



Judith Gail Garber

September 27, 1961 - May 4, 2024

Judy Garber was Ambassador to Cyprus from February 2019 until she retired from the Foreign Service in December 2022. She retired from the Foreign Service with the personal rank of Career Minister. She was Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs from February 2014 to February 2019. Previously she was the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary in OES. A career Foreign Service Officer, she joined the Foreign Service in 1984. Her previous diplomatic assignments have included Ambassador to Latvia from 2009 to 2012, Economic Counselor in Madrid, Deputy Economic Counselor in Tel Aviv, Economic Officer in Prague, Economic Officer in Mexico City and Vice Consul in Seville. Ambassador Garber's domestic assignments have included Deputy Assistant Secretary for North and Central Europe and Director of North Central Europe in the Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs, Director for Overseas Development Finance in the Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs and the Department's Executive Secretariat staff. She holds a degree from Georgetown University.

She is survived by her husband, Paul Wisgerhof and their children, Elizabeth and Ryan.

Cemetery Details

Columbia Gardens Cemetery

3411 Arlington Boulevard
Arlington, VA 22201

Previous Events

Funeral Service

MAY 9. 11:30 AM (ET)

Temple Rodef Shalom
2100 Westmoreland St.
Falls Church, VA 22043

Burial

MAY 9. 1:30 PM (ET)

Columbia Gardens Cemetery
3411 Arlington Boulevard
Arlington, VA 22201

Tribute Wall

EV

“ Dear Mr. Paul, Elizabeth and Ryan,

It is with great sadness to learn about Ms. Judy's passing. Every Christmas, I receive a handwritten card from Ms. Judy detailing what have you been up to. When I didn't receive any last Christmas, I searched where she is now and learned the sad news. I just couldn't believe it. I wish that I knew then and I would do anything and everything to pay my respects. Your family means a lot to me. I hold every single one of you close to my heart and I think of you often. I know how much Ms. Judy loved each of you deeply. I am heartbroken. Despite Ms. Judy's busy schedule, whichever country she was in, she never failed me to send me a card every Christmas. I do miss getting her cards and I do miss her warmth. Rest in eternal peace, Ambassador Judy! It is a true honor to meet you and know you. Thank you for making me feel a part of your family.

Lots of love,

Evelyn (Delfin)

Evelyn - March 06 at 09:18 PM

KH

“ My condolences to the family and friends of Judy, She was my college friend and roommate, I will miss her.

Kathleen Hannegan

Kathleen Hannegan - August 22, 2024 at 08:58 AM

KS

“ Please accept my heartfelt condolences on the loss of our colleague Judith. My thoughts are with you and her family and loved ones.

Khaled Mohammed Ismail Badawi Al Sharif - June 11, 2024 at 01:33 AM

ME

“ Please accept my deepest condolences for the sad news I received, about our colleague Judith who passed away. May her soul rest in peace. My heart is with all her colleagues and family.

Mohamad Sharari El-Bakhit El-Fayez - June 11, 2024 at 01:33 AM

CH

“ So sad to head about Judy. Still can't believe it. Such a lovely person, she will be truly missed. My sincere condolences, may she rest in peace.

Claude El Hajal - June 11, 2024 at 01:32 AM

RN

“ I am deeply sorry to hear about the passing of the former United States Ambassador to the Republic of Cyprus Judy Garber. Please accept my heartfelt condolences for this untimely loss. I will always be deeply grateful for all the support that Judy has offered to me personally since the very start of my tenure in Cyprus and particularly when the Russian full-scale war erupted. May I ask to pass my deepest sympathy to her family, friends and colleagues as they mourn the loss of Judy. She will remain in our hearts

Ruslan Nimchytskyi - June 11, 2024 at 01:30 AM

AH

“ I would like to convey my wife and I's deepest condolences on the passing of Ambassador Judith. She was a wonderful woman and a dear colleague and friend which will be truly missed. My sincere condolences again.

Amr Mohsen Hamza - June 11, 2024 at 01:29 AM

LZ

“ With deep sorrow I have been informed that our dear friend Judith has passed away. Please pass my condolence and sympathy to all that have known and worked with her and to her family and beloved husband.

