



Julia "Judy" Keifer

April 19, 1933 - August 22, 2013

Julia "Judy" Hangen Keifer, 80, of Litchfield, Collinsville and Wethersfield, wife of the late William White Keifer III, passed away gently and peacefully on August 22 at St. Francis Hospital with her family at her side. Judy was born in Springfield, OH, on April 19, 1933 to the late Cleo and Mary Hangen, but then spent the rest of her childhood and teenage years in Dayton, OH. She attended The Ohio State University where she learned to be a dental hygienist, was a member of Alpha Chi Omega, and won ribbons in an equestrian club on campus. Judy was a hygienist for many years before retiring, but she is also known as a humor columnist, writing for the former Hartford Times and other local papers; these essays were called (throughout the years) "Clothesline Comment," "Dishpan Diary" and finally "The Homefront." These columns focused on the challenges and joys of being a wife and a working mom, and they encapsulated (with lovely and witty humor) stories of growing up and raising her five children in another day and time. Just some of her loves included going to tag and estate sales, decorating, painting and other crafts, gardening, genealogy, cats, horses, reading, being a member of the Red Hat Club, and traveling with her husband in the U.S. and abroad. Judy is survived by a family who so dearly misses her wonderful smile and charm: her daughters Elizabeth and Marti and her partner Steve Cissell, her son Dan, and her son Ted along with his wife Andreina. She is also missed by her seven grandchildren: Gino, Jessica, Lisa, Erin, Joey, Billy and Lauren. She is survived by her brother Will and his wife Terra. She is

predeceased by her husband William and her son Joseph. A special thanks for the care and love of so many, including Ania Tonino, Homes of Comfort in West Hartford, her aides Veronica and Victoria, and her life-long friend, Patty Bower.

The family is holding a private service. Memorial donations may be made to any no-kill animal shelter. To sign the online guestbook please visit www.mollyfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Private

Tribute Wall

VB

“ Dear Dan,
We read of your mother's recent passing and we wish to express our sincere sympathy to you and your family. Your mother was a most interesting lady and it would have been nice to have known her. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.
Love,
Vince & Rose Marie Brown

Vince & Rose Marie Brown - August 31, 2013 at 07:28 AM

DK

“ 37 files added to the album Judy



Dan Keifer - August 28, 2013 at 09:37 AM

TE

“ 1 file added to the album Judy



Ted - August 27, 2013 at 02:10 PM

EK

“ My mom and I were BFFs, and she used to laugh when I would say "I love you more than anyone in the world--and always will!" (And it's still true....)

Elizabeth Keifer - August 26, 2013 at 04:11 PM

KK

“ Sending Love to you all today and all the days ahead.
xoxo Kerry,Zoe & Frankie Blu



kerry kincy - August 26, 2013 at 04:08 PM

TK

“ This is a nice, local place where you can donate online to help homeless animals. Judy always got her cats from local shelters. Ted Keifer <http://www.afocinc.org/>

Ted Keifer - August 26, 2013 at 03:50 PM

TK

“ She was a terrific Mom, sensitive, smart and caring. We all love her very much but it was time to let her go. Ted Keifer

Ted Keifer - August 26, 2013 at 03:42 PM



Peace to you and your entire family.

Philip Keane - August 28, 2013 at 10:45 AM



“ *So many memories of her humor, stories, and ingenuity. The fun of being with her added so much to my life. My sympathies to you all.*
Coralie Granfield

Coralie Granfield - August 26, 2013 at 06:58 AM