



Judith "Judy" Suzanne El Fakir

January 8, 1941 - September 15, 2016

Judith (Judy) Suzanne El Fakir

Age 75, of Charlevoix, passed away peacefully with her loving daughter Rie by her side. The family will receive friends from 4 p.m. until 9 p.m. on Tuesday, September 20, and from 2 p.m. until 9 p.m. on Wednesday, September 21 at Wm. Sullivan and Sons Funeral Home, 8459 Hall Road (3 blocks E. of Van Dyke) Utica. Instate 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, September 22 at St. Therese of Lisieux Catholic Church (48115 Schoenherr Road, Shelby Township) until the time of Mass 10 a.m. There will be a Luncheon to follow in the social hall of the church.

Judy was born January 8, 1941 in Detroit, to the late Joseph and Suzanne Malbouef, and was one of ten children. She has/had 2 beautiful daughters, whom she raised to be independent and compassionate. She was so proud of her daughter Jeanette Winger, who went to Michigan State University Medical School and became an Anesthesiologist. She was equally proud of her daughter Ann Marie, who recently has obtained her Bachelors degree in Social Work, through Oakland University. Ann Marie married Chuck Carufel, and gave her 2 grandchildren Zac and Olivia, who quickly became the center of her world. Family meant everything to Judy, and she loved sharing time with them, whether that be camping, family parties, trips to the apple orchard, or just relaxing at her beautiful home in Charlevoix.

Judy reconnected with her "Honey" Joe Gammicchia after many years, and they have shared a fun-filled life of travel ever since. "Judy and Joe" loved camping, trips to Florida, and sharing time together. Joe cared for Judy in a way that no one else could. They loved each other so!

Judy was a hard worker; she retired from Michigan Bell with over 30 years. She never met a stranger, as she was always friendly and would greet people she met each day. She had a way of getting to know people quickly, which is how she grew to have so many friends who are missing her now. She was the Queen Bee of the Red Hat Society while living up north. Judy also loved her swimming classes, her pool people, her wonderful neighbors, and watching the birds from her front porch.

Judy is survived by her daughter Ann Marie (Chuck) Carufel, grandchildren Zachary and Olivia Carufel, her honey Joe Gammicchia, her siblings Jeanne Wilcox, Fran (Harold)

Andrews, Thomas (Barb) Malbouef, George (Ruth) Malbouef, Josetta (Greg Hartzog) Mushaka, Joseph (Chris) Malbouef, Rosemary Wickett, Mary (Jerry) Battaglia, and ex-husband/friend Amin El Fakir, as well as many, many nieces and nephews who cannot imagine the annual camping trip without Ta Ta Judy there.

Judy was preceded in death by her parents, her daughter Jeanette, and her sister Elaine Blender.

Memorial contributions may be made to:

Cass Community Social Services Inc., 11745 Rosa Parks Blvd, Detroit, MI 48206 or Detroit Goodfellows, P.O. Box 44444, Detroit, MI 48244 or Eversight Michigan, 4889 Venture Drive, Ann Arbor, MI 48108

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 20. 4:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Wm Sullivan and Son Funeral Home
8459 Hall Road
Utica, MI 48317
(586) 731-2411
utica@sullivanfh.com
<https://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com/>

Visitation

SEP 21. 2:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Wm Sullivan and Son Funeral Home
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Rosary

SEP 21. 7:00 PM (ET)

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In State

SEP 22. 9:30 AM (ET)

St. Therese of Lisieux Catholic Church
48115 Schoenherr Road
Shelby Twp., MI 48315

Funeral Mass

SEP **22**. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

MW

“ So sorry to hear about Judy. I'll never forget how she offered her house to use for my wedding shower. Over 32 years ago. Love & prayers to the whole Malbouef family.

Marian (Cueny) Williams

marian Williams - September 22, 2016 at 04:39 PM

JG

“ Our condolences to the family of Judy, you are in our thoughts and prayers. I will always remember the stories she told of her camping trips with my father, especially the annual pilgrimage to Florida. She brought great joy into our family and will be sorely missed. We seek solace in knowing she is now in the comfort of God's hands, the ultimate camp site. Joe, Diane & Joe Gammicchia

Joe Gammicchia - September 22, 2016 at 05:21 AM

AL

“ I miss you Ma Judy/Grandma Judy :)))) RIP You are and always will be a loving beautiful person. Love you always and miss you XOXOXOO

Love,

Alex & Linda

Alex & Linda - September 21, 2016 at 09:43 PM



“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Judith "Judy" Suzanne El Fakir.



September 21, 2016 at 07:55 PM

JM

“ My sister Judy cared so deeply about the important things. She always wanted to be the one to give the most to those needing a helping hand. After separating from my first husband, Judy insisted that my sons Ray and Greg and I move in with her and her 2 daughters until I could find a place. She offered the whole upstairs for the boys and me, moving Jeannette and Ann Marie to a small first floor bedroom. Thankfully she gave us a home when we needed it the most. My bond with her and Jeannette and my Goddaughter, Ann Marie, really strengthened through her generosity. I'll miss you so much for all the many happy times we did share.

Peace to you now and all of your family. Love, "Sis" Joesetta

Joseetta Mushaka - September 21, 2016 at 01:27 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Judith "Judy" Suzanne El Fakir.*



September 20, 2016 at 01:25 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Judith "Judy" Suzanne El Fakir.*



September 19, 2016 at 07:28 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Judith "Judy" Suzanne El Fakir.*



September 19, 2016 at 12:26 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Judith "Judy" Suzanne El Fakir.*



September 19, 2016 at 10:26 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Judith "Judy" Suzanne El Fakir.*



September 18, 2016 at 02:55 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Judith "Judy" Suzanne El Fakir.*



September 17, 2016 at 12:52 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Judith "Judy" Suzanne El Fakir.*



September 17, 2016 at 12:20 AM

LS

“ *I've known Mom 'Judy' since I was 11 or 12 years old, Annmarie and I went to Saint Veronicas together. Annmarie has been my BF since then and my sons Godmother. Judy, Judy you will always be loved and especially missed, you treated me like a daughter always, a loved daughter and my son Alex like a grandson always. We will miss you always and forever but I'm happy you are free of pain and with Jeanette and in Heaven with our Lord.. RIP Mom I miss you xoxoxoxoxoxo*

Linda Ann Shiner-Asher - September 16, 2016 at 10:12 PM

KB

“ I met Judy in 1977 when I hired into Michigan Bell. As a Supervisor, she was truly one of a kind. Helpful, caring, patient and very friendly, good nature and a fun loving personality, we quickly became friends. With moves and changes, we lost contact but I always thought of her and just recently reconnected. After many years, our recent conversations picked right back up where they left off so many years ago. I wished we could of had our planned get together so I could give her a big hug and thank her for being a great 'boss' and even better friend. I am going to miss "Our Queen" - that is how all of us from the Coin Department referred to Judy. ❤️

Karen Gutierrez-Breckenridge

Karen Breckenridge - September 16, 2016 at 04:05 PM

FB

To lose a parent or a mate is one of the biggest challenges to undertake. I hope you find comfort in a scripture I find comforting at Isa. 41:10

Frank Battaglia - September 17, 2016 at 08:11 AM

LM

Ann Marie...May you and your family find strength in the years of remembrance and joy you shared with your mother. May God bless you in this time of transition.

Lou and Dan Moss - September 19, 2016 at 08:47 AM