Lt. General (ret.) Dimokritos Zervakis - June 11, 2024 at 01:28 AM

UN

“ On behalf of the University of Nicosia, we extend our deepest condolences to you, your staff, and the entire United States diplomatic community on the passing of former U.S. Ambassador Judith Garber.

Ambassador Garber's contributions to strengthening the ties between the United States and Cyprus are deeply appreciated and fondly remembered within our community. Her dedication to fostering educational and cultural exchanges has left a lasting impact that continues to resonate at our institution.

During this difficult time, our thoughts are with you and all who had the privilege of knowing and working with Ambassador Garber. Her legacy of diplomacy and mutual understanding will undoubtedly endure.

Please accept our heartfelt sympathies.

University of Nicosia - June 11, 2024 at 01:26 AM

CY

“ I would like to express my deepest condolences over the loss of former Ambassador Judith Garber who passed away on Saturday May 4th. She was a great representative of the United States, as states woman of unparalleled quality. I am deeply saddened. Please express our condolences to her family.

Constantinos Yiorkadjis - June 11, 2024 at 01:24 AM

MS

“ on behalf of the American International School, I would also like to share our deepest condolences for the passing of Ambassador Garber. She was a great and active supporter of the school for which we are very thankful.

Misha Simmonds - June 11, 2024 at 01:20 AM



“ I first met Judy when she was an economic officer in Prague where she was a kind mentor to me. I was always so happy to see her career success as she was always an inspiring leader and a true professional. She will be dearly missed and fondly remembered.
Kimberly Krhounek

Kimberly Krhounek - May 15, 2024 at 12:59 PM

RS

“ Ambassador Garber was an incredible mentor and hero during my career in the Foreign Service. She was an amazing diplomat and patriot who did her country proud. I hope her family may take some solace from the fact that so many that worked with her respected and admired her. May she rest in peace.

Robert Silberstein - May 15, 2024 at 12:32 PM

LY

“ I convey my sincere condolences for the passing of Mrs. Judy Garber, former United States Ambassador to the Republic of Cyprus. My sympathy goes to the family of Mrs. Garber.

LIU Yantao - May 14, 2024 at 02:25 AM

MM

“ An amazing mentor and boss. My sincere condolences to her family; gone too soon and she will be missed.

Martin McDowell - May 13, 2024 at 11:12 PM

LK

“ Nearly 30 years ago, Judy and I were both assigned to Embassy Mexico's Economic Section. Since that time, I have appreciated Judy's friendship, both professionally and personally. In addition to showing me the ropes as a trade officer, Judy and Paul generously passed along infant car seats and other paraphernalia from Elisabeth to Ryan and on to Renata. Over the years, we maintained contact, from Passover Seder in Prague to my wedding in Geneva, all night negotiating sessions at UNEP in Nairobi to tense interagency meetings at the White House, through it all Judy maintained her calm, insightful and generous composure. For Judy, my prayers are rising. For Paul, Elisabeth, Ryan and the rest of the family, may love surround you as you pass through this time of grief. Peace. The Rev, Lynette Poulton Kamakura

Lynette Poulton Kamakura - May 11, 2024 at 10:46 PM

JG

“ I was very shocked to learn of Judy's untimely death. She was a dedicated public servant and an exemplary member of the Foreign Service. I admired her dedication to OES; she would not leave the bureau unmoored when Congress failed to appoint an Assistant Secretary for many years. Her admirable dedication could have been harmful to her career, yet she cared more about the greater good than what it might cost her. If the world had more people like her, it would be a much better place. Her family is in my thoughts.

Julia Gourley - May 10, 2024 at 11:27 PM

LS

“ *Heartfelt condolences to Ambassador Garber's family. I will remember her fondly visiting our archaeological site on Cyprus. She was incredibly supportive and a treasure to American archaeologists working on Cyprus.*

Laura Swantek - May 10, 2024 at 07:12 PM

AA

“ *My deepest condolences to Judy's family for their great loss. I hope you will find solace in the precious memories of Judy.*

I was shocked and deeply saddened to learn her untimely passing. I received from her hands the Anti Corruption Prize bestowed to me by the USA Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs Antony Blinken while she was serving as Ambassador to Cyprus. She was cordial and sensitive. I will remember her with affection. May she rest in peace.

