



Judith A. Rafferty

February 21, 1939 - July 15, 2011

OBITUARY Saugerties, NY – Judith A. Rafferty, beloved spouse, devoted mother, passed away peacefully at home on July 11, 2011. She was 72 years old. Judy was born February 21, 1939 to James Robert and Grace Gregg Andrews in Spokane WA, her family soon moved to a farm outside Bonners Ferry Idaho, where she grew up. On April 9, 1959 she married the love of her life, James Rafferty. A registered nurse, she was employed as a unit manager for New York Blood Services. She was an Army wife for more than twenty years, an accomplished seamstress, exceptional cook who loved to dance. She was a resident of Port Charlotte, FL and Saugerties, NY. In addition to her husband, James, she is survived by nine children, Laurie Pallotta of Huntsville AL; Susan Lyons of Queens, NY, Gina Mahoney of Concord, NC, Cathy Rowley of Raleigh, NC, Irene Mapa of the Poconos, Mary Basile of Queens, NY, Jim Rafferty of Mt. Vernon, VA, Grace Basile of Lake Carmel, NY and Eileen Rafferty of Queens, NY; her sister, Carol Andrews of Peoria, AZ; 20 Grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews. A Funeral procession will form 8:15 AM Friday, July 15, 2011 at Buono Funeral Service, Inc. in Saugerties, NY and then proceed to St. Mary of the Snow where a 9:00 AM a Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated. Rev. Christopher Berean, Pastor of St. Mary of the Snow will officiate. Interment will follow immediately in Saratoga National Cemetery, Schuylerville, NY. Friends may call Thursday from 2:00 PM until 4:00 PM and 7:00 PM until 9:00 PM at Buono Funeral Service, Inc.

Tribute Wall



“ *Judith A. Rafferty*

October 20, 2022 at 08:34 PM



“ *Dear Jim, Children and Grandchildren,
I was very saddened this week to hear that Judy had passed away.
My deepest sympathy to you, Jim, and your family.
My connection to Judy began in the 3rd grade when we became
best friends at the old Copeland school. My father was section
foreman of the railroad that ran by the Andrew's farm house, about
3 miles from our home. Summers would find Judy and I biking or
hiking around between our homes. Since Judy was an adventurous
spirit and I was the opposite, never having even climbed a tree
before moving to northern Idaho, I owe a marvelous childhood
partially to Judy and her "bright spirit" as someone else below said.
She taught me how to ride a horse, be less scared of their giant pigs
and the cow, Georgie's Mother, care for baby pheasants, and best
of all - how to swim in a cold lake at a belated age of 12.
While we were out of touch much of the last 60 years, I've never
forgotten, and never will, Judy's compassionate, kind, and funny
spirit. A sweet lady, I'm sure, but more that that - truly a life-long
inspiration of what the human spirit can be. God bless.
Marlys (Duesing) Svensson, North Bend, WA*

Marlys Svensson - September 07, 2011 at 02:00 PM



“ *To All the Raffertys,
My brother's marriage to Irene offered us the "added bonus" of
having known Mrs. Rafferty. We will all remember her as a sweet
and lovely lady. You are all in our thoughts at this very difficult time.*

Ro Mateo - July 15, 2011 at 10:55 AM

MC

“ Dear Mary and Family, My sincerest sympathy and prayers are with you at this sad time. The luxury of a large family is the special bond that will be your support, as well as, her spirit that each of you carry a part of. This and the great love of Jesus will be your strength. With Love, Mary Ann Curry

Mary Ann Curry - July 14, 2011 at 08:43 PM

SC

“ To Mary and family, you have my sincere condolences on the loss of your mother. May you take comfort in knowing an angel is watching over you, and you should always know, wherever you may go, no matter where you are, your mom will never be far away. so hold on tight to shared memories for comfort; may the Grace of God and the Lord Jesus Christ continue to comfort you during this time. Love, Sandra Crosswell

Sandra Crosswell - July 14, 2011 at 05:02 PM

PF

“ Dear Uncle Jim and family,
We are so sad to hear about Aunt Judy's passing. She will be greatly missed. She always made me feel like a part of your family too. We are sorry that we can't be with you in person but we are with all of you in spirit and in our prayers. Much love to all of you at this difficult time.

