



Judith Ann Sellers

March 29, 1946 - May 18, 2022

Judy passed away suddenly and peacefully of a heart attack on May 18, 2022.

Born on March 29, 1946 in Pittsburgh, Pa., Judy, while still an infant, moved to and grew up in Rockville, Md where she lived until she graduated from high school. She was the daughter of Joseph J. and Catherine L. Tarallo of Rockville, Md and is survived by her beloved and loving husband, Ben Sellers of Springfield, Va.; son, Brian Sellers of Williamsburg, Va.; daughter, Jenny Sellers of Springfield, Va., daughter-in-law, Heather Sellers, and granddaughters Maddie and Katie Sellers of Williamsburg, Va.

As described by her children, Judy was “Always with a bright smile, a laugh that could fill your heart, an ear for your biggest worries and concerns, and a hand to help you with whatever you would let her hold. Our kind-hearted and sweet-natured mother was the purest form of love encapsulated into human form. She would pick us up when we stumbled and she would let us stumble so we would learn to pick ourselves up. Above all, she served as a model for how to be good, kind, and loving.”

During her early years, Judy attended St. Mary’s Catholic School through grade 7, Broome Jr. High School through grades 8 - 9, and Richard Montgomery High School (RMHS) for grades 10 – 12, graduating in the Class

of 1964. She was an avid RM sports fan from a very young age thanks to her father's Principalship at RM during her younger years. As a Junior and Senior in high school, she was a member of the varsity cheerleading squad, serving as co-captain her senior year.

After high school, Judy attended the University of Delaware for two and a half years before transferring to the University of Wisconsin early in 1967, where she graduated in the Class of 1968. During her years at Delaware, Judy made many trips to celebrate special events such as Military Ball and Homecoming with Ben Sellers at the University of Wisconsin.

Immediately following Ben's graduation and commissioning as an Ensign in the U. S. Navy, Ben and Judy were married in June, 1969, and Judy became a proud and devoted Navy Wife, supporting Ben's 20-year career on active duty. During their Navy career, Ben and Judy traveled extensively throughout Europe and Asia, visiting many world capitals including London, Rome, Paris, Athens, Brussels, and Tokyo. They also lived for two years on the U. S. island of Guam. Following their 20 years in the Navy, they continued to travel in support of Ben's civilian career with trips to Sydney, Cairo, and to the Holy Land in Israel.

In 2009 Ben founded a family-owned small business to provide training services to the federal government. Judy accepted a position as Controller and office manager for the company, joining, Brian, Jenny, and Heather who were also full-time employees of the young company. After a very successful ten-year life, the family sold the business in 2020 and Ben and Judy both settled into a very happy retirement lifestyle, traveling frequently to Williamsburg to visit Brian, Heather, and the grandchildren, and venturing annually to San Diego to visit Jenny. Recently, just months before Judy's passing, Ben, Judy, and Jenny all made plans to move to Williamsburg and establish a new home-base for the whole family. Ben and Judy purchased a beautiful golf-course lot and were in the processing of building a custom home

for their remaining retirement years together.

For the moment, our hearts are broken, but together we will carry forward graced by the presence of Judy's love which shines so beautifully in our hearts. Together, they say, "Judy, you are already so missed, and we will continue to work together, guided by Your everlasting love and spirit. May you rest easy, knowing that you are permanently in our hearts, and that Your legacy of love will carry forward into all of our tomorrows."

Relatives and friends may call at Jefferson Funeral Chapel, 5755 Castlewellan Drive, Alexandria, VA 22315 on Monday, June 13, 2022 from 5-8PM, with a Celebration of Life ceremony held during the viewing from 6:15-7:15PM, followed by a social hour with appetizers and refreshments provided. In keeping with Judy's warmth and bright spirit, attendees are invited to wear colorful clothing to this celebration of her full and beautiful life. For those unable to attend the Celebration of Life, the ceremony is viewable via Zoom using the link below.

<https://zoom.us/j/4574457991>

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at St. Bernadette Catholic Church, 7600 Old Keene Mill Road, Springfield, Virginia 22152 on Tuesday, June 14 at 11AM. Interment at Arlington National Cemetery will be held Wednesday, September 14, 2022 @ 1PM.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation in Judy's name to <https://www.soaringspirits.org/donate/> Soaring Spirits International provides peer-based programs, resources, and community for those who are widowed and is the nonprofit that was integral to the healing of Judy's daughter, Jenny, after the death of her fiance in 2014. The work of Soaring Spirits ensures that no widowed person grieves alone, and the Sellers family thanks you for your

gift to the organization in Judy's memory.

