



Judith A. Beato

March 9, 1947 - January 16, 2025

With deep sadness, we announce the passing of Judith “Judy” Beato, a loving wife, devoted mother, and cherished grandmother, who passed away at home on January 16, 2025. Judy, born on March 9, 1947, in Detroit, Michigan, was the beloved wife of Joseph Beato, mother to Robert and Kelli, and a treasured grandmother to Gabriella, Samantha, and Gianna.

Judy graduated from Denby High School in 1964, and went on to earn her nursing degree, a profession in which she dedicated much of her life. Her compassionate spirit and nurturing nature made her an outstanding nurse who spent her career caring for the sick and elderly. She loved helping others and was known for her gentle touch and warm smile, always going above and beyond to ensure the comfort of those in her care. But Judy’s greatest role in life was not just as a nurse—it was as a mother and grandmother, roles she held with a depth of love and devotion that knew no bounds.

Judy made the decision to put her career on hold to stay at home and raise her children, Robert and Kelli. It was a decision she never regretted, as she poured her heart into creating a loving and stable home for her family. Her children fondly remember the warmth and love she gave them every day, and as a mother, she always ensured their needs were met, providing them with the guidance and care they needed to grow into the people they are today.

Judy's love extended far beyond her children. As a grandmother, there was literally nothing she would not do for Gabriella, Samantha, and Gianna. She reveled in spoiling her grandkids, always making sure they had everything a grandchild could want and more. Judy enjoyed showering them with love on every occasion, whether it was with thoughtful gifts or with her time, and attention. Her grandchildren brought her immeasurable joy, and she always made sure to let them know how special they were to her.

Beyond her family, Judy was passionate about many things. She had a great love for Detroit's professional sports teams and would cheer them on with the same enthusiasm and devotion that she gave to her family. She found peace and solace in her garden, tending to the flowers and plants she nurtured with care. Judy had a special fondness for birds and dolphins, often finding tranquility in watching them in nature. She was also an avid fan of musicals, Elvis Presley, QVC, Jeopardy, and Wheel of Fortune—her evenings were often filled with these simple pleasures that made her smile.

For many years, Judy and her husband Joe spent their winters as "snowbirds," living in Cape Coral, Florida, from January through May. They cherished these months in the sunshine, enjoying the slower pace and the warmth of the Florida lifestyle. Afterward, they would return to Michigan and spend cherished time in their cabin in Northern Michigan, where they would reconnect with nature and create lasting memories together.

Judy's love for her family and her community was unwavering. She will be remembered for her kind heart, her generous spirit, and her unyielding devotion to those she loved. She gave everything she had to her family, always putting others before herself, and was a constant source of strength and love.

Judy is survived by her loving husband, Joseph; children, Robert (Erin) Beato,

Kelli (Michael) White; grandchildren, Gabriella White, Samantha White, Gianna Beato, and beloved best friend Renee Gurlides. She was preceded in death by her parents, Gordon and Dorothy Eckford, and sister Gloria Belanger.

We will all gather from 1:00-4:00 p.m. with a 3:00 p.m. funeral service held on Monday, January 20, 2025, at the Wasik Funeral Home – Gendernalik Chapel located at 35259 23 Mile Road in New Baltimore.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in Judy's memory to Make-A-Wish.

Judy will be deeply missed, but forever remembered by all who knew her. Her legacy of love, kindness, and selflessness will live on in the hearts of her family and friends.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

JAN 20. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Wasik Funeral Home - Gendernalik Chapel
35259 23 Mile Road
New Baltimore, MI 48047

Memorial Service

JAN 20. 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

HT

“ Hanife Tuck purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Judith A. Beato.



Hanife Tuck - January 20, 2025 at 12:04 PM

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“ Hanife Tuck planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Judith A. Beato.

Hanife Tuck - January 20, 2025 at 12:04 PM

EM

“ I Hope this Tree of life continues to grow as the love was given to Mrs. Beato's FAMILY, friends and everyone she touched that she gave..Eric and Karen Markle

Eric Markke - January 19, 2025 at 03:48 PM

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“ Eric M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Judith Beato.

Eric M. - January 19, 2025 at 03:42 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Judith A. Beato.



January 19, 2025 at 12:28 AM



“ This saddens my heart. Judy was a great lady and nurse. She made work life waaaaay better. She would page Debbie Dietary overhead when she needed something from me (which was quite frequently 😊) and that little name stuck. She loved telling stories about the family and grandkids. Her love and humor will be missed. 💕🙏🌍🦋

Debbie Adams - January 18, 2025 at 04:58 PM



“ I worked with Judy at Clinton-Aire for many years, she was full of mischief and fun. I cherish my memories with her to this day. Judy has made it a point to keep in touch with me. I will miss not having that connection with her

Jeannie Lowe - January 18, 2025 at 03:46 PM



I worked with Judy. She was fun to be around. She made work fun. She was a good friend. We stayed in touch. I will miss her a lot! Rest in peace my dear friend.

Irene Sneddon - January 19, 2025 at 12:34 PM

LY

“ Judy was always so loving and kind. She would help me out so much when we worked together. I will remember the kindness she showed me. Rest in Peace Judy

Lynn - January 18, 2025 at 02:19 PM

NR

“ So many memories of Judy, from Burbank through Jan 1965 graduation from Denby, then sharing a ride to work downtown. Thanks for the memories, Nancy Bono Randall.

Nancy Kay Randall - January 18, 2025 at 01:30 PM

BK

“ My memories are far too great to share here. When she and Joe moved in next door to us in Detroit I was 14. Our whole family became life long friends. The friendship she and Joe shared with my mom and dad was family. I will always think of Judy as family. My heart aches for your loss. May she rest in peace for eternity.

Barbara Kjerrumgaard - January 18, 2025 at 12:42 PM

MW

“ Grandma Judy was one of the most kind-hearted souls I have ever met, she always treated me like I was a part of the family and for that I will cherish my memories of her forever. Sending so much love to all of her family.

Love, Maddy or as she would call me the “tall granddaughter”❤️

Maddy Williams - January 18, 2025 at 12:13 PM

KA

“ Our heartfelt condolences to you and the family Joe. We will never forget our pizza nights at the cottage and lots of laughs with you and Judy. Such a wonderful family and beautiful friends. Xxx

Love

Carlo and Kim Alivia Amilio Sophia Acampora

kim acampora - January 18, 2025 at 12:11 PM

KB

Our thoughts and prayers along with heartfelt condolences to Joe and family. Such sad news! God bless all 🙏🙏🙏

Kevin Brennan - January 18, 2025 at 01:16 PM