



Judith Ann Smedley

December 28, 2011

Judith Ann Smedley, (Nee Gulrich) of 251 Crawford St., in Fredericksburg, Ohio passed away Wednesday, December 28, 2011 at 7:25 AM.

Her untimely death was due to a two-year battle with breast cancer. Her husband Robert Lee Smedley of forty-one years survives her. She is also survived by her brother Leslie (Dee) Gulrich of Ft. Myers, Florida; sisters, Jean Cornelius of Lorain, Betty Hilton of Magadore, Helen Hanlon (Tom Buza) of Akron, Julie (David) Kolosky of Hartsville, and many nieces and nephews. Her parents Leslie and Elizabeth Gulrich preceded her in death.

Judith attended Kent State University and was deeply committed to preserving the environment, and social action for public education and the unemployed. She was an avid gardener, raising blueberries, raspberries and many other foods and vegetables and an avid reader from a very young age.

Her working career spanned thirty-five years working with the C.E.T.A., Job Training Partnership and the Work Force Investment act services.

She directed and coordinated all of those services through the years and was most recently employed at the Wayne County Dept. of Job and Family Services, Employment and Training Connection.

Judy was well known for her leadership in the community and for her confident know how in many things with her always certain can do attitude.

It is the family's wish that any gifts in loving memory of Judy should be given to: Hospice and Palliative Care of Greater Wayne County, 2525 Back Orrville Rd., Wooster, Ohio 44691.

A memorial service will be Saturday, January 21st, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. at Memories Conference Center in Wooster. (Please see map)
Custer-Glenn Funeral Home, 2284 Benden Dr., Wooster is privileged with serving the family. Words of comfort may be shared with the family at: www.custer-glenn.com.

Previous Events

Service

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Memories Party and Conference Center
2437-B Back Orrville Rd.
Wooster, OH

Tribute Wall



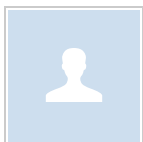
“ I only yesterday found out that Judy had left us. She was one of the sweetest, kindest, earthy people in the world, and yet these words aren't enough to really describe her. I will never forget the life lessons she taught me. I look forward to seeing her again (John 5:28-29a). My deepest sympathies to Robert and the rest of the family.###imported-begin###Kimberly Lane-Manson###imported-end##

April 11, 2012 at 02:41 PM



“ I just got home from Judy's Memorial and am regreting not getting up and sharing my memories and thoughts of Judy. I wanted to say that if only all of us had just some of Judy's core beleifs and values - what a wonderful world it would be! Imagine if not a bitter bone existed within us, just as it did not exist within Judy, what a wonderful world it would be! I have already since her passing drawn strength and calmness from her being. She gave me very wise and soft gentle guidance many times that will stay with me. A card we received summed it up quite nicely, it said simply - What a difference one single life made!
Bless you Judy! Your light shines on!###imported-begin###Tammy Mallett###imported-end##

January 21, 2012 at 04:50 PM



“ Sorry to her of the passing of Julie. I will keep all of you and family in my prayers. God Bless

Jim Sibbio###imported-begin###Jim Sibbio###imported-end##

January 18, 2012 at 08:43 AM



“ Touchdown! That's a raelly cool way of putting it!###imported-begin###Keiwan###imported-end###

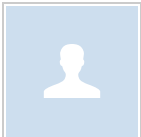
January 16, 2012 at 08:36 AM



“ I provided contract services for the Wayne County Job Training Partnership office, which Judy was the County Manager. I will always remember her wisdom and a sense that she always knew the right thing to do. Also, she was on top of the latest technology as she supervised the office transition from 90's computers to state of the art 21st century computers and networks. Finally, she was very good to me, always supportive, and always tried to help me do my job better.

We kept in touch and I last spoke with her in July, I believe. Never said a word about her situation. I miss her and will never forget her. I am praying for your family, Robert.###imported-begin###Marshall Karp###imported-end###

January 09, 2012 at 11:11 AM



“ Robert, we are so sorry for your loss. Sarah and I feel privileged that we were able to know Judy before her passing. May God give you strength.

