



Judith Ann Rowean

December 27, 2018

Rowean, Judith Ann (Merritt)

Judith “Judy” Ann Merritt Rowean of Portland, CT and formerly Old Lyme passed away December 27, 2018 after a long, strong and courageous battle with Parkinson's Disease. She was born July 28, 1949 in Sturbridge, Ma. She was the beloved daughter of the late Marion Merritt and the late George H. Merritt. She grew up in West Hartford and lived there after her marriage as well as Arnold, MD. before settling into Portland, CT. She was married for 47 years to Paul J. Rowean.

She attended elementary school at St Thomas School and graduated from Northwest Catholic High School both in West Hartford. She graduated from St Francis School of Nursing and became a Registered Nurse. She spent all of her nursing career in pediatric care. She nursed at St Francis Hospital for fifteen years and ten years at The Westminster School in Simsbury CT. Judy always put people ahead of herself and was a giver of love, always providing the highest level of care and help to everyone. Even during her struggle with Parkinson's, which forced her retirement from nursing she lived her life with grace and dignity. If you asked her how she was doing she would give you the most beautiful smile and a thumbs up. She never complained and always wanted to be a part of the activity. Family and friends were her most important cherished lifelong possessions. For over 20 years she spent her summers at

Old Lyme Shores enjoying the shore with friends and family. Her best weekends were when her ten grandchildren visited to go to the beach, bringing her seashells and making homemade ice cream Sundae's at night.

In 1971 Judy married her adoring husband Paul J. Rowean with whom she raised four children. They made their home for twenty years at 75 High Farms Road in West Hartford and spent summers at 29 Billow Road, Old Lyme. They recently built an in-law apartment with their daughter and son-in-law in Portland. She was predeceased by a son Paul Rowean, Jr in 1985.

Judy is survived by four children: Amy Beth Dumais and her husband Brian of Portland, CT., Bryant M. Rowean and his wife Nicole of Winnetka, IL., Brandon P. Rowean and his wife Falan of Manchester, CT., and Katelyn M. Rowean of West Hartford.

She leaves behind ten grandchildren: Andrew, Samantha and Tyler Dumais; Kegan, Alexander, Hayes and Heidi Rowean ; Rylee, Alexandra and Taylor Rowean.

Friends and relatives are welcome to call on the family on Sunday, January 6 from 4:00 – 7:00 pm at the Molloy Funeral Home, 906 Farmington Ave., West Hartford, CT. Funeral services will be Monday, January 7 with a celebration of Christian Burial at 10:00am at St Peter Claver Church, 47 Pleasant Street, West Hartford. A burial prayer ceremony will follow at Fairview Cemetery in West Hartford. Online expressions of sympathy may be made at www.molloyfuneralhome.com. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in Judy's name may be made to: Parkinson's Foundation, 200 SE 1st Street, Suite 800, Miami, FL 33131

Previous Events

Calling Hours

JAN 6. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

Mass of Christian Burial

JAN 7. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Peter Claver Church
47 Pleasant St
West Hartford, CT

Tribute Wall

JJ

“ Dear Paul and family. We are so sorry for the loss of Judy. We remember her as a incredible , dedicated mother and friend who always had a smile and a quick sense of humor. We have fond memories of the many hours we shared at Loomis Chafee rink. Paul, to you, and your family, our thoughts and prayers are with you as Judy's lives on in our hearts. She is resting in peace. Sincerely,
Jean and Roger Johnson and family.

Jean and Roger Johnson - January 07, 2019 at 07:20 PM

MN

“ Paul and family, we are so sad to hear about your sweet angel Judy. She was an amazing lady! Always had a happy face....may she rest now in the sweetest of places and fly high with all the angels.

Our Love,
Stephen and Maureen Negrini

Maureen Negrini - January 06, 2019 at 08:27 PM

WM

“ WE ARE SORRY FOR YOUR LOST ula & maciek purchased the Pretty Please for the family of Judith Ann Rowean.



WE ARE SORRY FOR YOUR LOST ula & maciek - January 05, 2019 at 06:16 PM



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



January 05, 2019 at 11:01 AM



“ *Judy you will be missed by all. My prayers go out to all of your family.*

I do have a memory from long ago when we were all kids and you and your sister shared the room in the attic on Lemay Street. I remember Pettit and I going upstairs to visit with Connie. You two sometimes were known to trade "opinions" in a sisterly way that now can't help but make me smile. I remember the collage of pics too.

Rest in peace dear girl.

