



## Judith Ellen Warner

July 24, 1959 - April 9, 2020

Judith Ellen (Burns) Warner, 60, of Bloomington, passed away on April 9, 2020 after a courageous battle with cancer. Her pure spirit, loving nature, infinite politeness, and kindness will be missed by all who knew her. Judy always saw the good in everyone, and her thoughtfulness and altruism were an inspiration.

She was born on July 24, 1959 in Lowell, Massachusetts to Marilyn and Joseph Burns and was the oldest of 4 children. Judy was a graduate of Elizabethtown High School, in Elizabethtown, Kentucky.

Judy worked as a Senior Conference Manager at Indiana University for the past 22 years. Prior to that she held management positions in hotels in Lexington, Kentucky. She leaves behind many clients, colleagues, and friends who will miss her compassion, selflessness, and kindness.

She is survived by her two sons, Dr. John Warner of Pittsburgh, PA and Adam Warner of Bloomington, who is a third year medical student; John's significant other, Dr. Danielle Yin of Pittsburgh; her sisters Susan Peirce of Chino Hills, CA and Dana Burns of Long Beach, CA; her brother Joseph Burns and sister-in-law Linda Burns of Irvine, CA; her nephews Jared Zuanich of Louisville, KY and Conner and Cameron Burns of Irvine, CA, and her uncle Robert (Ziggy) Burns of Dracut, MA; her two rescue cats Lizzie and Chloe; and her many

dear friends.

A loving and devoted mother, Judy's greatest personal accomplishment and source of pride were her beloved sons, Adam and John. While many people speak of their values, Judy lived them daily. A vegan and humanitarian, Judy was tender-hearted in all areas of her life and had immeasurable compassion and grace for people and animals. Judy was stalwart in her acceptance of others, and while soft-spoken and refined, would unflinchingly defend those who were unfairly treated, abused, or discriminated against. Her tolerance, patience, and sense of justness served as an example for those who were fortunate to know her, as she quietly encouraged the best from others.

Judy was an avid reader and would spend hours browsing titles at the library and at her favorite bookstores. During the summer months, she enjoyed reading by the pool in her complex, voraciously consuming mysteries, memoirs, and self-help books and catching up on the news from all her friends.

A private service will be held for the family. A Celebration of Judy's Life will be announced later this year. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Red Bucket Equine Rescue in Chino Hills, CA or the Bloomington Animal Shelter. Arrangements are being handled by Allen Funeral Home and Crematory.

# Tribute Wall

SH

“ I first met Judy in 1982, when she was living in Lexington, Kentucky. I liked her immediately and immensely. While the word "kind" gets thrown around too much, Judy exuded authentic kindness.

*I remember the first time she had me over to her house for dinner. About halfway through the meal, it became clear that I was terribly allergic to her cat. Judy couldn't stop apologizing, no matter how many times I reminded her that my allergies weren't her fault.*

*In the mid-1980s, we spent a long weekend with a bunch of friends on a houseboat. While most of the gang partied on the main deck, Judy and I camped out on the boat's roof, each poring over a thick book, stopping every hour or so to share and retell what we had just read. We both came away feeling like we'd read two books instead of one. Over the years, many of my memories of Judy are of her happily sitting in the sun, often wearing a wide-brimmed hat, enjoying a good book.*

*Once we both had children, our families vacationed every summer in Cape Cod. Judy's sons were several years older than my daughters, who always looked up to John and Adam. And all of us looked up to Judy as a parent. While always dotting on Adam and John, she demonstrated not only her love for them, but her respect. From an early age, both of them were, rightly, a source of immense pride for Judy.*

*While Judy will be greatly missed, her spirit, and her indomitable kindness, live on today in her two amazing sons, Adam and John. All of us will miss Judy enormously.*

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Sam Hirsch - May 25, 2020 at 08:50 PM

PD

“ I had no idea Judy even had cancer, I was privileged to get a call each year from the lovely gracious Judy, asking me to host the state Science Olympiad. We would email details then I would see her there too, always comforting, so calm, just a lovely person. I am so so sad for her loving family, age 60 is a baby, and she had much to give, offer and do. I will miss her, know many will too. Pamela J. Davidson

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**Pamela Davidson** - April 23, 2020 at 10:55 AM

MT

“ Judy was a wonderful colleague, starting when I was a grad student and worked on a practicum project at IU Conferences. She was always so kind, patient, and conscientious; seeing her in meetings and events always lifted my spirits. I will miss her.

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**Maria Talbert** - April 18, 2020 at 11:03 AM

ML

“ I am sorry to hear about Judy passing away. My teaching partner, Cindy Creek, and I got to know her when Adam was in our first and second grade class at Rogers Elementary. She was a fine mother. Judy was always positive about our classroom and Adam's growth. We thought of her as a model parent that understood her son was an exceptional learner, yet never got in the way of his growth. Judy was proud of her children and understood how to nurture. Although it was several years ago, I still have the memory of Judy giving Adam a hug and a smile each time she dropped him off at our classroom. They were both then ready to start the day.

*Michael Love*

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**mike love** - April 15, 2020 at 04:30 PM

VS

“ I am deeply shocked by the news when I heard from Kevin. Judy was a wonderful person and always gentle, cheer full and dedicated to the organization of the American Peptide Symposium. She cared so much for the peptide society as her baby. I am honored and prevailed in knowing her while working with her at American Peptide Symposium. She became one of our best friends. We will deeply miss her. Judy always cared and worried about her family than herself. I can not forget how proud and happy she was when her son went to medical school. My heart and prayer go out to Judy's family.

*Ved Srivastava, American Peptide Society*



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**Ved P Srivastava** - April 13, 2020 at 03:28 PM

DG

“ Dear Judy's Family,  
I am one of Judy's "pool friends". I am so saddened to hear of her passing. We always had such a fun time during the summers at the complex's pool. I will miss her so much. She was such a beautiful person inside and out. You and your family will be in my daily thoughts and prayers.  
*Debbie Green*



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**Debbie Lynn Green** - April 13, 2020 at 12:24 PM