Sincerely,

Jeremy and Sarah Miller###imported-begin###Jeremy Miller###imported-end###

January 07, 2012 at 01:22 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear of Judy's passing. She was so full of life, love and passion and she she will truly be missed. I remember how her bright smile would light up a room. May God give you comfort in her loving memory. My prayers are with you Robert and family.##imported-begin##Nan Whitself##imported-end##

January 06, 2012 at 12:21 PM



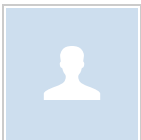
“ Judy, you will be sorely missed. It was a pleasure to know you and work with you. My thoughts and prayers to Robert and your family.##imported-begin##Carol Pleuss##imported-end##

January 06, 2012 at 12:05 PM



“ Robert - I am so very sorry to hear of Judy's passing. She was a great lady and so full of passion for what she did. My prayers and thoughts are with you.##imported-begin##Brenda Vogley##imported-end##

January 06, 2012 at 10:57 AM



“ Dear Gulrich Family
I am so very sorry to hear of the passing of Judith. My deepest sympathy to you all. She will be missed.##imported-begin##Emma Jeane Glass##imported-end##

January 05, 2012 at 08:39 PM



“ Dear Robert and Family, I was so sorry to hear about the loss of Judy. She has been such an inspiration to the many lives she has touched. I will always cherish the years we worked together and the knowledge that I am blessed to have known someone like Judy who truly made a difference in our world. It was also a joy to see the great love shared between Robert and Judy which lives on forever.##imported-begin##Debra Hurtt##imported-end##

January 04, 2012 at 12:12 PM



“ To all that have placed a message or a memory about Judy; and to your family and friends

I and Judy's sisters have selected Saturday, January 21, 2012 at 2 pm in the afternoon at Memories Party and Conference Center for Judy's Memorial

I and Custer Glenn will be publicizing this in several ways, but it seemed appropriate to leave a message here as well.##imported-begin##Robert Smedley##imported-end##

January 03, 2012 at 07:31 PM



“ Robert, please accept my condolences for the loss of your wife. Judy was such a smart, hard-working, pleasant person. I happened to be at Wayne CDJFS earlier in the month and was disappointed when I didn't see her. The article about her in the Wooster Daily Record was a testament to the difference she made in people's lives. She will be greatly missed.##imported-begin##Tracy Hrbek##imported-end##

January 03, 2012 at 07:58 AM



“ I was shocked and saddened to hear the news of Judy's passing. I had the pleasure of working with her in the past years and sadly I had not seen her lately. Judy was always so helpful to me and a professional lady. I wanted to send my symphathies to Robert and Judy's family. Judy will be greatly missed.##imported-begin##Lona Helfrich - Ohio Dept. of Job and Family Services##imported-end##

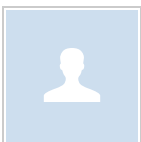
January 02, 2012 at 08:58 PM



“ Dear Robert, Please accept my condolences. You are in our thoughts through this difficult time of loss. I attended Field High School with Judy and Julie. We were in many school activities together. Judy touched our hearts with her patience and her kind ways. She always pitched in with tasks and projects. Her ready smile and generous ways was a beacon of friendship that will be remembered.

Sincerely, Connie Persall - FHS - 1966##imported-begin##Connie Persall##imported-end##

January 02, 2012 at 01:38 PM



“ May the peace of God comfort Robert and family during this time of mourning. It was a special privilege to have worked with Judy during the past several years. There was never a doubt to me of the spirit that lived in her heart. Her witness was displayed daily in her kindness, compassion and care of all those she encountered. Her professionalism and commitment leaves us all an example to emulate. She will be deeply missed by all that had the pleasure of knowing her. May God Bless her family.##imported-begin##Larry Corn##imported-end##

January 01, 2012 at 07:03 PM



“ Dear Robert,

My thoughts and prayers are with you. Never once have we walked alone. Our God always carries us! He carries us in our grief; He carries us as our grief gives way to 'missing'. He faithfully carried our loved ones and He will faithfully carry us one day.##imported-begin##Karen Shaner##imported-end##

January 01, 2012 at 03:35 PM



“ To Julie and all her family. I am so sorry that you are suffering at this time. Judy was truly a special person. My father was killed in a car accident our senior year. Though every one extended sympathy, we were all too young to know what to say. Judy came into the locker room where I was sitting. When I stood up she hugged me so tight and let me cry into her arms. I don't know how long it was, but Judy held my hand and gave me assurance, that if I ever needed to talk she was available. I will never forget her tenderness and kindness. She was always an angel.##imported-begin##Connie Branham Gordon##imported-end##

December 31, 2011 at 01:33 PM



“ i always welcomed working with Judy. Wooster will miss her.##imported-begin##Joe Murr##imported-end##

December 31, 2011 at 06:55 AM



“ Judy, our baby sister, we love you very much. We had so much fun growing up together in our wonderful family. You were the quiet & gentle one. You were so brave, and we hope our presence with you was comforting. As we said to you. we will ALWAYS be together. Thank you for everything. WE LOVE YOU FOREVER. Thanks all of you that loved her as well. Your sisters, Jeanie, Betty & Helen###imported-begin###Helen Hanlon ###imported-end##

December 30, 2011 at 10:18 PM



“ Judy, I wish I had known more moments with you. Julie, I am sorry for your loss but know the value of an angel and of memories. I remember the smile and the knowingness that was behind it. Love, Bobbie###imported-begin###Bobbie Watson Whitaker###imported-end##

December 30, 2011 at 01:13 PM



“ Oh, my. I was not aware Judy was sick, Robert, so this was a huge shock. My immediate thought was of you and how much you will miss her! I keep thinking about the days we all worked more closely together to get the one stop up and running. I learned then about Judy's deep dedication to her work, her customers and her coworkers. And I just loved her approach to keeping things orgnaized and mvoing along with a touch of humor and openness.

