



## Judy K. Latva

July 30, 1947 - February 24, 2024

Judy Latva passed away peacefully at her home on Saturday, February 24, 2024. She remained incredibly independent until the last couple weeks of life when her three-year battle with kidney and lung cancer came to an end. A debt of gratitude to the SSM Health Cancer Center and their amazing medical staff for giving her far, far longer than expected.

Judy was raised in Fond du Lac and graduated from Goodrich High School. She married the love of her life, Jim (Hammer) in 1973. They started their family in 1976 with the birth of their first, and only child, Jason. It did not take her long to realize she had hit the “son lottery”. Although a biological mom to one, she was a second mom to many of Jason’s friends whom she loved like her own. She retired from Averbeck and Hammer Law Firm in...actually, no one is 100% sure she ever even retired? She would tell people she retired but it seemed like she continued going there to work. She also worked for Boda’s Restaurant up until the last few weeks of her life. Boda’s was more of a love than a job and she had her own family there between the staff and the customers. She would do adult guardianships for Fond du Lac County for those in need. She would help with friend’s taxes, notarize documents, give people rides, the list goes on and on. She was the definition of the word “selfless”.

After Jim’s death in 2019, she remained in her home in Fond du Lac, and continued to live her life with zest and zeal. She loved to keep busy and was always on the go until the end. Lunches with Joyce, visiting with Bonnie, or

any number of crazy excursions with her best friend, Jane. She particularly loved to travel to Green Bay to see her grandsons, Tyson and Beckett, who became her entire world and who she adored more than anyone (besides Jason). While in Green Bay, she would drive her daughter-in-law Sherie crazy, constantly telling her how lucky she was to be married to her son because he is such an amazing person and perfect in every way. Jason would always agree with his mom on these points. Sherie agreed too.

Judy is survived by her amazingly handsome, intelligent, charismatic son, Jason Latva (Judy would have wanted it written this way); her daughter-in-law Sherie (Payne) Latva; and grandsons Tyson and Beckett Latva; sister-in-law Sandy Latva, many special nieces and nephews, her very special friend, Jane Boda who was by her side until the end, and her amazing neighbors, Steve and Paula Forsberg, who she considered family and were a huge reason she was able to remain in her house the entire time after Jim passed away. Judy was preceded in death by her parents Roland and Laverne (Sook) Boese, husband, Jim Latva, infant daughter, Kristine, sister, Shirley Michels, sister and brother-in-law Barbara and Ronald Tabbert, sister-in-law Esther Kivimaki, brother-in-law, Victor Kivimaki, and brother-in-law, William Latva.

GATHERING: Per Judy's wishes there will be a Celebration of her Life at the Fond du Lac Eagle's Club, 515 N. Park Avenue, on Saturday, March 9th from 12:00 to 3:00. Oddly enough, her husband Jim's Celebration of Life ceremony was on the exact same day exactly 5 years prior. There will be a short memorial service at 1:00 with lunch to follow. Cremation has taken place. No flowers please. Seriously, PLEASE, no flowers. This woman had an unnatural hatred for flowers, can't really explain it. She was mostly normal otherwise. It saved her husband and son a boatload of money on holidays though.

Memorials to the family.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

MAR 9. 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Fond du Lac Eagle's Club  
515 N. Park Avenue  
Fond du Lac, WI 54935

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## Service

MAR 9. 1:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

PL

“ If I had to use one word to describe Judy, it would be "livewire".  
Such a nice person. Loved the way the obituary was written. Also  
loved the way the dad's obituary was written when he passed. She  
was a wonderful person who I'm sure will be missed. So sorry for  
your loss.  
Pat Law

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**Pat Law** - March 02, 2024 at 07:38 PM

MM

“ mary marlowe lit a candle in memory of Judy  
Latva



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**mary marlowe** - March 01, 2024 at 12:06 PM

PK

“ Pamela Kozisek lit a candle in memory of  
Judy Latva



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**Pamela Kozisek** - March 01, 2024 at 10:23 AM

SY

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. Your mom was an amazing person she  
will be very missed.

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**Sally Yeager** - February 28, 2024 at 09:14 PM

SY

“ *Sally Yeager lit a candle in memory of Judy Latva*



Sally Yeager - February 28, 2024 at 09:13 PM

KM

“ *I had a little tear when Tyler told me about Judy's passing. But then I read the obituary written by her amazing and incredibly handsome son and said to myself " RIP dear friend." 😊 Hugs, especially to the little ones she loved so much.*

Karen Mengel - February 28, 2024 at 01:38 PM



“ *Paula Jolly lit a candle in memory of Judy Latva*



Paula Jolly - February 28, 2024 at 01:06 PM

DG

“ *2 of the best gone now, missing you both*



David Galle - February 28, 2024 at 12:45 PM

SY

*You're both finally together in heaven. Two awesome people*

**Sally Yeager** - February 28, 2024 at 09:12 PM

TD

*She was a "GEM" We loved talking to her at the Eagles. Rest in peace Judy. Tom & Cathy Deitte*

**Tom G Deitte** - February 29, 2024 at 11:03 AM

AP

*I AM SO SAD TO HEAR OF THE LOSS OF JUDY!!! SHE WAS SUCH AN UPBEAT PERSON...ALWAYS FUN TO TALK TO....MY BENJI WILL MISS HER DEARLY....HE WOULD ALWAYS LOOK FOR JUDY ON OUR WALKS....RIP SWEET JUDY...YOU WILL BE DEARLY MISSED...THANKS FOR ALL THE GREAT VISITS WE HAD...I WILL TREASURE THEM...MY CONDOLANCES TO HER SON AND HIS FAMILY....I KNOW SHE LOVED THEM DEARLY.*

**alice Pickart** - March 06, 2024 at 09:05 AM

CJ

*One of the kindest and most down to earth people on this planet. Treated everyone with a smile and a joke. I hope she and Jim are together, laughing and drinking coffee together.*

**Cathy and Steve Jones** - March 21, 2024 at 05:47 PM