*Alexandra Attalides
Member of Parliament
House of Representatives
Nicosia, Cyprus*

Alexandra Attalides - May 10, 2024 at 10:24 AM

SG

“ Dear Paul and children,

I am deeply saddened by the too early passing of Judy, your beloved wife and mother, our dear colleague and friend here in Cyprus. Judy was not only a dedicated and experienced diplomat but also a very kind and heartfelt colleague. She was among the ones who welcomed me very warmly in Cyprus and taught me a lot. Our world will miss her immensely. Please accept my deep condolences during this difficult time.

Salina Grenet-Catalano (French Ambassador, Cyprus)

Salina Grenet-Catalano - May 10, 2024 at 10:15 AM

DF

“ Dear Paul and family,

Paul and I send our most heartfelt condolences to you on Judy's untimely passing - we are shocked and deeply saddened. She was a consummate diplomat, a generous colleague and a person of deep integrity. She also had a tremendous sense of humour! She was a inspiration for a younger generation of female diplomats and a leader in the diplomatic corps. I was always struck by her pride in representing the United States, which she did in Cyprus with unparalleled professionalism.

We will treasure the warm personal memories of our times together in Cyprus, including through the pandemic. May Judy's memory be a blessing.

*Deirdre Ní Fhallúin (Ambassador of Ireland to Cyprus 2017-2021)
and Paul Brandon*

Deirdre Ní Fhallúin - May 10, 2024 at 02:31 AM

KW

“ Judy brought a combination of intelligence, focus, and insight, but also calm and kindness to everything she did that was truly exceptional. I remember fondly her ability to crack jokes while always retaining a respectful tone, the way she lit up a room when she smiled, the way she remembered everyone's name and a roster of facts about them and their lives, and how I always knew that if there was a weakness in something I had written, she would find it. She made me better at the substance of my job while I worked under her in OES. But more importantly, she was the (all too rare) senior role model who demonstrated to me that it was possible to rise through the ranks and still retain a deep well of kindness, commitment to mentorship, and rich family and personal life.

Kate Weber - May 09, 2024 at 09:55 PM

JM

“ To everyone in Judy's family, thank you so much for allowing her friends and colleagues to join you today to celebrate her life. When I took on the duties of running OES, just as the pandemic hit in early 2020, it was Judy's advice that was most helpful to me. Her trust, candor, and insight were invaluable as as began guiding issues “from the depths of the oceans to the vastness of space” — issues she knew so very well. Let her memory be a blessing.

Jonathan Moore - May 09, 2024 at 05:19 PM

ML

“ I was shocked and deeply saddened to learn of Judy's untimely passing. I had the privilege of working for Judy when she was Office Director in EUR/NCE and later collaborated with her in OES. I was in awe of her ability to seamlessly and calmly juggle the dynamic policy process, frequent travel, guiding and mentoring her staff, all while organizing Elizabeth's bat mitzvah. Her brilliance, wisdom, kindness, accessibility, good humor, and commitment to work-life balance were an inspiration that I strove to model throughout my career. Judy was a phenomenal leader and person.

My sincere condolences to her family,

Michelle LaBonte

Michelle LaBonte - May 09, 2024 at 04:27 PM

MP

“ Judy's far too early passing on May 4 was devastating. She was a top-notch diplomat and a wonderful human being, with whom I had the honor to work closely during her time as US Ambassador to Cyprus. I was blessed with her friendship and I will always remember her fondly. My deepest condolences to Paul, Elizabeth and Ryan.

Maria Papakyriakou

Maria Papakyriakou - May 09, 2024 at 03:46 PM

CC

“ Dear Paul and family, May you find comfort in your precious memories of Judy.

Carl Cockburn

Carl Cockburn - May 09, 2024 at 02:08 PM

HT

“ I was Judy's Special Assistant in 2017-18, and my best memories are of the times she would come to talk with me at the end of the day, often long after everyone else had gone home. It was those times that we would reflect on the day, but she would also share of herself, telling me about her family, her concerns, and sometimes, her wisdom. I cherish those memories.

My heart goes out to her family and loved ones. We will miss her dearly.

Holly Lindquist Thomas - May 09, 2024 at 11:59 AM

AN

“ My deepest condolences. Ambassador Garber was an amazing mentor to me as I embarked on my very first tour as a foreign service officer in Riga and beyond. I will always remember her wisdom, her kindness, and her dedication to her family and her country.

