is typical of the kind of woman Judy was. I am profoundly sorry to lose her friendship. In closing, I can only say that you, her family members and friends, are extremely fortunate to have had her in your life. I offer my sincerest condolences to you all.

Gloria Jasieniecki - August 26, 2018 at 06:02 PM

BR

“Cate and Jessica, I am heartbroken over the loss of your Mother. Not only was she a gifted copy editor for all the years we worked together at LIMRA (and she always gave me her best effort in working on the magazines and publications I managed — most especially at deadlines), more importantly, your Mom was a close friend with a heart of gold. Her empathetic and compassionate awareness for others was second to none, and her desire to help the community was evident in her work in teaching literacy to the underprivileged for so many years. The evidence of all her humanitarian efforts will be sorely missed.

I am truly proud that her name always graced the staff pages of the magazines we worked on, and I can tell you that every article (for more than a decade) had her stamp of improving the quality of writing by each author we worked together with.

Lastly, she always told me how much she loved her family and was so proud of both of her daughters. Take comfort in knowing that her love will never end for you both, as she joins your Dad in Heaven.

May God bless and comfort you at this time of great loss. The world is a better place with your Mom having been a part of it.

Brad Ragaglia - August 10, 2018 at 11:43 AM

YS

“Your extended family at Splunk purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Judith Kulak.



Your extended family at Splunk - August 10, 2018 at 09:55 AM

JL

“ I remember Judy from LIMRA as very kind and always with a smile. Condolences to her family on her passing. I will always remember her as a kind soul.

Joanne Dube Listro

Joanne Dube Listro - August 09, 2018 at 05:53 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Judith Kulak.



August 09, 2018 at 01:07 PM

PC

“ The women of Hartford Larrabee Fund will miss your mom. She served with distinction as our secretary. Her smile, hard work, willingness to step up whenever there was something to be done, compassion for those less fortunate, and great hugs were all important and welcome. She was a great colleague and friend. We grieve your loss, and ours.

*Patricia Thomas Camp
President, Hartford Larrabee Fund Association*

Patricia Thomas Camp - August 09, 2018 at 09:52 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Judith Kulak.*



August 08, 2018 at 11:52 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Judith Kulak.*



August 08, 2018 at 07:18 AM



“ *Jess, I was saddened to hear of your loss and I wish for you strength and endurance during this difficult time. I also send my sincere best wishes to you and your family.*

Thomas Hoyt - August 08, 2018 at 12:22 AM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Judith Kulak.*



August 07, 2018 at 04:59 PM

TD

“ Judy was a kind, caring person and a fun co-worker at LIMRA. She was gifted at bringing light into everyone’s day. Her smile was her hallmark.

Tew DuBois - August 07, 2018 at 01:51 PM



“ Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray was purchased for the family of Judith Kulak.



August 07, 2018 at 01:10 PM

LW

“ Cate and Jessie, sorry beyond words for your loss. Looked up to her since I was a youngster. Smart, pretty, easy to smile, interesting and a great mother.

Lee Warzecha - August 07, 2018 at 10:03 AM