Please know that if there is anything I can do to make this transition easier for you, please do contact me anytime. Talked with Rich as soon as I learned and he said he thought you were doing as well as could be expected...

She had many, many admirers...

Carla##imported-begin##Carla Unkefer##imported-end##

December 30, 2011 at 12:34 PM



“ My baby sister Judy. A mighty pillar of strength and courage. She fought the battle for two years, and even we, her siblings, didn't fully realize how hard it was. She remained upbeat throughout. I know she would now want us to do the same, but it will be difficult.

Robert, I can hardly imagine your pain, but I know you will have a treasury of fond memories from the 41 years you shared with Judy. Please do not hesitate to call on me for anything with which I can help.##imported-begin##Leslie Gulrich##imported-end##

December 30, 2011 at 12:03 PM



“ I enjoyed working with Judy and so admired her strength and determination and her caring spirit. My condolences to all her family, her friends, and all the people she helped. I know they will miss her tremendously.##imported-begin##Penny Osborne##imported-end##

December 30, 2011 at 11:06 AM



“ Robert - I am so sorry about Judy. I enjoyed working with her on employment issues and her advocacy will be missed. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this difficult time. Diane##imported-begin##Diane DeRue##imported-end##

December 30, 2011 at 09:38 AM



“ There is nothing I can really add to all the beautiful sentiments expressed here; sentiments that describe a life well spent - memories that will be cherished.

Julie summed it up... It was that smile - that's what I will always remember.

Judy - you will be missed and you will be in our hearts always.##imported-begin##Cheryl Atha##imported-end##

December 29, 2011 at 10:49 PM



“ Judy was my twin sister, my best friend and my idol. She made me strive to be better at everything I did. My life will be missing a very important piece, but I did have the chance to tell her that I now know I will have my own personal angel. She smiled her beautiful smile (that I will miss so much) and said "Yes you will!"
Thank you Judy and thank all of you for the wonderful words you have shared about my sister.

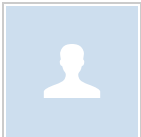
Julie##imported-begin##Julie Gulrich Kolosky##imported-end##

December 29, 2011 at 09:39 PM



“ My deepest sympathies to Judy's family. I had the honor of working closely with Judy over the past 10 years and I can truly say she will be greatly missed. She was always a professional and treated people with respect. She will be greatly missed.##imported-begin##Jeffrey Yaist - Ohio Dept. of Job and Family Services##imported-end##

December 29, 2011 at 09:06 PM



“ We are deeply saddened to hear that Judy is gone. We would like to express our deepest sympathies to her family. I (Joe) remember her from four years of high school. She was always a live wire. I can't remember her ever being mad, mean or grumpy. She was just a lot of fun to be around. I will always remember her.##imported-begin##Angie and Joe Kline##imported-end##

December 29, 2011 at 07:39 PM



“ *Thank you all for your kind words. I have to believe that she stepped into the Kingdom and then stepped back into each our souls with ITs healing power through her love.*

I appreciate and stand in awe of your support.

I met Judy in sociology 201 in Kent my sophomore year. We never looked back from that moment on, through all the ups and downs, and we won't now.

Lets be with Judy now and in the future as we continue our work for the Lord here. Thank you###imported-begin##Robert Smedley###imported-end##

December 29, 2011 at 05:35 PM



“ *Bobby,*

I'm so sorry to hear of your loss. Ron has been keeping contact with Joe over the years and has been keeping me informed.

Please accept my condolences.

When you feel like it send me an e-mail and tell me about yourself. I was just enough older that you that I did not get to know you as well as I should have.

Your cousin,

Gail Ewing###imported-begin##Gail Ewing###imported-end##

December 29, 2011 at 04:17 PM



“ My sympathies to you, Robert, and to Judy's family, friends and co-workers. Her passion for helping others came through in every interaction I had with Judy. May you find peace and comfort in the memories you made with this wonderful woman.
With sympathy, Kim Sayers###imported-begin###Kim Sayers###imported-end##

December 29, 2011 at 03:30 PM



“ Bobby,
May God be with you and comfort you during this time.
Joey###imported-begin###Joe Lawton###imported-end##

December 29, 2011 at 03:19 PM



“ I had the honor and privilege to work with Judy for the past almost one year at the Wayne Co. Employment & Training Connection. She made me feel welcome right away and then guided me through the process of putting together a job fair. She was a great teacher and was always willing to take time with me whenever I had any questions. I valued her knowledge and was always amazed with the amount of different types of information she could pull out of her "rolodex" at any time! Judy was a determined and strong woman who fought this terrible disease with all she had! She never complained and was very courageous. I will always remember my short time working with such an amazing woman! My condolences to Robert and family. God Bless!###imported-begin###Laura Kopfstein###imported-end##

December 29, 2011 at 03:02 PM



“ Dear Robert,

My thoughts and prayers are with you. Judy was a very special lady, and she will be missed by all.

