



Judith Ann Miller

February 5, 1950 - March 20, 2020

Judith Ann Miller passed away unexpectedly on March 20, 2020. Judy was born February 5, 1950 in Buffalo New, York to Paul and Anna Miller who predeceased her.

She is survived by a brother, Paul (Karen) Miller of Hobe Sound, FL, a niece Gretchen (Peter) Kreis of Lynchburg, VA, great nephews Phillip and Robert Kreis also of Lynchburg, VA, cousins Beverly (Gary) Swanger of Mechanicsburg, PA and Jeff (Barbara) Brunner of Virginia Beach, VA.

Judy graduated from Geneseo College with a political science degree and was an alumni of Phi Lambda Chi sorority.

For many years she was a Congressional Assistant to Congressman Derrick Butler of Columbia, S.C. She recently retired from Kids Inc. of the Big Bend in Tallahassee.

Arrangements to be determined with the assistance of Young Fulford Funeral Home and Crematory of Tallahassee, FL. Flowers are gratefully declined. Donations in her name may be made to Kids of the Big Bend or the Lost and Found Pets of Tallahassee.

Judy will be missed by family, friends and her fur babies.

The family is being assisted by Skip Young, and cared for by Jackie Fulford.
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Tribute Wall



“ *Judith Ann Miller*

October 22, 2023 at 10:27 PM



“ *Judith Ann Miller*

October 09, 2023 at 11:25 AM



“ *Judith Ann Miller*

September 22, 2022 at 01:34 PM

PH

“*Judie was President of Phi Lamb when I joined. She had been part of the SUNY/DC program and spent 2 separate semesters in Washington, returning just in time for her spring semester before graduating. She moved with a friend to Florence SC and taught American History and American Government at a previously all-black school, 1 or 2 years after desegregation. While there, she helped the district to formulate policies correcting racial issues and equalizing female teacher pay. She then moved on to The United Way--its Volunteer Clearing House serving 2 counties in SC. After a while, Judie honed her political skills working as an aide for 7 yrs to Cong. Butler Derrick in DC.. At one point, she took a leave to work on his re-election campaign. She ran several other campaigns, including Mike Daniels for Lt Gov. She started her own consulting business and ran campaigns for Bob Coble (Mayor) Dick Harpootlian (Solicitor). She ran the SC Dem. Party's Coordinated Campaign to Get Out the Vote for Bill Clinton, Jim Clyburn and Joe Riley. She met Bill Clinton and Jimmy Carter several times, including at a few events in the White House. She was in her element! She met author, Pat Conroy, did fundraising with him, and enjoyed a lifelong connection to him. Their fondness for SC was mutual. One particularly memorable event was at the house where the Big Chill was filmed--just the couple who owned it, Pat Conroy and herself. She said she thought she had died and had gone to heaven. She moved to Tallahassee and began her work with Kids Incorporated, Chamber of Commerce and other volunteer efforts. When I moved south, I reconnected with her and got her insights as a fellow NYer in the south. We chatted a lot online and shared our mutual histories and connections. As she stated to me, "It's been a life I couldn't have imagined for myself!"*

Godspeed, dear Judie, it was a life well-lived, and you will be missed and remembered for ever with love and admiration.

Patricia Hartung - April 03, 2020 at 02:29 PM

SK

“ My earliest memory is of Judie at about 4 and I was about 8. She was the little girl next door at Lime Lake that I played with. I was smitten with her older brother “Butch” and eventually we married. Judie was my maid of honor. She was enamored with our daughter, Gretchen, her only niece. Although the marriage didn't last, Judie and I touched based over the years due to Gretchen's efforts. Most importantly, Judie and I were on the same political page, same animal rescue page, and shared the same concern for all children. She was dedicated to helping the less fortunate. She has set a high standard for all of us.

Sandy Knodel - March 26, 2020 at 05:55 PM

GK

“ She was my aunt who i will miss dearly

Gretchen Kreis - March 25, 2020 at 03:57 PM

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Linda Hughson Pacelli Dixon - March 25, 2020 at 01:41 PM

DO

“ Whether she was posting about politics, hurricanes, detained immigrants or dogs, Judie's comments were always cogent and compassionate. She was thoughtful, pragmatic, and diplomatically opinionated. Sincere condolences to the Miller family on the passing of a very unique and wonderful woman. Donna R - Phi Lambda Chi/Geneseo State '71

Donna - March 23, 2020 at 07:53 PM

BE

Deepest sympathy to the Miller family on the untimely loss of Judie. Her sparkle was cherished by all of us and we share in this loss. Beth S - Phi Lambda Chi/Geneseo '72

Beth - March 23, 2020 at 08:16 PM



Judie was Phi Lamb President when I pledged. I looked up to her as a role model and respected her immensely. Fly free, Judie. Linda Flesch Marshall Phi Lamb Geneseo '73

Linda Marshall - March 23, 2020 at 08:25 PM

MR

My sincere sympathies to the Miller family on Judie's passing. Her wit, wisdom, compassion and sense of fun will not be forgotten by all who knew her. A great loss. Marcia Goldstein Ratcliff, Phi Lambda Chi/Geneseo'70

Marcia Ratcliff - March 23, 2020 at 10:41 PM

LB

My deepest sympathy to those who knew and loved Judie. I had great respect for her and considered her a role model during our time at Geneseo. She was always fun and funny and so very much a leader. We will remember and miss her. Laurel Burger - Phi Lambda Chi - Geneseo, '73.

Laurel B. - March 24, 2020 at 07:24 AM

LD

I was shocked and saddened to hear of Judie's passing! We were classmates, partners in shenanigans, and sorority sisters. Judie was a life-long mover-shaker. At SUNY Geneseo, she served on the Academic Affairs Committee, Political Affairs Club, and was Phi Lambda Chi's representative on the Inter-Sorority Council. After graduation, several Sisters ended up in South Carolina where Judie continued to serve her political passions as an aide to US Representative Butler Derrick. In retirement, she moved to Tallahassee where she worked and or volunteered with several non-profits. We were always so proud of her accomplishments and will miss her!

Linda Hughson Pacelli Dixon - March 25, 2020 at 01:55 PM

KK

I knew Judie through her work at Kids Incorporated. She was so dedicated to working families and ensuring that children has the resources they needed to be successful. She was such a professional who made a difference in our community. She will be missed.

Kim Kelling - March 25, 2020 at 04:08 PM

AS

Judie and I met through our shared work in fundraising for nonprofit organizations. We attended countless local meetings and statewide conferences of the Association of Fundraising Professionals, not to mention quite a few happy hours! She opened her home for the AFP Holiday party several times and made an amazing gorgonzola potato chip appetizer that we all loved. Judie always had tons of great stories from her political days in South Carolina, was an avid Gamecocks fan, and dedicated pet owner. She was very active in her Chamber Leads group, attended the annual Chamber conference, and was always networking and connecting people with Kids Inc. Judie worked hard, sometimes too hard, but I know her work made a difference to countless families and children served by Kids Inc. She will be missed by her fundraising friends who will share a toast in her honor at a future get together. I've heard from several of them who were sad to learn of Judie's unexpected passing. Judie also attended my son's Eagle Scout ceremony (his project benefited Kids Inc.) which meant so much to him and to us. On behalf of the Stansbury family, we send our condolences to Judie's family and wish her God's peace.

Alyce Lee Stansbury - March 26, 2020 at 05:14 PM