Instructions for Guests attending the Burial of Judy Sellers (Sept 14, 2022)

Guests for Judy's burial service should arrive at the main gate at Arlington National Cemetery on Memorial Drive not earlier than 12:00 and not later than 12:15 on Wednesday, Sept 14.

All people in your vehicle will be required to show a valid federal or state photo I.D.

For children attending, a school photo ID is accepted.

Tell the guard you are attending the burial of Judy Sellers

The guard will direct you to the parking/queuing area for Judy's service (outside the Admin Building)

At approximately 12:45 we will all process together to the designated site for her service.

The service itself is scheduled to begin at 1:00 and should take about 20 minutes.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 13. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Jefferson Funeral Chapel
5755 Castlewellan Drive
Alexandria, VA 22315
(703) 971-7400
info@jeffersonfuneralchapel.com
<https://www.jeffersonfuneralchapel.com>

Mass of Christian Burial

JUN 14. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Bernadette Catholic Church
7600 Old Keene Mill Road
Springfield, VA 22152

Graveside Service

SEP 14. 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

Arlington National Cemetery
1 Memorial Drive
Arlington, VA 22211

Tribute Wall



“ *Judith Ann Sellers*

October 27, 2022 at 09:45 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Judith Ann Sellers.*



September 01, 2022 at 07:55 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Judith Ann Sellers.*



June 13, 2022 at 02:48 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Judith Ann Sellers.*



June 13, 2022 at 11:19 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Judith Ann Sellers.*



June 11, 2022 at 11:35 PM



“ *Mark and Betty Johnson purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Judith Ann Sellers.*



Mark and Betty Johnson - June 11, 2022 at 07:19 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Judith Ann Sellers.*



June 10, 2022 at 04:34 PM



“ *Philip Leung and family. purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Judith Ann Sellers.*



Philip Leung and family. - June 10, 2022 at 08:32 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Judith Ann Sellers.*



June 06, 2022 at 12:41 PM



“ *It's the smile you remember...always bright and enduring even through what sometimes felt like endless field hockey and girls' soccer games at Lee HS! Judy was always a willing volunteer, a strong supporter of all the girls and a great help with everything/anything that needed doing. Our thoughts and prayers are with all the Sellers as they work through this time. Good memories of a wonderful person. Chris and Marilyn Weiss*

Marilyn Weiss - June 02, 2022 at 05:32 PM



Thank you so much for sharing these fond memories, Marilyn. I count myself so lucky to have been supported by such a wonderful group of parents on our teams, and we appreciate so much your love and support during this challenging time. Big hugs to you and the family!

Jenny Sellers - June 03, 2022 at 12:20 PM

BM

I recall many fond memories of my dear friend, Judy. We spent many school years together. First, at St. Mary's Elementary Catholic School in Rockville, then on to Broome Jr. High and finally graduating together from Richard Montgomery High School. We took dancing lessons together for many years, shared our homes and went on weekend trips to the shore. Our fathers were in education together working in Montgomery County and heading up many schools in their careers. I will always remember Judy's pleasant smile and kind heart. May you rest in peace dear friend.

Bonnie (Sacco) McGregor June 06 at 10:35 PM

Bonnie McGregor - June 06, 2022 at 10:36 PM

BS

Bonnie, as one of Judy's longest friendships, your comments are particularly meaningful and comforting to the family. Your comments about her pleasant smile and kind heart are right on point. Those are two things Judy gave to everyone she ever knew, or even just met in passing.

Thanks, and my best to you and your family,

Ben Sellers

Benjamin Sellers - June 10, 2022 at 03:10 AM

PL

Judy was a wonderful and nice friend and neighbor in our small but close knit community. Our kids grew up going to schools together. We watched out for each other for over 35 years. We will surely miss her beautiful and warm smiles. Ben and all family members, please accept our deepest condolences and don't hesitate to let us know if we can be of any help.

Philip and family.

Philip Leung - June 10, 2022 at 08:23 AM



Judy was a dear and cherished friend of many, many years, always there with a bright, cheerful smile and a warm hug. She had a unique gift for making everyone feel special. There was really no one quite like her. Her presence will be greatly missed and there will always be a hole where she should be. We were blessed to have been among her friends.

Ben, to you and your family at this very sad time, we send our love and heartfelt sympathy.

Dave & Leslie (van Fossen) Leising,

Leslie Leising - June 10, 2022 at 05:20 PM