



Judith "Judy" Cathcart Jaskulski

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Judith “Judy” Cathcart Jaskulski, age 79, of West Mifflin (formerly of Duquesne), passed away suddenly at home on July 26, 2020. Loving wife of the late James “Chips” Jaskulski. Treasured mom of Jodi (Tim) Mulvihill and Jami (Mike) Vargo. Grandmother of Alaina and Ryder Mulvihill & Tyler and Taylor Vargo. A Grove City College graduate, Judy began her teaching career at West Mifflin North High School and continued until retirement at Steel Center Area Vocational Technical School. She was admired and touched the lives of countless students. She was also a long-time member of Lebanon Women’s Club. Judy shared her God-given musical talents by serving as the organist at Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church in Greenock. This was her weekly “gig” –she was moved by music and enjoyed listening to it, dancing to it, and playing it. Judy loved to travel to tropical places-some favorite destinations included Hawaii, Florida, the Caribbean and Mexico. She always looked forward to testing her luck on her yearly girls’ trip to Vegas. An angel on earth, Judy meant the world to her daughters. Grandma Judy absolutely adored her grandchildren, and they cherished each other and the time they spent together. Grandma will also be missed by her “grand-dogs,” Kimo & Levi. Always living life to the fullest, she was a beautiful soul both inside and out. We are all blessed to have had Judy in our lives.

Visitation with social distancing will be held on Thursday, July 30 from 2-4 and 6-8 pm at the Jefferson Memorial Funeral Home, Inc, 301 Curry Hollow Rd, Pittsburgh, 15236. Funeral service will be held privately. Interment to take place at Jefferson Memorial Park.



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LK

Linda Kelly posted:

Dear Jodi Please accept my deepest condolences on the passing of your loving mother Judith. May God comfort you during this difficult time. Linda Kelly

August 18 at 2:10 PM

DS

Deanne Harris Seese posted:

Condolences to the family of Judy. My sister Judy Adams and I were next door neighbors of Judy and our mothers were friends. We put on plays in the Cathcart garage! Oh so young. Told my cousin about her passing, he said she was the first girl he kissed at 10, and said he didn't like it. But, went on to have a crush on Judy for years. Such a beautiful person inside and out. I'm sure she will be greatly missed. Deanne Harris Seese

August 3 at 6:05 AM

PS

Patrick Savolskis posted:

My parents Norm & Judy Savolskis were friends with Judy & Chips as a child I spent a lot of time at their house. I had fond memories of those days. Judy J was a great person and always sweet to me. My condolences to her family. She was an original.

July 31 at 9:59 AM

DB

Denise (Fortley) Balog posted:

Dear Jami (and family) I'm so sorry for the loss of your dear mom. My mom and I have fond memories of her from the days of cheering at Pitt and especially our Nationals trip to Dallas - they had a blast together. Hugs to you and may you find comfort in knowing you have a special guardian angel that is always with you. Sending deepest condolences, Denise (Fortley) Balog

July 31 at 8:17 AM

TS

Tribute Store posted:

With deepest sympathy,

July 30 at 3:26 PM



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FR

Francesdemko posted:

Our deepest sympathies for your loss. Judy was a special friend. We will miss her. Love the Demko's

July 30 at 8:55 AM

TF

The Gusic Family posted:

Please accept our most heartfelt sympathies for your loss... Our thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time.

July 30 at 7:55 AM

TR

Tom Rittenhouse posted:

With love for our dear friend, Judy, who brought so much joy to all of us. You will be missed always. Prayers of peace for family and friends.

July 30 at 6:46 AM



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DR

Debbie Rittehouse posted:

My condolences for your loss. May God give you strength to endure this sorrowful time. You are such a close family and I know you will be helping each other deal with this unbelievable sudden loss of such a wonderful person. I've known Judy for over 30 years as a friend and FBLA adviser. Future Business Leaders of America was a club our students, business and academic could join. I can still see Judy (Regional Adviser) leading sometimes 300 students and teachers performing Y M C A. She had to get the kids psyched before tests. Always had to put a little fun into everything. She started to visit me in \"sunny Florida\" about eight years ago. She loved to golf and go to the Lodge Pool in my HOA on Lake Tarpon. Throughout the year during her visits Judy loved to go to certain places; such as, Rusty Belles in Tarpon Springs, for her crab legs and Pinot Grigio; Palm Pavillion Restaurant on Clearwater Beach for wine and appetizers looking out at the beautiful white sandy beach adjacent to the Gulf of Mexico. Finally, there was Leo's Bar + Grill. This was the only place we older folks could go and dance to the oldies or just listen to the great sounds. So many people knew her at Leo's and absolutely loved Judy. Even the owner, Leo, asked about Judy recently. She always looked beautiful (so classy) and had a great personality that shined like the diamonds she would always wear. Judy would sometimes just listen to the music and reminisce about \"Chips\" and how they loved to dance. Now, if I may direct some comments to Judy. So sorry I could not be there due to the Covid girlfriend. I can't believe you are gone. We had our last conversation the day of the graduation party. You were so happy getting ready for that wonderful day. I am so happy that you were a best friend anyone could wish for. I will miss your friendship, the fun we always had, conversations about our travels to Hawaii, the Caribbean Islands, Vegas, Mexico, Key West, and last year St. Augustine. I will miss our phone calls at least several times a week, your funny texts even during the Covid, your music talent and you my crazy friend. You really did know how to live life to the fullest. God Bless You Girlfriend \"Ethel\" (our nickname for each other) I just wish I could pick up the phone one more time and hear your voice and be immature with my best bud. I know you will always be watching over your family and friends. Until we meet again. Love ya and will miss you so much my dear friend. Debbie Rittenhouse Your Buddy in \"sunny\" Florida