May her memory be a blessing

Anna

Anna - May 09, 2024 at 11:44 AM

GT

“ Dear Mr. Paul,

It is with a heavy heart and great sadness that we send you our deepest condolences, on the loss of Ambassador Garber.

For us here at CMR in Cyprus, it has been an honor and a privilege to work for her.

May her memory be a blessing.

*George,
Ahmed,
Susie,
Mina.*

George Theoklitou - May 09, 2024 at 11:27 AM

AI

Treasured memories; Forever in our thoughts; May you rest in peace; With love and fond memories; Sorry for your loss; With deepest sympathy.

*Athina Ioannou
Christos Georgiou
Gregoris Pardalis
GSO Dept*

Athina Ioannou - May 09, 2024 at 01:44 PM

KK

“ Dear Paul,

Xenia and I were shocked and very saddened to hear the devastating news about Judy's passing. Our deepest and most heartfelt condolences.

Judy was a good friend and a great colleague. I have fond memories of working closely together when she served as the US Ambassador to Cyprus to advance our bilateral relations. Whether in meetings or business luncheons, our discussions were always challenging and pleasant. And we'll never forget you and Judy on the dance floor at the diplomatic ball of the MFA...

Our thoughts and prayers are with you and the children.

Xenia & Kornelios Korneliou

Kornelios Korneliou - May 09, 2024 at 09:44 AM

SD

“ *Judy was an amazing Foreign Service Officer and a better person. I remember her as a young Staff Assistant in our Economic and Business Bureau, then watched her rise to leadership roles as an Office Director, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Ambassador, and Assistant Secretary roles. Judy was always a model of professionalism, integrity, and generosity.*

So sorry she's gone too soon.

Shaun Donnelly, State Dep't colleague

Shaun Donnelly - May 09, 2024 at 08:26 AM

HM

“ Dear Paul and family,

our deepest condolences for your loss. We remember Judith as a close, highly appreciated colleague and friend. Dear Paul, my wife Carola and me remember especially a lunch with you on one new year's eve in our residence, but we have many other nice memories as well. Judith will be missed, may she rest in peace.

*Harri Mäki-Reinikka
Ambassador of Finland
Nicosia*

Harri Maki-reinikka - May 09, 2024 at 06:05 AM

AC

“ Words can't express how saddened we were to hear of the profound loss of Ambassador Judith Gail Garber. Her dedication, competence, service and kindness will never be forgotten. AmCham Cyprus' thoughts and prayers are with her family and loved ones for her profound loss.



AmCham Cyprus - May 09, 2024 at 06:02 AM

WS

“ Judy Garber was a great mentor to me in Cyprus, and my thoughts are with Paul and her children. It was my great fortune to work on a range of economic issues for her -- including one that was deeply important to her, climate and the environment. She was passionate about conservation, from leading efforts at clean-ups all over Cyprus to trekking to different beaches to help local volunteers release turtle hatchlings. It was at one of these events Judy singled out my young daughter, and brought her up through a crowd to help her see the hatchlings -- which my daughter still talks about to this day. I will miss her dedication, and remember fondly the many conversations we shared and the work we did together.

Wes Stange - May 09, 2024 at 05:56 AM

GK

“ It was with deep shock that I learned of Ambassador Garber's passing. I send my sincere condolences to her husband and family.
Garro Keheyran

Garro Keheyran - May 09, 2024 at 05:41 AM

MO

“ Dear Paul, Netice and I are shocked by the unexpected passing away of Judith. In her last message she had written that you had completed the renovation of your house and you had finally undergone your knee surgery.

Judith will be remembered as a good friend with a strong sense of justice, sound judgement and balance in life.

Please accept our deepest condolences for your loss. We hope time brings you peace and you're surrounded and lifted up by the ones you love most. May she rest in peace.

*M. Ergün Olgun
Former Turkish Cypriot Negotiator.*

M. Ergün Olgun - May 09, 2024 at 04:55 AM

GP

“ Georgios Chr. Papadopoulos lit a candle in memory of Judith Gail Garber



Georgios Chr. Papadopoulos - May 09, 2024 at 03:41 AM

JG

“ In loving memory of Judith, whose presence helped our countries come closer when she served as an Ambassador to Cyprus. She was kind and caring. May she find eternal peace, and may her memory live on in our hearts forever. With deepest sympathy and love, John Georgoulas, Cyprus.

