



Judith Ann Schwantes

January 17, 1934 - May 7, 2016

Judith Ann Schwantes, 82, Miromar Lakes, FL died Saturday, May 7, 2016, at Joanne's House at Hope Hospice in Bonita Springs, Florida, following a lengthy hospitalization. She was born to Frank Wallace and Grace Evelyn (née Bostwick) Gilbert in Milwaukee, WI with her twin sister Jill on January 17, 1934. The family moved to Fort Atkinson, WI in the 1940s where Judy attended school and graduated from Fort High School in the Class of 1952. Judy studied at Ripon College, followed by attaining an X-Ray Technician Degree in 1954 at UW Hospital in Madison WI.

On December 4, 1954 she married William R. Schwantes, with whom she enjoyed 61 years, living in several states and having many adventures as they raised a family. After finally settling in Stevens Point, WI for 20 years, they retired in 1993 and moved to Florida where she loved the climate and her many friends. Summers were spent at their second home on Clear Lake in Tomahawk, WI for the last 36 years, where many fun family gatherings were enjoyed. Judy loved puzzles of all kinds and was a voracious reader. After living 13 years on Barefoot Beach in Florida, her choice of their final home together in Miromar Lakes, FL gave her great pleasure in a beautiful community.

Judy is survived by her husband, Bill; her beloved children, Todd (Maria) Schwantes of Middleton, WI, Amy (Mike) Mayek of Clintonville, WI and Sara

(Chris) Staszak of Sun Prairie WI; sister, Jacqueline (the late Jibo) Wittman of Bradenton, FL; brother in law, John (Patty) Schwantes of Scottsdale AZ; and five adored grandchildren, Glenn Schwantes of Seattle, WA, Dan Felker of Verona, WI, Holly Mayek and Jessie Mayek of Clintonville, WI and Grace Schwantes of Verona, WI; plus numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and most recently, by her twin sister, Jill (the late George) Flynn of Charleston, SC with whom she grew up as closest friends and loving sisters.

Services will be private, as Judy wished, and held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions to the charity of your preference.

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home.

Tribute Wall



“ *Judith Ann Schwantes*

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *Bill & family, so very sorry for the loss of your beloved Judy. I met Judy at various Sentry company events for National Accounts. She was always a very happy & caring person. Cherish all the wonderful memories. She will be missed but never forgotten. Judy & John Yauch, Plover WI*

Judy Yauch - June 24, 2016 at 12:41 PM



“ *We were saddened to hear about Judy. She was so nice and she always had a smile on her face. Such a sweet lady! Enjoyed the many talks we had at Mr. G's. Our thoughts and prayers are with you, Bill and your family. Dar and Sue Schiller*

Dar and Sue Sckhiller - May 24, 2016 at 03:32 PM

MW

“ Hi Bill, it's Marilyn Walker, (Don't know if you know my current Walker last name. I was Chorney as a kid, Rogers when I worked with you in National Accounts).

I'm so sorry you all had to lose Judy. I remember I first met Judy when I was a 10 year old at a park in Arlington Heights. I thought she was so beautiful then, and that never changed. She was a special lady, so easy and fun to be with. Judy made a wonderful cross stitch picture for our wedding gift back in 1978. I also picked up the same hobby and love it.

I know you, the kids and grandkids will miss Judy's love and care. I hope you can get through this hard time helping each other. You have my sympathy, Marilyn

Marilynn Walker - May 15, 2016 at 05:38 PM

MD

“ My deepest sympathy to the entire Schwantes family. Judy was an extremely intelligent and creative woman who devoted her life to her family and home. My fondest memory is the week she spent with Glenn (her grandson) and me in Mt. Horeb, WI helping me be a new mom in the early weeks after his birth in March 1985. She helped me not to worry about the little things and to be at ease with Glenn. I will always be grateful for that time.

Mary Durkin

Mary R Durkin - May 14, 2016 at 09:57 AM

DB

“ Bill, I was so sorry to hear about Judy. What a wonderful lady. Kind of an end to a great era of a wonderful Sentry family. God bless! take care Bill. Deanie Buckley

Deanie Buckley - May 13, 2016 at 11:42 AM

JM

“ *Bill, and Family, Jeff and I are so sorry to hear of Judy's passing. I know your lifelong friendship with Mona and Jerry was very special, and we enjoyed sharing in those moments when we were visiting in Florida. Judy was a very kind and welcoming person and we agreed that your Bloody Mary's are the best! Our deepest sympathies for your loss.*



Jeff and Joan Mason

Joan Mason - May 11, 2016 at 05:59 PM

GD

“ *My sincere condolences go out to you and your family Sara. She had a happy and full life. Your friend, George Doxtator*

George Doxtator - May 11, 2016 at 01:59 AM

AW

“ *My condolences to you Bill, and your family. Arlene Wierzba*

arlene wierzba - May 10, 2016 at 08:34 AM