July 28 at 10:29 AM

MT

Michael Trevits posted:

In Loving Memory

July 30 at 5:29 AM



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LS

Lew Soltis posted:

As a student at West Mifflin North high, Mrs. J not only touched my life, she saved it. At one of the lowest points in my life, she inspired me to try harder and encouraged me in ways that only great teachers and warm human beings know how to do. I have been blessed to live a wonderful and successful life because Mrs. J took the time to care. I offer her family my condolences. I pay tribute to Mrs. J for making it possible for me to live the life that I have. May she rest in peace. Lew Soltis —
Class of 1968

July 30 at 5:08 AM

LS

Leona Zabelsky Sprentz posted:

So sorry to hear of Judy flying with the angels. My sister (Mary Lou Zabelsky) and Judy were born the same day and same time! Judy was indeed a beautiful lady, inside and out. May she fly with the angels, look over her family, and reunite with her Chip. Sympathy and strength to the family.

July 29 at 6:45 PM

CD

Chrissan Davis posted:

Jami and Jody - Sorry to hear about Mrs. J. She was my favorite teacher! She made Steel Center the best. Prayers for you and your family

July 29 at 3:52 PM

CB

Carole Balta posted:

Condolences to the whole family. Carole Balta

July 29 at 3:40 PM

TA

Taylor Solo, Financial Planner - Prudential Advisors posted:

My deepest sympathies go out to you and your family. I offer you my thoughts, prayers and well-wishes during this tough time. -Taylor Solo

July 29 at 3:31 PM



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BM

Betsy Monheim posted:

I am shocked and saddened by this news. I sent Judy a birthday card recently and received a "thanks." Judy and I were roommates at Grove City College. Please accept my sincere offers of sympathy to her family. Betsy Monheim

July 29 at 2:58 PM

LB

Love, Chris, Justine, Richard And Jake Boston posted:

You were a bright light and a loving woman. May God Bless your dear soul. You will be forever in our hearts.

July 29 at 2:56 PM

DA

Dianne Getner Awenowicz posted:

Dearest Jodi and Jami - your mom was such a very special lady - not only was she my teacher at WMN, she became a lifelong friend. We would meet her and your dad at different oldies dances and spend time together laughing and enjoying the music and sharing memories. I remember her from way back in the late 50's when she was graduating. She was a classmate of my brother - that's how far back we go. She made everyone feel special - a great teacher, a great friend, and an exceptionally great lady. I will miss her very much. I am so sorry for your loss. I know how much she meant to you, your husbands and your children. God bless you all. Dianne Getner Awenowicz

July 29 at 1:26 PM

SS

Sam Mincone And Sandy Shiring posted:

Our deepest sympathy to the Jaskulski families, extended families and friends. Sam goes back to their high school football days. Over the years we had many happy occasions to be with them and always ended up dancing. In time may the wonderful memories of this special lady lighten our hearts and again put smiles on our faces. God Bless

July 29 at 8:42 AM

RB

Ruth Benyak posted:

Judy was such a dear friend to me. My sincere and heartfelt condolences. All my love, Ruth Benyak

July 29 at 8:38 AM



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AW

Andrew Wahl posted:

Judy was an extraordinary woman of faith. She lived out her faith day-by-day, and it was clearly visible in her love of God and the love of her family - including her church family. She now is with her beloved Chips. Peace my friend - peace. Andy, Lisa, and Hannah Wahl

July 29 at 8:13 AM

JV

Judy Vilsack posted:

I have only known Judy for 8 or 9 years through our mutual friend Debbie in Florida. I will miss her sense of humor and our singing duets. Judy made us laugh so many times . Truly a unique and special woman.. I am so sad we will not be able to see you anymore, but I will pray for you everyday.

July 29 at 7:52 AM

OF

Our Warmest Condolences, Your Jazz Family posted:

Tim, We are so sorry for your loss. Please know we are thinking of you and your family during this time.

