



Judith A. Hill

November 29, 2021

Judith (Judy) A. Hill went to be with her Lord at age 81 on Monday, November 29, 2021 at Medical Center of the Rockies in Loveland, Colorado. She died peacefully after a courageous weeks long battle with Covid-19. Born in 1940 in Brooklyn, New York to parents John and Mildred Hornung. Judy liked to share memories of growing up on Long island, the youngest of 3 children. Later the family moved to Detroit, Michigan where Judith attended Redford High School and Michigan State University. At college she met Buryl Hill and they were married in Lansing Michigan. She was an amazing home maker to four children. Judith cared deeply about the well-being of those less fortunate. Judith gave her time to teaching Sunday school at Calvin Presbyterian church and volunteering for HUD in Detroit. The marriage later ended in divorce, after which Judith attended nursing school and graduated with honors from Sinai-Grace Nursing school in 1976.

As a nurse, Judith worked in dialysis at Ford Hospital in Detroit and eventually she had a long career as an ICU nurse at Hemet Hospital in Hemet, California. She loved taking care of her patients and had a determination to make them comfortable and help them understand the treatment they were getting. She attended young and old with a servant's heart. Judith also answered the call to be a missionary by taking several opportunities to administer pray and medicine in Guatemala, Mexico, and the Philippines. She devoted herself to service of the Lord Jesus Christ and visited Israel in the 1990's. She retired from nursing in 1999 and moved to Ft. Collins, Colorado to be closer to her son, Buryl (Bob) Hill and his three children. Grammy's house was the gathering place for special occasions, always open and always full of home cooking and treats. Many treasured memories were created there.

Judith took her service to the Lord very seriously and was grateful to devote herself to converting to Catholicism and to belonging to the Carmelites. She loved regularly volunteering at the local soup kitchen and visiting friends at area nursing homes. We all know Judith as a prayer warrior. Her children and grandchildren do not take it for granted that she said daily prayers for our well-being and will continue to pray for us always and forever. She was a gift and a bright light to all who knew her. In Ft. Collins, Judith and her

eldest daughter, Cheryl, signed up to be tutors through a program at CSU and a local church for Chinese students who wanted to improve English language skills and learn more about American culture. In true Judith fashion, with her heart of gold, these 'students' became a part of her extended family and each one now call her their American mom. Judith enjoyed needle crafts and could be found on the couch with her kittens cuddled up knitting for charities, friends and family.

Judith is survived by her four children, Cheryl Sanderhill, Salt Lake City, Buryl (Bob) Hill and wife Linda, Ft. Collins, Eva Redford, Ft. Collins, Diana Wright and husband Doug, Durango, CO. She leaves behind seven beautiful grandchildren ages 31-18, Austin Redford, Chad Hill, Garrett Redford, Natalie Hill, Cody Hill, Chloe Redford, and Roman Speegle. She greatly enjoyed her 3 great grandchildren as well. Judith is also survived by her older sister Janet Kitchen (Brighton, Michigan) and Cousin Sandy (California). She was preceded in death by her first husband, Buryl (Bus) Hill, her brother, John Hornung II and her parents.

Services will commence at St. John XXIII on 1220 University Ave, Fort Collins, CO 80521 on Friday, December 10, 2021 3PM and Saturday, December 11, 2021 at 10AM. Interment will be at a later date.

Interment will begin at 10:30 am August 15, 2022 at Grandview Cemetery, 1900 W. Mountain Ave., Ft. Collins, Colorado on Monday. Judith's ashes will be entombed in a Mausoleum. Catholic Blessings and Rite of Committal will take place the next day at 9:00 am, Tuesday, August 16, 2022 at the Grandview Cemetery Mausoleum. Please join us for refreshments at 10:00 am at City Park, with details to be determined at service, August 16th, following the Rites of Committal.

Previous Events

Rosary and Vigil

DEC 10. 3:00 PM (MT)

St. John XXIII
1220 University Ave
Fort Collins, CO 80521

Mass of Christian Burial

DEC 11. 10:00 AM (MT)

St. John XXIII
1220 University Ave
Fort Collins, CO 80521

Interment

AUG 15. 10:30 AM (MT)

Grandview Cemetery
1900 West Mountain Avenue
Fort Collins, CO 80521
<http://www.fcgov.com/parks/grandview.php>

Tribute Wall

DW

“ 3 files added to the album *Memory Photos from Diana*



Diana Wright - August 08 at 08:16 PM

CS

“ I miss you mom! May you rest in peace! I feel your loving watchful gaze. Don't work too hard keeping us in line, hope you're also meeting all those you looked forward to meeting and your soul is filled with Joy!

