



Judith L. O'Keefe

May 23, 1945 - December 6, 2020

Judith Lynn O'Keefe of Croswell, Michigan died Sunday, December 6, 2020. She was born May 23, 1945 and was the only daughter of Harry and Janet Daniels. She was raised in Ann Arbor Michigan and was an equestrian when young. She continued her passion for horses her entire life.

She received her bachelor's degree in Education from Michigan State University. As a beloved teacher at Croswell-Lexington Community Schools, Judi was dedicated to her students. They were her "special family."

She was generous to a fault. Every creature on this earth was important to her, and she did whatever she could to protect them.

Judi will be missed by her many friends. As requested, she has been cremated, and a memorial will be held at her treasured farm in the spring.

Tribute Wall



“ *My dear cousin Judy. It can't be over already. We were just playing in our fort on the farm in Fenton. So so many memories. You had such an infectious laugh and, as others have said, a kindness that was endless. My sister called to set up a get together this summer and this is how we found out that you left us in December. All 3 of us will miss you so very much. It will take some time for your passing to truly sink in.*

Bless you Judy

So many great times with you will now begin to play back in my head and in my heart.

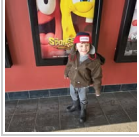
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Christine Puruleski - May 07, 2021 at 04:29 PM

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“ *Judi was one of the kindest people I have ever known. When people are kind, it often causes people to respond in kindness! (Something this world needs so much more of.) When Judi was growing up in Ann Arbor, it was still a time when boys would carry a girl's books home from school for her. I would certainly guess it was because the boy had a crush on the girl! Judi told me of her memory of a boy walking with her and carrying her books. I'm sure the boy was responding to her kindness. That boy was Bob Seger.*

Barbara Sudomier - December 12, 2020 at 06:48 AM



“ I have so many amazing memories - she was an amazing woman!! If we all could be more like her our world would be a much better place. She was a savior to me the first year she taught at Cros-Lex as a fill in teacher for Mrs. Zetzer. Later in her career I was blessed to have her advise for my children. She was loved by everyone who knew her. Just an amazing human - and is a even more amazing angel.

Cindy Doyle - December 11, 2020 at 09:15 AM

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Mrs. O'Keefe was such a kind and generous person with a heart of gold. I know she is with the angels. Rest in peace.

Terri-Lyn - December 15, 2020 at 10:18 PM

BS

“ Years ago, I was assisting Judi prepare her classroom for the start of the school year. Though she was towards the end of her career, she told me that every year, she was still so excited to have school start, that she could hardly sleep for several days. As I was writing, I looked up to see Judi dancing around the classroom. She was alternating her arms with pointed index fingers, stretching them up toward the ceiling, as she sang "Let the academic games begin!!!" I was so impressed that after so many years of teaching, that she could still infuse it with so much love and energy. A teacher who loves to teach is a gift to every one of her students.

Barbara Sudomier - December 10, 2020 at 07:52 PM

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“ In 6th grade, Mrs. O'Keefe was teaching that soaking legumes would enable us to separate the two sections to see the inside structures. I was elected to bring in a Tupperware of soaked beans. The closed Tupperware was found months later under her desk. I recognized it but kept my mouth shut. She heard sloshing inside and asked another student to take it to the bathroom and dump it out. The kid came back with the empty Tupperware and said he didn't know what was in there but it made him puke. The opened Tupperware stunk up the place and had to be removed from the room. For the rest of the year, whenever something smelled (sugar factory, wet boots), we jokingly blamed The Tupperware.

Patty Davis - December 10, 2020 at 06:55 PM

JC

“ Judy was one of the kindest and generous people I have known. She was one of those people that cared so much for people and her animals and always put her needs last. I can see her in heaven, surrounded by all the animals and people that were lucky enough to know her here on earth. I will miss you Judy but I know you are in a better place. ❤️ Janet Cain

Janet Cain - December 10, 2020 at 02:08 PM