



Dr. Judy Vargas Ed.D

July 21, 1949 - January 1, 2020

Dr. Judith Vargas, Ed.D; a lifelong resident of Aurora passed away Wednesday, January 1, 2020 at her home. Judy battled type 1 diabetes for 30 years before receiving a kidney and pancreas transplant in 1996. For the last 23 years she never took for granted the gift of life that she received. In 2013 her transplanted kidney failed and her brother Terry Vargas gifted her one of his kidneys. Judy was a lifelong learner, her love of education led to her career in higher education.

Judy was a great communicator and could say hi to a total stranger and before long would hear their entire life story and problems. Even though small in stature Judy was fierce in spirit and would not back down from what she felt was right. Judy loved life and every day tried to live it to the fullest. She loved gardening, decorating her home and exercising. Even though she was in pain most every day of her adult life she loved to quote Maya Angelou who said "just because you are in pain doesn't mean you have to be a pain.

She was a graduate of Sacred Heart Catholic School in Aurora and attended East Aurora HS for two years and then attended the Sisters of St Joseph Convent in Concordia Kansas for the final two years of High School. She earned an Associate Degree from Waubensee Community College and continued her education at Northern Illinois University completing her BA, Masters and Doctorate Degrees.

Judy Worked at Copley Hospital Public relations, Waubensee Community College, Aurora University, Oakton Community College, and Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy. She was a certified Addictions Counselor and worked at the Care Unit of Copley Hospital as well as maintained a private practice providing general counseling services.

She is survived by her husband, James Bondi; eight siblings, Fernando (Fred) Vargas, Dolores (Roger) Haith, Molly (George) Barnes, Peggy Vargas, Nancy (James) Coddington, Jesse Vargas, Terrance (Mindi) Vargas, Elizabeth Vargas; many nieces and nephews, great nieces and great nephews.

She is preceded in death by her mother, Dolores "Lola" (John) Bell; her father, Saul Vargas; three siblings in infancy, Lester, Timothy and Jessie; and her precious dogs (four legged children) Trixie, Spike, Lola, Teddy and Lucky.

Her family wishes to acknowledge the extraordinary care she received from the entire medical team at the University of Wisconsin Hospital Transplant Unit. Their medical expertise and care was only surpassed by their compassion and love they showed her for the past 23 years.

Visitation will be held Tuesday, January 7, 2020 from 2:00 PM until 8:00 PM at THE DALEIDEN MORTUARY, 220 North Lake Street, Aurora, Illinois 60506. (630) 631-5500

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, January 8, 2020 at 10:00 AM at THE DALEIDEN MORTUARY, Pastor Fred Krauss will officiate. Interment will be private.

Please visit our interactive website at www.daleidenmortuary.com where you may sign the guest book or leave condolences for Judy's family.

Memorial contributions may be made in Judy's name to the University of Wisconsin Organ and Tissue Donation, 448 Science Drive Suite 250, Madison, WI 53711.

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 7. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Daleiden Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Dr. Judy Vargas Ed.D



Daleiden Mortuary - January 03, 2020 at 04:14 PM

CB

“ Dearest Judy, You have been on my heart for months now. Sadly, today I have learned that you have passed from us. You loved your family with all your heart. You held friends so dearly. You adored your animals as your children. You and I shared a passion for gardening. Thank you for being my friend. I miss you now and forever. May God rest your beautiful soul.

Cynthia Bercaw - January 17, 2020 at 03:35 PM

MM

“ My cousin Judy always had a special place in my heart. She was a tenacious spirit who was a role model for others in the passionate way she embraced life. Time is our most precious non-renewable resource. Judy lived on borrowed time and squeezed the most out of every moment. Life was to be celebrated. Her ability to live in the face of pain and with no guarantees was admirable. I will miss her wit, her sass and those stimulating conversations we had. But mostly I'm grateful that she will no longer have to suffer. It's time to fly Judy Judy.

Mary Mancera - January 08, 2020 at 08:47 PM

AD

“ *Judy was an inspiration. Our condolences and prayers go out to Jim and all of Judy's family.*
Sincerely,
Ann & Dan Donohue and family

Ann Donohue - January 08, 2020 at 10:03 AM

BC

“ *Big hugs & Love Rachel Mendoza Catania purchased the Shades of Purple for the family of Dr. Judy Vargas Ed.D.*



Big hugs & Love Rachel Mendoza Catania - January 07, 2020 at 05:11 PM

JT

“ *Joan, Kimberly, Jim, Ann, Janine, Jan, Maria, & Terry purchased the Fields of Europe for the family of Dr. Judy Vargas Ed.D.*



Joan, Kimberly, Jim, Ann, Janine, Jan, Maria, & Terry - January 07, 2020 at 12:29 PM



“ *Pink Satin Heart Casket Pillow was purchased for the family of Dr. Judy Vargas Ed.D.*



January 06, 2020 at 01:32 PM

AD

“ There is not enough words that can be said for what Judy has accomplished throughout her years, never giving up, a real fighter, may she rest in peace, our prayers to all.



Al Delara - January 04, 2020 at 10:05 AM



“ Blue & White Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. Judy Vargas Ed.D.



January 03, 2020 at 10:51 PM



“ 76 files added to the album LifeTributes



Daleiden Mortuary - January 03, 2020 at 03:57 PM

PF

“ While I never met Judy, I was familiar with both her struggles and her strength through Jim, who stood steadfastly by her side throughout. She must have been a joy to know, and she now has found peace. Heartfelt condolences to you, Jim, and to the rest of Judy's extended family.

Patrick Furlong - January 03, 2020 at 12:16 PM

RR

“ Rosalie Russ lit a candle in memory of Dr. Judy Vargas Ed.D



Rosalie Russ - January 03, 2020 at 05:21 AM

JK

“ So very sorry for your loss of a great woman. My deepest sympathy. Janice Krouse

Janice Krouse - January 02, 2020 at 10:09 PM

CV

“ Judy's strength, courage, and resilience inspired many, and we are thankful she got so many "bonus years." Travel well on the other side, Judy. Condolences from NC to Jim and all her other loved ones.



Cathy and Bill Veal - January 02, 2020 at 08:43 PM

EM

“ I will love my cousin Judy forever for keeping me in touch with my Aunt Lola through emails and the beautiful treasures she sent me of my Aunt Lola. She will be truly missed.

Edna Martinez - January 02, 2020 at 07:55 PM



“ Multicolor Bright Sympathy Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Dr. Judy Vargas Ed.D.



January 02, 2020 at 07:42 PM

DM

“ Judy and Jim celebrated life everyday they were together because they realized more than most of us, how fragile life isbut how strong love is .

Deborah McGrath - January 02, 2020 at 07:14 PM

TF

“ Jim- sending our love during this difficult time!

The Canaday Family - January 02, 2020 at 07:02 PM



“ Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of Dr. Judy Vargas Ed.D.



January 02, 2020 at 05:48 PM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Dr. Judy Vargas Ed.D.*



January 02, 2020 at 03:23 PM