



Judith Ann Growcock

May 5, 1943 - August 12, 2023

Judith Ann “Judy” Growcock died peacefully at home, surrounded by her loving family Saturday, August 12. She was 80 years old.

Born May 5, 1943, Judy spent her early years in Elkhart, IN in the home of her parents Francis Shelley “Mac” and Vivian McQueen, with her brother Tom. She attended Elkhart High School, class of 1961. It was there she met the love of her life, G. David Growcock. She attended Indiana University, but stopped short to marry Dave. They enjoyed almost 60 years of marriage, with Judy taking charge of the home, where they raised their children Brad & Megan. A series of moves took them to Ohio, Texas, Washington and eventually to Lenexa, KS, their longest residence. Judy enjoyed people and made so many friends along the way. She was active in the community volunteering and working—but family always came first, and she took great pride in running hers.

Once empty nested, Judy and Dave relocated to Garfield AR, immersing themselves in “lake life” for a decade plus. Even more lifelong friendships were made. She loved travel and new experiences. But mostly, she loved “just being” with her family and friends. Eventually she missed being closer to her children, so Judy moved one last time to Overland Park, KS, where she especially enjoyed time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. And, of course, making more friendships.

Judy is survived by her husband Dave, her son Brad (Michelle) Growcock, her daughter Megan (Bruce) Levine, four grandchildren Nate, Ben, Anna Kate, Isabel, three great-grandchildren Adalynn, Anderson, Allison, a large extended family and oh-so many close friends.

Private services and a Celebration of Life are pending. In lieu of flowers, please direct memorials to National Ovarian Cancer Coalition (NOCC) <https://ovarian.org>

Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Judith Ann Growcock.*



September 04, 2023 at 10:17 PM



“ *There are so many memories of Judy but not one sticks out EXCEPT..when we were returning to KC from a Colorado ski trip. Caught in a blizzard, Judy, sitting in the front seat of the car, had her head in her lap for the whole trip back! She had us laughing hysterically! Judy helped us all through a difficult situation using humor to make us feel comfortable. She truly made the world a better place.*

We will miss her so much. Our love & deepest sympathy to Dave, Brad & Michelle, Megan & Bruce & families.

Craig & Pat Burroughs Olathe KS

Pat Burroughs - August 26, 2023 at 10:31 AM



In remembering Judy, I think about her never forgetting to send a birthday card, her smile and outgoing personality. This world will be a little less friendly without our Judy

Helen Johnston - August 31, 2023 at 05:13 PM



So sorry I will be unable to attend this beautiful ladies celebration of life. She was always so friendly and helpful. Wish I had known her better.

Kaylene Mayerske - September 21, 2023 at 11:00 PM

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Judy had a beautiful smile and bubbly personality that was so welcoming. She definitely made friends easily and was such a delight to be around. I truly miss her...and so does Leo.

Neva Reid - September 22, 2023 at 02:51 PM

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Driving home from the most recent visit to see Aunt Judy, I listened to Julia Louis-Dreyfus tell Carol Burnett, "What you have done with your life has informed my life more that I could articulate...", and that is perfect wording for how I saw Judy. Her caring for family, pets, friends, and neighbors has always impressed me; I suspect she was very nice to me when I was a baby before I can remember. Some memories I do have to share:

**Sitting with Judy, Kathie, Adrian, and Whiskers on the carpet of Brad's bedroom with the beer can wall while he was off at college or an apartment. We put our Cabbage Patch Kids' sneakers on all four of Whisker's feet, and he walked around in them! We laughed so hard and I was perfectly happy.*

**Meeting Dave and Judy, Amy, and Mara & co. at a Lafayette steak house for dinner during my one semester at Purdue, Judy was concerned that a vegetarian wouldn't have enough to eat, so she had a word with the waiter. After we all shared the rotating salad-bar-at-the-table, which was a hearty meal in itself, the steaks arrived and so did the cavalcade of vegetable dishes at my seat! They just kept coming! There was a parmesan baked tomato that I've replicated at home ever since, the rest is just a blur. Whenever I see a cornucopia decoration, it makes me recall that meal! She was always looking out for me, keeping me fed, so some of my best lifetime meals have her involved, and man she made some great dishes and desserts!*

**Reading any card or note she sent. The coolest handwriting---I was so proud when I learned to read hers, far more stylish than the examples above chalkboards, and around that time I also somehow had it in my head that she was related to the Toothfairy, somehow...so cool.*

**Eating all of the container of the strange whipped garlic, that only she and I liked, around the table at Jane's, then belatedly noticing that we had marinated ourselves because the mild flavor came with a stronger scent. Maybe it kept the bugs away.*

Love you forever, Aunt Judy!

Stephanie Foster - September 23, 2023 at 03:39 PM