



Judith L. Ramsdell, MD

July 3, 1946 - October 1, 2019

Judith Lynn Ramsdell, M.D., 73, of Traverse City, passed away on Oct. 1, 2019 surrounded by her children and friends. She was born on July 3, 1946, to Margaret Sullivan and Ralph Johnson in Grosse Pointe. After graduating from Dominican High School in 1964, she went on to study at the University of Michigan, where she graduated in 1968. She then received her Medical Degree from Woman's Medical College of Pennsylvania (now known as Drexel University College of Medicine) in Philadelphia in 1972.

After medical school, Judy completed her residency and fellowship in Oncology at Grace Harper Hospital in Detroit. In 1977 she moved to Traverse City as medical oncologist at Thirlby Clinic and Munson Medical Center, but later began her own practice where she loved being an oncologist until her retirement in 2013.

Judy was instrumental in starting hospice care, donating her office space for the first HIV/AIDS resource center, and advocating for democratic/political issues in Traverse City. She was a one-of-a-kind, selfless, no-holds barred woman who made sure the disadvantaged or less fortunate were cared for as well as those with resources.

Judy loved to watch tennis and TV mystery shows, go out to dinner with friends, read and swap mystery books. She loved and pampered her friends and dogs. She was always feeding other's souls with love, compassion, medical knowledge, and food. Judy truly was larger than life and loved to cheer all on with a bellowing "woo woo."

Judy was predeceased by her father, Ralph; mother, Margaret; and stepfather, Carl Boldt.

She is survived by her son, Sean; daughter, Kerrie; and her best friend and companion, Maureen "Reenie" Riley.

Services will be at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Traverse City on Oct. 24 at 11 a.m. with a visitation at 10a.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests you make a donation to the Cherryland Humane Society, SPCA or Munson Hospice House.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

OCT **24.** 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church
308 N. Cedar Street
Traverse City, MI 49684

Memorial Service

OCT **24.** 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Judith L. Ramsdell, MD*

January 30, 2023 at 04:02 AM



“ *Judith L. Ramsdell, MD*

January 30, 2023 at 01:03 AM



“ *Russell Godwin lit a candle in memory of
Judith L. Ramsdell, MD*



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“ Dean Sean, Kerrie, and Reenie,

My deepest condolences to you for the death of your mother and friend. I have missed seeing her and will continue to do so.

Upon first meeting Judy until the last visit with her, I enjoyed every moment of conversation and uplifting stories. I had always heard that her patients loved her, and I have no doubt about that at all. You were fortunate to have her as your mother and friend. It was evident of the pride and love she had for you always.

I regret that I am unable to attend the beautiful funeral mass and celebration of her life on Thursday. I'll be thinking of her, singing the songs of joy for her in our shared faith, and knowing many will be there with you.

Joy she gave, and joyful she is with the Lord.

Enclosing much love and many fond memories,

Mary Orth

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