John Georgoulas - May 09, 2024 at 03:34 AM

HG

“ Dear Paul,

Fiona and I were deeply shocked and saddening to hear Judy's untimely passing so soon after her retirement.

Unfortunate you could not enjoy the fruits of your service and transition into your new life.

Fond regards

Herman and Fiona (Cyprus)

Herman Grmek - May 09, 2024 at 03:07 AM

FM

“ *The Australian High Commissioner in Cyprus, and her entire team, send our deepest condolences to the family and loved ones of Ambassador Garber. We gratefully remember her warmth and inclusiveness, and as an advocate of female leadership, her empathy, strength and courage defined her tenure as Ambassador to Cyprus. Judy will be sorely missed.*

*H.E. Fiona McKergow
Australian High Commissioner to Cyprus*

Fiona McKergow - May 09, 2024 at 03:02 AM

LC

“ *The staff and trustees of the Cyprus American Archaeological Research Institute send our deepest condolences to the family and loved ones of Ambassador Garber. She took a strong interest in the cultural heritage of Cyprus during her tenure as Ambassador to Cyprus. We gratefully remember her warmth and kindness to visiting students and researchers as well as her initiatives to bring US and Cypriot archaeologists together, along with her passion for the preservation of natural and cultural heritage.*

*Lindy Crewe,
Director CAARI*

Lindy Crewe - May 09, 2024 at 02:20 AM

TK

“ Dear Mr. Wisgerhof,

We are deeply saddened by the news of Ms. Garber's passing. We know well, that words cannot express the sorrow of losing a loved one but during this time of mourning, our thoughts are with your family.

We had the honour of meeting and cooperating closely with Ms. Garber during her tenure as the previous US Ambassador to Cyprus, and we came to deeply appreciate her professionalism and pleasant personality.

On behalf of the Cyprus Shipping Chamber, please accept our sincere condolences and heartfelt sympathy. May she rest in peace.

*Thomas A. Kazakos
Director General
Cyprus Shipping Chamber*

Thomas Kazakos - May 09, 2024 at 01:17 AM

SY

“ Really saddened to hear about the passing of Ambassador Garber who left a positive mark in Cyprus in so many areas including civic society, science and the environment. She will be remembered fondly. May she rest in peace and my deepest condolences to her family.

Stelios Yiatros - May 08, 2024 at 10:42 PM

LK

“ My deepest condolences Dear Paul💔 We all will miss her💔 May our Judith rest in peace. Krisztina Lakos, Ambassador of Hungary to Cyprus

Lakos Krisztina - May 08, 2024 at 07:13 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear of Ambassador Garber's passing. Ambassador Garber's example of what it is to be a diplomat will continue to inspire so many of us.



Margy Horan Bond - May 08, 2024 at 02:37 PM

EC

“ Rest in Peace dear ambassador! As a journalist I covered the presentation of her credentials and many more events. She was dedicated to peace on the island. Thank you for your service.

Emilia Christofi - May 08, 2024 at 01:44 PM

JT

“ I am truly saddened to learn of Ambassador Garber's passing. In Cyprus, she kept us all together during the pandemic, never leaving the island during the midst of it; she was our rock. Her leadership, empathy, and wisdom made a huge impression on me. She was a true professional and an amazing woman. She made us all want to give our best every day. My deepest condolences to Mr. Wisgerhof and her family.

Justin Tapp - May 08, 2024 at 01:07 PM

ES

“ My deepest condolences dear Paul for your loss. Judy was highly appreciated here in Cyprus as a colleague and as a friend for her kindness and sincere interest in others. I can never thank her enough for taking me under her wing when I arrived in Cyprus, as it was my first ambassador’s posting. Felix and I have so many fond memories of our discussions at multiple events you and Judy attended. My thoughts and prayers are with you and the children.
Elke Merks Schaapveld

Elke Merks Schaapveld - May 08, 2024 at 12:38 PM

MK

“ I am shocked at the news of Ambassador Garber's passing. I worked with Ambassador Garber in the Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs and admired her leadership, insight, and management of issues and people. In addition, she was unflappable and always was steering a course forward regardless of the obstacles. I offer my sincere condolences to her family.