Cheryl Sanderhill - December 15, 2021 at 09:50 PM

DW

We love you so much, mom. Holidays will not be the same without you. Rest In Peace.

Diana Wright - December 18, 2021 at 11:04 AM

CS

“ Cheryl Sanderhill lit a candle in memory of Judith A. Hill



Cheryl Sanderhill - December 15, 2021 at 09:46 PM

“ A Letter to Judith

Dear Judith:

When I first came to America, you're one of the people to welcome us to this country. We first met in ESL class organized by churches in Fort Collins. You're the one taught me how to speak English, reading Bible with my broken English... besides that, you also taught me how to cook traditional American food, how to manage my marriage. The wedding gift you gave me is the book – Staring your Marriage Right. I still remember you told me “if someone showed me this book and the right order of Love when I was young, I won't make that many mistakes... so I wish you could learn and keep your marriage fresh.” On the day that we moved to South Dakota, you brought bagels to our apartment and shared the ordinary American breakfast with my family and even gave us \$100 for moving expense on the road. You're so kind and considerable. I still kept the clothes you crochet for my kids (a blue blanket and a pretty pink outfit), they're so soft and pretty and we will pass down your love to our next generations.

After we moved back to Colorado, I felt our relationship changed dramatically from teacher-student to friend, now to family. I was getting used to not planning anything during holidays, because I know you will always send me messages before Independence Day and Thanksgiving and invite us to join your family for those holidays. You still kept my kids' drawings on the first July 4th we returned to Colorado, so you will show us or your family the good memories you had with us. I still remember the good game time in our gathering of 2019 Thanksgiving and Christmas. Those are the valuable moments we spent together. Everyone in my family are all spoiled by your cards, because we know everyone will receive Birthday card from you on our birthdays and every holidays like Easter, Thanksgiving etc. Kids still kept your birthday gift money in their piggy banks, and always proud to have an Aunt like you. Your stuffed animals are still their favorite ones to help them fall in sleep every night. Finally I finished counting all the cards you sent over the years, with a total of 41 cards. Kids always “complain” that it is hard to read your cursive, but now, our family read them again together and everyone was touched by your kind and love words. I really appreciate you drove down from Fort Collins and gave us support during my father's funeral. Now we will miss all your cards, I don't know who to call whenever I need to talk to someone. I still have a lot to share with you and I missed “I love you, honey” whenever I hang up phone. I need to do things better to catch up: call you more often, show you kids piano pieces and art...Damn COVID that your time with us was shortened.

Your kindness and faith totally changed my view of this world, you're one of the friends that showed me what is God, why we need to understand Bible and eventually lead my way to believe God. Your lovely personality set up such a great role model for our lives and help me reinforce conservative American values.

You're part of our family and surely will remain a special spot in our hearts, we all love you and will remember you forever. It is hard to say goodbye especially from me who enjoyed your friendship, your kindness and your faithfulness, but I know you're in much better place now.

Love,
Hongyan

Hongyan - December 07, 2021 at 09:29 PM

CS

Hongyan, our dear SueEllen! Your beautiful letter brings tears of joy! You do great honor to mom's memory. I remember our gathering with your smart and amazing family in 2019 at mom's house a a particular highlight for me. I had no idea mom did so much good influence and shared so much love. She always talked about you and your family with great affection and admiration. I want you to call me. Let's talk and stay connected. I need someone to talk to too. Cheryl 808.313.2409.

Cheryl Sanderhill - December 08, 2021 at 01:49 PM

DW

Thank you so much for loving Mom so much. What a gift you shared. We can continue to connect as family. Mom would like that. I feel like I know you because Mom talked about you so much. Peace be with you in this hard time. Diana

Diana Wright - December 09, 2021 at 01:38 PM

CH

I love this tribute Hongyan (SueEllen)! Thank you for your eulogy also. Mom was honored beautifully by your remembrance and love. And thank you for your families offers of help, for pick ups at the airport and for Ling helping as a pallbearer.

Cheryl - December 15, 2021 at 09:28 PM

HO

You are welcome. We are honored by being part of the family. That is the least we could do. This winter is really harsh for the loss of Judith. Hope peace be with you and your family.