July 29 at 6:55 AM

JS

Justin Sob posted:

Awe no! Sorry to hear this! Mrs. J was our class neighbor at Steel Center VoTech next to the computer lab. Even after all those years (I graduated in 1999) she still remembered me and I wasn't even in her class, just next door to her. That's how much of a caring person she is. I'm very sorry for your loss. More people should be more like her.

July 29 at 5:58 AM

TS

Tribute Store posted:

As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you... Isaiah 66:13 Much Love and Many Prayers to the Mulvihill, Jaskulski, Vargo families.

July 29 at 5:46 AM



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JS

John, Vicki, Jeff, Terri, Lexi, Lucas, Bill & Simone posted:

Wishing you peace to bring comfort, courage to face the days ahead and loving memories to forever hold in your hearts.

July 29 at 5:39 AM

TW

Theresa R Waggoner posted:

Our Deepest Sympathy. Your Queens Drive Neighbors : The Dees, Kodas, Marys, McNiffs, and the Sekelys

July 29 at 4:55 AM

TS

Tribute Store posted:

Your friend Jack.

July 29 at 4:26 AM

KW

Kim Werkmeister posted:

Jodi, Jami, Memories are a struggle, but Judy is rich in my mind. I want to give something that soaks in the sun & gives life to many, just like her.

July 28 at 6:28 PM

CL

Claudia posted:

Judy, we just talked. I called because I was too lazy to send a card. We laughed so hard because you were having a hard time believing you were turning 79. I told you to save those feelings until next year when you would turn 80. We both laughed so hard about that. Judy you were always in my heart and on my mind, I know I was in your heart also. You were one of my beautiful bridesmaids, friends like for ever especially in high school and after. I am having a very, very hard time believing this. I will miss you oh so much. Miss our talks and our laughs, and our secrets. Girl what happened? I love you, miss you, pray for you, I know you missed Chips so much, and hopefully you two are dancing up a storm....I know you two are. Love, Later, Prayers, Claudia

July 28 at 6:17 PM



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Please accept our most heartfelt sympathies for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family. We will miss you Judy.

July 28 at 5:56 PM

CR

Colleen Rostas posted:

To Jody and Jami.....Your mother was truly lover in the neighborhood of Millport and Skyport!. She was the happiest, prettiest and always so kind lady there was. Your parents house was so beautiful and pristine all the time and yes, she adored Dad and daughters! Her death is a shock and so sad to all from the neighborhood. Everyone who knew her loved her! Your family was always in our presence when we lost our parents and we will never forget your kindness and respect for them. Our \"circle \" of neighborhood friends will remember her forever. Our hearts are broken and we wish you peace . Colleen *Fiorillo Rostas and husband , Joe Rostas

July 28 at 4:38 PM

NB

Nikole Baskot Barach posted:

Jami, Jodi and Family, You have my deepest sympathy on the loss of your sweet mom. I remember how kind, soft spoken and wonderful your mom was to everyone. Memory is eternal.

July 28 at 4:15 PM

CR

Carol Rittenhouse posted:

To Judy's family: We met Judy several years ago through my sister-in-law, Deb Rittenhouse, down here in FL. She was a wonderful lady, and we liked her immediately. We're all Pittsburghers, and we had lots of laughs together. The last time we saw her was \"pre-COVID,\" when she last visited. Deb played her ukulele and Judy accompanied her on the keyboard. We all sang along to the music. She played beautifully, and we were impressed with her talent. My mom (99 yrs old) LOVED hearing her play and was so sad to hear of her passing. Our deepest sympathies to all of you. We know how she missed Chips, and we hope you can find some solace in knowing she is happily with him again. We were blessed to have her in our lives for a little while. -- Tom and Carol Rittenhouse and Grandma Persang.

July 28 at 3:56 PM



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TS

Tribute Store posted:

You are in our hearts and in our prayers! Love, Aaron, Kim, Maya & Aj Beatty

July 28 at 12:04 PM

AV

Angela Virginia posted:

Mrs. J was my teacher at Steel Center but she was so much more than a teacher. She was a selfless and amazing woman and anyone who knew her was blessed to be a part of her life. Thanks for all the lessons and love throughout the years Mrs. J.

July 28 at 11:23 AM

PJ

Pam And Jeff posted:

We pray the love of God enfolds you as He welcomes Judy with open arms.

July 28 at 11:22 AM

LM

Love, Wayne, Lora, Angela, And Michael posted:

With loving memories of \"Judith Cathcart Jaskulski\",

July 28 at 10:59 AM

RL

Rliebold posted:

Thanks to Judy for sharing not only SC and LWC times with me, but also 10 years of memorable travel! I miss you Girlfriend-but will continue to play our numbers and dance in the aisle. TY for many wonderful memories, Ruth

July 28 at 10:40 AM

JH

Jeff And Erin Haines posted:

With love and our deepest sympathy, Jeff Erin Chase and Max Haines

July 28 at 10:29 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Judith by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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