Mark Kissel - May 08, 2024 at 12:23 PM

EC

“ I am deeply saddened to hear that Judy has passed, and send condolences to her family and friends. Judy embodied all of the very best qualities of a diplomat. Her leadership of OES in particular continues to have lasting impact on critical environment policy objectives. She was both professionally and personally supportive of colleagues and subordinates. When my AAAS fellowship ended, Judy offered her counsel and resources as I looked for my next role, and she remained a resource. I also remember Judy as a die-hard baseball fan - first the Dodgers and then the Nats. She will be greatly missed and long remembered.

Ellen Connorton - May 08, 2024 at 12:00 PM

CP

“ I would like to extend my deepest condolences on the passing of Ambassador Judith G. Garber, she was a respected and dedicated person who made significant contributions to both USA and Cyprus. She will be remembered for her passion, leadership, and commitment to her cause.

Sincere regards,

Chris Panayis

Dep. Head Officer of Larnaca Port and Marine Police

Chris Panayis - May 08, 2024 at 11:28 AM

MS

“ So sad :(
May she rest in peace .

michael skapoullis - May 08, 2024 at 11:19 AM

PW

“ Judy was an exceptional human being and diplomat. We are all better for having known and been inspired by her. May her memory be a blessing.

Peggy Walker - May 08, 2024 at 10:01 AM

GT

“ I am devastated at the loss of this incredible human being. She was a mentor, an inspiration, and a truly dedicated public servant who made a difference from the depths of the oceans to the farthest reaches of outer space and everything in between. I owe so much of my career to her and the opportunities she offered me in OES. She taught me to pick my battles and take care of myself so I can better help others (“I am at peace with my backlog and national security will not suffer if I go home at a reasonable hour!”). She showed me how to weather the storms of life, accept setbacks, and push ever forward. I was awed by her brilliance and her humility, her kindness, her wit, and her chutzpah. At least once a week, I continue to think about her advice and the model she set as a professional and as a leader; it grounds me and drives me. I will carry her with me always, and I hope she knew what a difference she made in my life and the lives of so many others who crossed her path. To her family: thank you for sharing her with us. May her memory be a blessing.

Gwen Tobert - May 08, 2024 at 09:20 AM

KY

“ My condolences to the family for your profound loss. I was a junior officer in Tel Aviv when Judy served there. Whenever our paths crossed over the 30 years that followed, I marveled at her kindness, authenticity, and professional skill. She was a true light among the leaders in at the State Department.

Kate (Howard) Yemelyanov - May 08, 2024 at 08:46 AM

KE

“ Judy was leading the OES Bureau when I was serving in the Office of the Secretary. Her keen intellect, dedication, calmness under fire, and warmth were greatly valued by all during what were often challenging times. She was a mentor to me and so many others and helped shape our future leaders in the State Department. A true inspiration to us all, she will be greatly missed. My deepest condolences to her family and loved ones. Karen Enstrom

Karen Enstrom - May 08, 2024 at 06:08 AM

JM

“ Judy's passing is a sad moment for anyone who knew her. I worked for Judy as a second-tour officer in Tel Aviv and again in my final assignment in the Foreign Service in OES. Judy exuded competence, dedication, and a fierce intelligence that could have been unnerving to lesser mortals if it hadn't been wrapped in genuine kindness and abundant humor. What a pleasure and honor to have known her. My condolences to her family and may her memory be a blessing to all who knew and loved her.

Jerry Mallory - May 08, 2024 at 03:31 AM

CD

“ Ambassador Garber was a true public servant. I was fortunate enough to work for her as she helmed OES, working incredibly hard to defend efforts to combat climate change, conserve ecosystems, explore space, and protect the benefits we derive from nature. But I met her first more than 20 years ago, as she kindly hosted a reception for new Fulbright scholars at the Embassy in Madrid. She touched so many, and will be missed.