Hongyan - December 29, 2021 at 03:11 PM

HL

“ *Judith is my English teacher, my dear friend, and my most cherished American family. I learned English and American culture from her at class. She guided me to know American life.*



I remember and will always do, that she taught me how to make apple pies in fall and how to make beautiful cookies before Christmas, and invited my family for Thanksgiving dinner when I was in Fort Collins. We had a great time together shopping at yarn shops and sharing the knitting projects, celebrating wedding ceremony, and attending church services. She gave me strength to go through the tough time. Her words and greetings always came in time after I left Fort Collins. She is so kindhearted and generous to me. And I'm really lucky and blessed to have her in United States. She gave me and my family so much love and care that we'd remember forever. Still can't believe that I can't see her again, can't hear her voice again, or can't receive her messages again. My family and I will keep her deeply in our hearts and miss and love her forever! May God bless my American Mom, keep you safe and happy in heaven!

Hongguo Li - December 07, 2021 at 08:31 PM

DW

That is so sweet. She loves you dearly. Thank you for sharing.

Diana Wright - December 09, 2021 at 01:33 PM

CH

Thank you Hongguo! It is a great comfort to have your memories and tribute of mom. She thought of you as a daughter and we wish you and your family well until we meet again!

Cheryl - December 15, 2021 at 09:30 PM

HL

“ *5 files added to the album Memory Photos from Hongguo*



Hongguo Li - December 07, 2021 at 08:04 AM

CH

Love these pics! I remember mom and I in the bottom left pic the day we Skyped you and family in China! That was a great day because we hadn't seen you in months. And you sparked all our fondest memories with your pic of baking cookies with our dear mom.

Cheryl - December 15, 2021 at 09:32 PM

YI

“ 4 files added to the album *Memory Photos from Yisi*



Yisi - December 06, 2021 at 01:59 PM

CH

Lovely pictures! Thank you for sharing them Yisi! So many good memories! Your mom is pretty!

Cheryl - December 15, 2021 at 09:33 PM

YI

“ I've known Judith for almost ten years. I first met her in an English conversation class at church. At that time, I had just come to America, my English wasn't very good and I was nervous about the new environment. She went above and beyond to help me. In the class, she taught me English and introduced American culture. After class, she invited me to her home and church events. She helped me adjust to my new life in the U.S. We talked about everything and we became friends. After I moved away from Colorado, we stayed in touch and shared details of each other's lives.



I remember the first time she invited me to celebrate Thanksgiving with her family. I remember in many falls when the apples were ripe on the apple tree in front of her house, we made apple pie together. I remember when I graduated from Graduate School, she made a cake for me and celebrate together. I remember when my pregnancy was not going well, she prayed for me every day. I remember when my daughter was born, she sent me her own hand-made crochet dress..... So many memories come up that I miss so much and will always miss her.

My dear darling friend, Judith, your departure was so sudden for me. No words can express how deeply I miss you. I am so grateful and blessed that I met you and you are my friend. May God bless you, and keep you safe and happy in heaven. Miss and love you forever!

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<https://storage.lifetributes.com/VirtualGifts/Hands-In-Prayer.png>

<https://storage.lifetributes.com/Candles/4.png>

Yisi - December 06, 2021 at 01:54 PM

DW

Thank you, Yisi. She loves you dearly. Your memories mean a lot.

Diana Wright - December 06, 2021 at 04:49 PM

CH

Wonderful tribute Yisi! Thank you for your dear friendship which has turned into a daughter/sister's love. We appreciate your thoughts and gifts to our family and are honored by your love for our mom.

Cheryl - December 15, 2021 at 09:35 PM

YI

“ 4 files added to the album Memories Photos from Yisi



Yisi - December 06, 2021 at 01:49 PM

HO

“ 7 files added to the album Memory Photos from Hongyan



Hongyan - December 05, 2021 at 07:05 PM

CS

Love seeing mom laughing and so happy with your family! Look at Sebastian and Shawna! Thank you for sharing these!

Cheryl Sanderhill - December 15, 2021 at 09:41 PM



“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Buryl Hill - December 05, 2021 at 09:10 AM

CS

Thank you so much for sharing these memories of mom! Her with you and Hongguo and Jing; mom picking apples from her tree and us in Florida in the 1970s.

Cheryl Sanderhill - December 15, 2021 at 09:42 PM



“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Buryl Hill - December 04, 2021 at 07:38 PM

CS

Lovely recent family photos; Chad, Justin and Natalie Dokter and Bob holding mom's granddaughter Kalia, Cody, Linda holding mom's grandson Charlie, mom.

And Mom, Linda, Kalia and Natalie. Thank you for these comforts!

Cheryl Sanderhill - December 15, 2021 at 09:45 PM

DS

“ 9 files added to the album *Memory Photos from Diana*



Diana SW - December 04, 2021 at 05:45 PM