Feeney

Brenda Feeney Whyte - January 04, 2019 at 09:26 PM

LG

“ Dear Paul and all the family. The world will simply never be the same without Judy in it. She and our entire Westminster medical and nursing staff made a bond that could never be broken. Judy was always there, never missed a day of work, was much beloved by the students and us, and that unforgettable smile and laugh. One memory that still brings laughter to my soul is when we were all gathered at my house playing a board game. My husband was upstairs and later he said to me that he was trying hard to hear what we were all laughing and talking about and he said that all he could hear was everyone one of us talking and laughing at the same time. My heart is broken. May God wrap His arms around you all and comfort you. Love to all of you.
Lea Ann and Tom Gostyla

Lea Ann Gostyla - January 04, 2019 at 11:47 AM

CL

“ Our sincere condolences to the Rowean and Merritt Families. Judy was a loving caring mother and friend. She was a vibrant, beautiful lady who will be greatly missed. We shared many happy times at Old Lyme Shores when our families were younger. RIP dear Judy.
Love, The Levenherz Family

Carol Levenherz - January 04, 2019 at 09:59 AM

LG

“ I am so sorry for the loss of such a marvelous woman to many people whether it be in her mothering, comforting the sick, and being the best friend. I knew Judy when we were in high school. Every Friday night was at Judy's dancing for hours and her parents never discouraged our being there (35) teenagers dancing and singing but behaving. I invited her to attend The Brad Davis Show which was live on Saturdays. We would be a party of six couples and would have others join us and Judy was always ready to participate. I have pictures of Judy dancing in everyone. Your wife, Mother, Daughter, Aunt, Grandmother, Sister, Sister-in-law, best friend, and a smile for everyone, and now a tear, creating a vacant space will be replaced with the love she gave, and the memories will be endless. I just lost my Mother in December and when the emptiness envelopes me I look up to heaven and instantly smile knowing that she is home. Judy is now home. I will pray for all of those fortunate people who had the pleasure to have known Judy. I bet she is dancing.

Laura Shubert Granger - January 04, 2019 at 01:39 AM

PL

“ Paul, the Rowean's & Merritt's, so very sorry for your loss, Ju-Ju was such a nice person and will be missed buy all, the pain is gone now, may she rest in peace. Love ya all!!!

P. Loftus

Peter Loftus - January 03, 2019 at 08:21 PM

PM

“ Paul, Amy, Bryant, Brandon and Katie,
I am so sorry for your loss. Judy was such a warm, loving and generous person, always quick to welcome you into her home and her arms. I hope you find comfort in your memories of her and know that others are missing her too. Patti Merritt

Patti Merritt - January 03, 2019 at 02:09 PM

JQ

“ I was so sad to hear of Judy's death. She was a dear friend and neighbor on Lighthouse Hill Rd. When I was pregnant with my daughter, Laura, I had to stay in bed for 3 months. Judy brought us a hot meal (and a nice visit) every Monday night. She was the most kind, selfless person I knew. Judy will be missed by everyone who knew her.
Joe and I will be at Malloy's on Sunday. We send our love to Judy's family.
Judy Quinn

judy quinn - January 03, 2019 at 01:20 PM

DE

“ I had the pleasure of knowing Judy when she worked at Westminster School. She was so compassionate and warm, always ready to make everyone feel better, no matter how large or small the problem. I send my sincere condolences to the whole family. I'm sure she is surrounding you now with her love and comfort. Diana Evans

DIANA EVANS - January 03, 2019 at 10:48 AM

BM

“ Paul, I'm sorry to hear of your wife's passing. My heart goes out to you and I hope you can find comfort in this difficult time. You made such an impression when you went out of your way to show me kindness many years ago and I will never forget that. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Bob Mount - January 02, 2019 at 03:42 PM

MD

“ Bryant, I am so sorry for your loss. I remember your mom from Elementary school. She always had a beautiful smile on her face. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

Marisa Botticello DeLuca - January 01, 2019 at 11:11 AM



“ Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of Judith Ann Rowean.



January 01, 2019 at 09:56 AM

TF

“ Paul, Amy, Bryant, Brandon and Katie,
We are so saddened by the loss of Judy and we are amazed at her strength and determination to be here as long as she could be! We have so many memories from Windsor and my 40th Birthday and her working with us at our store in Simsbury not to mention OLS! She was Kind and loving and adored her family♥ Please know she will always be with us and we will keep her memories close to our ♥!
In true loving memories RIP and bless you all!!!

The Johnson Family - December 31, 2018 at 09:55 PM

DR

“ So sorry to hear about the passing of your mother. May the memories remain in your heart forever.

Donna Robinson

Donna Robinson - December 31, 2018 at 07:48 PM

DG

“ Amy- sorry for your family's loss. I am so glad I got to meet your mom.a couple months ago. I did notice her beautiful smile.

Danette Guertin - December 31, 2018 at 06:25 PM

CI

“ Paul and family, so sorry for your loss. Judy was a truly kind person and will be missed by many.

Cindy and Joe Farrelly

cindy - December 31, 2018 at 04:25 PM

BS

“ Paul, I'm so sorry to hear of Judy's passing. She truly was a wonderful person and I know you were a kind and supportive husband. My sincere condolences to you and your family.

Bob Strouse - December 31, 2018 at 04:19 PM

NE

“ Such a beautiful person. That infectious smile tells it all. We are privileged to have known her. Heaven is a better place now because of her presence....what a reunion! Judy with Mom and Dad, Andy, and her son, Paul. We are so sorry for your loss...Norm and Cindy Emard

Norm and Cindy Emard - December 31, 2018 at 02:38 PM

LB

“ *Dear Paul, I'm so sorry to learn of Judy's passing. She was indeed beautiful, inside and out...kind, gracious, and unselfish. I remember the first time I met her many years ago, and I will always hold her, you, and your kids in the highest regard.*

Love, Lee

Leanne (Dearborn) Belleville - December 31, 2018 at 11:57 AM