Christine Dragisic - May 07, 2024 at 11:19 PM

MD

“ Judy was a great colleague and friend. She touched so many lives and was loved by all at the State Department. She left us much too soon, but she left the world a better place. Deepest condolences to her family. Mike Dodman

Mike Dodman - May 07, 2024 at 10:35 PM

TL

“ Such sad news. Judy was a consummate professional diplomat who made an incredible difference as the longest serving principal of the State Dept’s Bureau of Oceans, Environment, and Science (OES). I well remember that her first week as PDAS in OES in 2012 coincided with my last week as the OES front office’s Special Assistant before my move to OES’ climate office. We went on to serve together in OES for most of the ensuing 7 years. Each time I requested an extension of my Foreign Service assignment in the climate office, Judy called me dutifully to caution me that an extension wouldn’t be good for my FS career. Each time I replied with, “Yes, I know and I am exactly where I wish to be,” to which we both had a good laugh because she knew that that would be my response. Shortly before she moved on from OES in 2019, I asked Judy if she’d ever imagined being at the Bureau’s helm for so many years. She laughed and said, “Never in a million years!” I’m grateful for Judy’s amazing service to OES, the nation, and the world. Holding Judy and her loved ones in my thoughts. May her memory be a blessing.

Tim Lattimer - May 07, 2024 at 09:55 PM

RM

“ Judy was the best Foreign Service supervisor I have ever seen and such a wonderful and generous human being. She was my mentor. I learned so much from her and am still trying to apply it. I wish my deepest condolences to her family.

Roland de Marcellus - May 07, 2024 at 05:35 PM

ET

“ I am so sorry to see this news. Judy was a true mentor. She was always there to support the people in her orbit. During several of my assignments abroad when she was the Assistant Secretary of Oceans, Environment, and Science, she would travel to my posts when I told her high-level participation was important for building strong diplomatic ties. She was always willing to show up and "tend the garden" when it was important. She also always had an open door and was willing to provide sage career and work/life balance advice. She was nothing but professional, wise, and kind. She was a true leader and inspiration. I am deeply saddened to hear of her passing. Erica Thomas

Erica Thomas - May 07, 2024 at 01:46 PM

JK

“ So sorry to lose a dedicated and humane colleague who led State's science and health work when I was Asst Sec for Global affairs at HHS. Judy was a model diplomat and lovely human being. She accomplished quite a bit, but sympathies to family and those close to her for whom she had much more to share. Jimmy Kolker

Jimmy Kolker - May 07, 2024 at 11:22 AM

JZ

“ Dearest Judy, I am so shocked and saddened to learn that you are gone. You were a diplomat's diplomat -- brilliant and wise, principled and kind. Thank you for all you gave us. My heart goes out to your family and many loved ones. Jane

Jane Zimmerman - May 07, 2024 at 09:09 AM

DS

“ Judy was head of OES Bureau while I was there and I was fortunate to have had a close relationship with her. In fact, she brought me to the bureau after I was her control officer overseas and then she helped me secure my next assignment after OES. In the middle, I was part of a weekly small group meeting with her and traveled with her to several countries. I saw a person who was super intelligent, funny, caring for her people and her family, and always an honest broker for America and a representative of our issues. She is inarguably one of the best our foreign service has produced. By odd coincidence, the next generation of OES Assistant Secretary will be on the Hill during Judy's services, and I hope she and the others to follow can live up to Ambassador Judith Garber's extraordinary record of service to family and country. I'll miss you Judy. Thank you for everything.

DeMark Schulze - May 07, 2024 at 08:54 AM

MO

“ I worked with Ambassador Garber for three years. She was perceptive, decisive, and seemed to be comfortable being truly herself. My deep condolences to her loved ones.

Maria Olson - May 07, 2024 at 07:01 AM

DW

“ My deepest condolence to Paul and their children.

Denise Jobin Welch - May 07, 2024 at 06:29 AM

EB

“ I feel for your family with this sad loss. I worked with Judy several different times during our time with the State Department. She was brilliant, kind and had a lovely sense of humor. May her memory be a blessing. Eric Benjaminson

Eric Benjaminson - May 06, 2024 at 08:00 PM

LB

“ *I'm so very sorry for your loss! Judy was one of THE nicest people I ever met in the Foreign Service - so personable and genuinely caring. She will be missed.*

Laura Bodtke - May 06, 2024 at 04:53 PM