



Judith E. Steel

January 18, 1949 - November 23, 2019

On November 23, 2019, Judith Ellen Steel passed away at the age of 70 from pancreatic cancer. Judy was born on January 18, 1949, in Chillicothe, Ohio to Harold and Velma Steel. She was raised on the family farm where she graduated from Unioto High School in 1967. In 1968, Judy became a Flight Attendant with Piedmont Airlines, which became USAir and then later merged with American Airlines. She celebrated 50+ years of flying, made many dear airline friends, and served her passengers graciously with her quick wit and humor. She had a spirited personality and always made people around her laugh. On September 14, 1985, she married her husband, whom she met while working on a flight. She loved to travel and shared that love with her stepchildren. Judy treasured her grandchildren and embraced every moment with them. Judy was an active member at University City United Methodist Church and the Covenant Keeper Sunday School Class where she met and grew to love her four Ya-Ya Sisters whom she shared many cherish times with. She loved to get her hands dirty in the garden, which was the perfect spot to dress up as the Easter Bunny for the annual Easter Egg Hunt with the grandkids. Judy was the loving and devoted wife to Kenneth J. Loucks, a caring and compassionate stepmother to Jason Loucks (Alison) and Alycia Parsons (Jim), and adored Grammy of Dean Parsons, Campbell Parsons, Andi Loucks, and Payton Loucks, a dear sister to Charlotte "Kay" Livingston, a loving aunt to Stephanie Peleuses and Tony Ranger, and a cuddling kitty mom to Murphy and Cody.

Visitation will be held at University City United Methodist Church (UCUMC) on December 7, 2019, from 9:30a until the time of funeral service in the sanctuary at 11:00a. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the UCUMC Building Fund or Levine & Dickson Hospice House - Huntersville. Online condolences may be made at www.jamesfuneralhometkn.com.

Events

DEC **Visitation** 09:30AM - 11:00AM

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University City U.M.C.

3835 W W.T.Harris Blvd., Charlotte, NC, US, 28269

DEC **Memorial Service** 11:00AM

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Comments



“ Judy was our neighbor in Charlotte for the 9 years prior to moving to the beach. I’m so sorry that I just learned of her passing. I enjoyed knowing her and enjoyed her stories and wit. She will truly be missed.

Susie Gretzinger
Carolina Shores, NC

Susie Gretzinger - January 01 at 07:19 PM



“ With Deepest Sympathy

Unioto Alumni Association - December 11, 2019 at 10:02 PM



“ We just heard the news of Judy’s passing. She was a sweet person and I enjoyed the 10 years we were members at UCUMC knowing her and seeing her on flights on occasion. She always had a beautiful smile. Our condolences to the family. John and Kelly McKinley

Kelly Mckinley - December 09, 2019 at 10:57 AM



“ My deepest condolences to Judy's family.
She will be sorely missed by her friends/ co-workers and all who crossed her path.
She will forever be in our hearts!

Heidi Markel

Heidi Markel - December 06, 2019 at 09:46 AM



“ We are so sorry for your loss and will forever remember the spunky personality Judy brought with her through life’s ups and downs. She will surely be missed.
“Life has changed not ended” and God has her in his precious hands.

Love to you all,
The Harper Family

April Farwell Harper - December 01, 2019 at 07:56 PM



“ Years ago I was looking for a birthday card for Judy. She was always someone you could rely on for support, laughter, and knowledge when you flew with her. Well, I found the perfect card for her and from then on I called her a Tough Cookie because she fit it so perfectly.

Tough Cookie (tuft kook-e) - noun 1. Someone with just the right mix of sweetness and strength . 2. One who doesn't crumble under pressure. 3. A fighter who's too busy kicking butt to sit down and cry, but knows it's okay to do both. 4. A person who doesn't always ask for support, but has lots of friends who would do anything to help.

I know God is glad to have a Tough Cookie as one of His angels. We will miss her greatly.

Dennis & Nita Elam

Dennis & Nita Elam - November 30, 2019 at 09:35 AM



“ Dear Ken, Jason, Alisha and family,
I am so sorry for your loss. I always enjoyed being around Judy. She was so pleasant and fun. Bless you as you move forward without her.
Anda Cochran

Anda Cochran - November 27, 2019 at 04:40 PM



“ Angels be with her family and friends. She was an amazing person who's heart was filled with so much love and goodness. She always knew what to say when we talked and she would always let me see things clear and understand why they were that way. She'll be missed by many. Wanda Sarnacki CltVP

wanda sarnacki - November 27, 2019 at 02:48 PM



“ It's really unbelievable to think that Judy has gone Home! Too many stories to tell but flying with her was always an adventure. She was a true Leader, generous, funny and giving person. God bless her family

Kathy Hardison - November 26, 2019 at 08:10 PM



“ I am so very sorry for your loss. I began my career with Piedmont in 1969 and worked many trips with Judy. She was always a delight to work with. One never knew what she would do next, but she made each trip an adventure, filled with laughter and fun.

I do not know how it could be possible, but Heaven just became a little brighter. Judy ran the race and fought the good fight with courage, and now that her race is complete, she is resting in the arms of the Lord.

Losing a loved one is never easy, but the Lord will strengthen you a little more each day. Know that you will be in my prayers.

Judy Andreas - November 25, 2019 at 02:39 PM



“ Ken and Family,
So sorry for your loss! Judy was a special person! I loved seeing her every time y'all came into the office! She was such a joy! I will keep you in my thoughts and prayers!
Lisa Gilbert

Lisa Gilbert - November 25, 2019 at 09:59 AM



“ Judy lifted everybody's spirits on the airline , what a blast to fly with her. She was always herself, confident , full of humor and totally in charge . Our hearts are sad ,she will be dearly missed ,our sincere condolences to her family . Darrell and Cyndi Moorefield

Darrell Moorefield - November 25, 2019 at 09:53 AM



“ Judy was so nice to me when I started. We had mutual friends at Piedmont and it was always fun reminiscing about the past. I never saw her in a bad mood and her humor kept crews laughing. She was just as fun with the passengers too. It is so sad her life ended so early. As others have said, she will be missed but we will remember her in our hearts. Godspeed dear Judy.

Charlie Watrous

Charles Watrous - November 25, 2019 at 09:14 AM



“ We all loved Judy dearly, she was truly "One of a Kind". A big heart, quick wit and kind word. Never another like her. Missed, of course, but never forgotten.

Greg Gibson - November 25, 2019 at 07:51 AM



“ Judy changed my life's trajectory on my second Piedmont Airlines trip in 1981. I was feeling ill at ease in my new career, and her magical personality embraced me and demonstrated that being a flight attendant could be a barrel of fun. Losing Judy is the end of an era and it is difficult to comprehend. I loved her.

Brenda Ische - November 24, 2019 at 08:33 PM



“ I am deeply sorry to hear of Judy's passing. Judy was indeed a special lady!! Please accept my most heartfelt sympathy. May peace be with you.

Debbie Earle - November 24, 2019 at 01:45 PM



“ Ken and family, we are so very sorry to hear of Judy's passing. We are happy we had a chance to know her happy nature and fun spirit. Please accept our sincerest condolences.
Dawn and Brad Fisher

Dawn E Fisher - November 25, 2019 at 01:47 PM