Sincerely,

Sue Steingass##imported-begin##Sue Steingass##imported-end##

December 29, 2011 at 02:56 PM



“ *It's time to celebrate Judy and what a strong woman she was.....and what you had while she was here.*

"Don't cry because it's over, smile because it happened" - Dr. Seuss

Amy Kota (WCDJFS)##imported-begin##Amy Kota##imported-end##

December 29, 2011 at 01:16 PM



“ *I am very grateful to have worked with Judy over the past couple of years. She was a very determined and strong woman. She was extremely knowledgeable in everything. Any questions I had or advice I needed I knew I could always count on Judy. She went above and beyond in all she did. She will be missed, but never forgotten. You have my condolences and are in my prayers. God Bless!##imported-begin##Raejean##imported-end##*

December 29, 2011 at 01:16 PM



“ *Dear Robert,*

So sorry to hear of our loss. My prayers are with you. Take care and God bless.

Gary###imported-begin##Gary Aurand###imported-end##

December 29, 2011 at 11:26 AM



“ *Dear Robert...Though I have not seen you and Judy since the Krazieness of the Kent State University days, I knew that you both steadfastly remained the same Power Couple, throughout the years, like John and Yoko, deeply loving. Judy was a beautiful woman to the Core. She will now be assisting the Angels of Heaven. Love and sympathy to you and the family with all my heart and being!*
Jimmy###imported-begin##Jimmy Riggs###imported-end##

December 29, 2011 at 11:06 AM



“ *Heaven Celebrated yesterday with a beautiful Angel. Our loss is Heaven's gain. What is now taken from our arms will forever be in our heart. So sorry for your pain. I pray for comfort and peace to find all of you. Although we did not always agree, she accepted me and smiled. She offered much very good advise. I had and always will hold much respect for her.###imported-begin##Sundee Porter###imported-end##*

December 29, 2011 at 10:01 AM



“ To Robert and to the family of Judy you have my deepest sympathy. I was honored to have had her as my supervisor. Judy was a great teacher and boss. She was always willing to help any co-worker who came to her or any customer that needed her. I trusted her judgment, her wisdom, and her advice that was always so well thought out and so helpful. I will miss our gardening talks and buying the most delicious blue berries and raspberries from her in the summer. I loved the apple cider in the fall as well. I will also miss her talking about chickens. She taught me a great deal about raising them and I needed her knowledge and experience to help me with my own chickens.

Even though we watched this beautiful lady struggling with that disease, she never complained. She was courageous and showed us how to fight with dignity and grace. She showed concern for all her female co-workers, letting us know the importance of getting regular check-ups. This entire agency loved and admired her. I am blessed to have met and worked with her and will miss her very much.##imported-begin##Becky Nowell##imported-end##

December 29, 2011 at 09:23 AM



“ Judy was a dear friend for over 40 years. I will remember wonderful times I spent with her and Robert. We had great conversations together and some of her words continue to echo through my mind. I am honored to have known her. My love and sympathy go out to Robert and her family. She is now a spirit set free.##imported-begin##Karen Nemeth##imported-end##

December 29, 2011 at 08:51 AM



“ I have learned alot from Judy, having the pleasure of working with her the past several years. She was an AMAZING woman with unbelievable fortitude and grace. I will fondly remember her! I feel I have grown from knowing Judy.##imported-begin##Tammy Mallett##imported-end##

December 29, 2011 at 08:42 AM



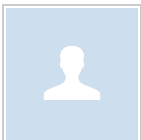
“ I was so sorry to hear about Judy's passing. She was someone who impacted my life and I will never forget her. May she finally be at peace. She will be missed.##imported-begin##Cindy Zimmerman##imported-end##

December 29, 2011 at 08:00 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you .Let us know if you need anything.##imported-begin##Gary and Dawna Sands##imported-end##

December 29, 2011 at 07:10 AM



“ My sincerest sympathy and heartfelt condolences go out to Robert and to everyone in Judy Smedley's family.

I had the opportunity of working with Judy at the Employment Training Connection and it was indeed a privilege.

She will be very much missed.##imported-begin##Barry Scholles##imported-end##

December 29, 2011 at 04:49 AM