



## Judith H. Anderson

April 21, 1940 - September 15, 2022

Judith H. Anderson, 82, died peacefully on Saturday morning, September 10, at her home in Bloomington, Indiana. Judith was born in Worcester, Massachusetts to Oscar and Beatrice Anderson on April 21, 1940. She received her Bachelor's degree in English from Radcliffe College. She received her Ph.D. from Yale University and taught as an assistant professor at Cornell University before joining the English department at Indiana University as a professor in Renaissance and early modern literature and culture. While at Yale, she married Talbot Donaldson, who also taught at Yale. They subsequently served as visiting scholars at the University of Michigan for a year before joining the University of Indiana Bloomington's English department. The recipient of the 1999 Distinguished Scholar Award from the Office of Women's Affairs, Judith was named Chancellor's Professor in 1999, and was recognized four times with a Trustees Teaching Award. Over the course of her career, she authored at least a dozen books on the poetry of Edmund Spenser, Shakespeare, John Milton, and John Donne, and was a recipient of nine national fellowships as well as the 2004 International Spenser Society Lifetime Achievement Award. At the same time, Judith gave numerous invited talks and plenary lectures all over the country and held offices not only in the English department and the College of Arts and Sciences at IU, but also in a number of scholarly societies including the Modern Language Association of America, the International Congress on Medieval Studies, and the international John Donne Society. After 38 years of teaching and service to

Indiana University, she retired in May 2013. Taken together, her titles and awards attest to her international stature as a scholar, her generosity as a teacher of graduate and undergraduate students, and her service to both the university and the profession.

Judith is survived by her nieces Sarah Massey-Warren (Boulder Colorado) and Elizabeth Briles (Madison Wisconsin), by her nephews Peter Massey (Omaha Nebraska) and Marshall Massey (Billings Montana), and her devoted friends Kathy and Raymie Smith. She was preceded in death by her husband Talbot, her sister Marie Clifford, her brothers William and David Anderson, and her parents.

She will be greatly missed by her community of scholars, students, and colleagues, and her family and her friends. We feel deeply the loss of her sharp wit, searing intellect, curiosity, and willingness to always do the right thing.

At Judith's request, there will be no services at this time.

Allen Funeral Home and Crematory, 4155 South Old State Road 37, in Bloomington has been entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences, photos and memories may be shared at [www.allencares.com](http://www.allencares.com)

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“ *OK I am ignorant re how to do this but I definitely remember her vividly from years of the donne society conferences. she was "the one with big glasses" and I am glad I can see those here.*

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**Sara Anderson** - September 06, 2024 at 05:21 PM