Peg and Gerry and family - July 14, 2011 at 04:45 PM

MK

“ Dear Uncle Jim and Family, Although we didn't see each other often Aunt Judy has always had a special place in my heart. She was such a loving person who made everyone feel special and welcome. I'm sorry I can't be there in person but I hope you know you are all in my thoughts and prayers.
Love, Maryanne

Maryanne Kelly - July 14, 2011 at 04:44 PM

KH

“ Dear Mary and Family-
I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family in your time of need. Always remember the memories that you have within your hearts.
Peace and Love- Kim H.

Kim Hamilton - July 14, 2011 at 01:49 PM

MF

“ Dear Mary and Family, We are so sorry for your loss. I wish that we could be with you at this time but please know that our prayers and thoughts are with you and your family. May the memories that you hold in your heart sustain and support you through this time. May your Mom rest in peace in the joy of the Lord. Love, Mary Jane and Ed.

Mary Jane & Ed Finlay - July 14, 2011 at 10:29 AM

TE

“ Jim: My deepest sympathy to you and your family.
May she Rest in Peace.
Tim

Tim Eames - July 14, 2011 at 09:02 AM

LF

“ Dear Mary and Family, you are in my prayer during this time of great loss. My thoughts are with you.

Lorena De Filippis - July 13, 2011 at 06:13 PM

SM

“ MARY AND FAMILY...I AM SO GLAD THAT I WAS ABLE TO MEET SUCH A SPECIAL LADY. I AM PRAYING FOR THE "gentle" HEALING OF THE WHOLE FAMILY. I AM IN NC AND WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ATTEND THE WAKE OR MASS BUT I WILL BE THERE IN SPIRIT...MUCH LOVE, MARGE

Sister Marge - July 13, 2011 at 06:06 PM

LA

“ Dear Mary and Family,
I am so sorry for your loss. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.
Love always, Lisa Amrhein

Lisa Amrhein - July 13, 2011 at 06:02 PM

MC

“ I had the good fortune several times to meet and enjoy time with the Rafferty's in Port Charlotte, FL brought there by Bernie Byrnes a dear friend of mine from Vienna, VA. God bless family so sorry for your loss.

Miriam Caruso - July 13, 2011 at 05:53 PM

LF

“ Dear Mary:

So sorry to hear about your mother. You and your family are in my prayers. Her obituary was quite remarkable. What a wonderful woman!

*Love and prayers,
Linda Freebes
Ss. Joachim and Anne School*

Linda Freebes - July 13, 2011 at 05:12 PM

AW

“ To the Rafferty family,

We are sending our sincerest sympathy for your loss. Judy made an impression on everyone she met and her bright spirit will always be remembered.

*Sincerely,
The White family.....Jim, Angel & Ruby Jane xo*

Angel Starling White - July 13, 2011 at 04:58 PM

LF

“ Gina, Scott, Kelsey and Danny we are thinking about you all. Wish we could be there to give you a hug.

Libby Hart and family - July 13, 2011 at 04:44 PM

NI

“ Dear Mary and family,
My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. I am SO sorry for your loss. I am sending you a big hug. All my love,
Nicole

Nicole Izzo - July 13, 2011 at 02:52 PM

CM

“ Jim, our sincerest condolences on your loss. Kathy and I had the pleasure of meeting Judy and having dinner with you both on the boatride at the Brooklyn Prep 50th reunion. You and your family will be in our prayers.

Chuck and Kathy Monahan - July 13, 2011 at 02:41 PM

DB

“ Mary and Family -

I am so sorry for your loss - may God continue to strengthen all of you through this time of acceptance: "...but you are a forgiving God, gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love..." ---Nehemiah 9:17

Dori Breen - July 13, 2011 at 01:30 PM

SR

“ Dear Mary and Family, I'm so sorry for your loss. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during these hard times. All my love, Sylvia

Sylvia Roccia - July 13, 2011 at 12:34 PM

MK

“ Dear Gina & Family,
My thoughts and prayers are with you in your time of grief. May your
memories bring you comfort.

Mary Kolodziejczyk - July 13, 2011 at 11:56 AM

RM

“ My sincerest condolences for your loss.

Rev. Noel Moynihan - July 13, 2011 at 10:04 AM

AS

“ Dear Mary & Family,
I am truly sorry for your loss.
Love Always,
Ann Smith

Ann Smith - July 13, 2011 at 10:03 AM