



Judith Dennis Ricks

July 22, 2007

Judith Dennis Ricks, 59, a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother passed away on July 22, 2007 in the presence of her family after a long, courageous battle with leukemia. A native of Portsmouth, she was the daughter of the late William Michael Dennis and Myrtle Dennis Crim and Brady B. Crim of Portsmouth. She is also survived by her husband of 39 years, Richard Douglas Ricks; her sister, Linda Dennis Garland; two wonderful children, Margaret Ann Rhem and husband David of Chesapeake, Michael Douglas Ricks and wife Amanda of Chesapeake; five grandchildren, Kaitlin Rhem, Connor Rhem, Caroline Rhem, Emma Ricks, and Benjamin Ricks; her mother-in-law, Margaret Shelton Ricks; her sister-in-law Jeanie Ricks Vestal; her nieces and nephews Debbie Garland, Michael Garland, Robbie Woodard and Ryan Woodard.

Judy enjoyed spending her time with her grandchildren, fishing in Hatteras, traveling the world with her husband, and riding her John Deere. The family will receive friends on Tuesday, July 24 from 6 -8 pm at Churchland Baptist Church. The funeral will be held at Churchland Baptist Church on Wednesday, July 25 at 11 a.m. The family asks that donations be sent in her name to the Adult Bone Marrow Transplant Center at Duke University at 2400 Pratt Street, Durham, N.C. 27705 in lieu of flowers. A plaque bearing her name and honoring her heroic journey will be placed on their Tree of Life. The family wishes to thank Duke University and Sentara Norfolk General for the wonderful care and support they provided throughout her journey. Loving

Funeral Home, Churchland Chapel is handling the arrangements.
Condolences may be made at www.lovingfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall



“ Please know that all your family have been in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. What a special person Judy was and will always be remembered by us with that wonderful smile. special hug to Margaret Ann from Mary Benn###imported-begin###Mary Benn & Johnny Failes###imported-end##

July 27, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Margaret Ann and David,

Let me start with.... I am so sorry for your loss. From experience, I know those words never fill the hole in your heart or holds back the tears, but in time the hole will mend and the tears will stop as you remember the good memories, strength and values that your mother worked so hard to give give you... I promise you that. Hold fast to those and let the pain ease away. May God bless you in the days and months ahead and may you find peace and strength to sustain you.

Love and peace to your family,

Sincerely,

GREG BOWEN###imported-begin###Greg Bowen###imported-end##

July 26, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Ricks family,
I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your mother. She was a wonderful person and I know how much she meant to you. I remember the look on her face during Mike's 21st birthday when she invited The House down to her home what was she thinking? and we fell out of the Love bus laughing at the picture of a 3 year old Mike at the end of driveway. Ear to ear doesn't begin to appropriately describe her grin. She made us feel at home and forget that some of us were far away from home at that time in our lives. I share in your pain.##imported-begin##Jason Ward##imported-end##

July 26, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ I am so sorry to hear about your loss of Judy. You are in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Joyce Saveika##imported-end##

July 26, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ It is with sadness that I offer my condolences to Doug, Mary Ann and Michael, along with their families. It was much too early for such a bright star like Judy to leave. I hope the future will bring nothing but good memories about Judy's life here on earth. She will long be remembered by me and my family.##imported-begin##Wayne Stainback##imported-end##

July 25, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ *Doug, Margaret Ann and Michael,
I'm deeply sorry for your loss.##imported-begin##Mike
Jackson##imported-end##*

July 25, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ *We offer our deepest sympathy on your loss. Our thoughts and
prayers go out to your family.
-Kevin, Kelly, and Jacob Sonnhalter##imported-begin##Kevin
Sonnhalter##imported-end##*

July 25, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ *Doug & Michael
Ours prayers and sympathy are with you. Let us know if there is
anything we can do for you.##imported-begin##Bob & Kim
Leonard##imported-end##*

July 25, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ *To the Entire Ricks/Rhem family, I personally want to sent my
deepest condolences in the loss of Judy. My heart goes out to each
and every one of you. She was a wonderful person and will be
dearly missed by many. However she will always be your gaurdian
angel, standing with you every step of the way until you meet again.
Please accept our blessings from our family to yours.
Love Kelly, Trey, Taylor, Kennedi and Tanner Carr##imported-
begin##Kelly Carr##imported-end##*

July 24, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Doug, you and each and every one of your family have our deepest condolences for a loss that cannot be described in words, but only in the heavy heart that we feel inside. Judy was my friend and I will miss her always. jyg###imported-begin##Jim & Sherl Gaskins###imported-end##

July 24, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ To the Ricks and Rhem families, I've been friends with Judy's son Michael for 14 years, and Judy always welcomed me and Michael's friends into her home with open arms. What a fantastic sense of humor she had. My wife and I offer the family and many friends our deepest sympathy. Judy will surely be missed. Love, Scott, Senda, and Adam###imported-begin##Scott Harmon###imported-end##

July 24, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Doug and Margaret Anne, Judy was a delightful woman, who graced us with a special brand of humor, caring and love. I always enjoyed being in her presence. She will be missed by the many friends she made. bk###imported-begin##Bernie Kirsch###imported-end##

July 24, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ It is indeed a great loss for Doug, her family and all of us her friends. May God provide strength to Judy's family. My deepest condolence to Doug.###imported-begin##Bobby Wilkerson###imported-end##

July 24, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ We offer our deepest sympathy on your loss##imported-begin##Martha & Wendell Franklin & Family##imported-end##

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“ Doug, Margaret Ann, Michael, Linda, Jeanie, Myrtle and Margaret

This is truly a great loss to the family and friends of Judy's. Judy touched so many lives in such a positive way. I had the Extra Special Privilege of having Judy as my sister-in-law. Judy has left me personally with the understanding that: Her illness could not cripple her love, it could not shatter hope, it could not corrode faith, it could not destroy peace of mind, it could not kill friendship, it could not suppress loving memories, it could not steal eternal life and it could not conquer the spirit..... Judy will be in my heart an memory foerver. God bless each of you.

Love, Bobby##imported-begin##Bobby Woodard##imported-end##

July 24, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ My deepest sympathy to old friends on your loss.##imported-begin##Gregory L Thompson##imported-end##

July 24, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ *Margaret Ann and family,*

We offer our deepest sympathy on the loss of your mother and grandmother. Our hearts go out to each of you. Dennis, Lori, Tyler and Connor Encke##imported-begin##Dennis and Lori Encke##imported-end##

July 24, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ *Doug and family,*

I only knew Judy briefly through my cousin Patty. We spent a wonderful week in Ft.Lauderdale and I will never forget Judy's infectious smile and positive attitude. We are all better for having known her.

I pray God will give you strength and courage in the difficult months ahead to celebrate Judy's life and the happiness she brought to so many people.

Our deepest condolences to you and your wonderful family.

Sincerely,

Carol Kross##imported-begin##Carol Kross##imported-end##

July 24, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ We would like to express our profound sorrow for the passing of a beautiful person! Although we had known the Ricks' for a somewhat brief period, we can quite honestly say that the selfish side of us only wishes we had known her better- but, we can only imagine what a truly wonderful wife, mother, grandmother and friend she has been for so many! Surely the legacy of such a genuinely nice lady is left in those who were so close to her. Our thoughts and prayers go out to her family in these most difficult of times. We hope you all find solace in the fact you enjoyed her reassuring smile all these years.

Tim & Trisha Midgett##imported-begin##Tim Midgett##imported-end##

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