



## Judith DiRocco

August 1, 1942 - September 3, 2020

Judith DiRocco, age 78, passed away Thursday, September 3, 2020 at Tideland's Waccamaw Community Hospital.

Born in New York, NY, Judith was a daughter of the late James and Elizabeth McDonald. Judith enjoyed aqua aerobics, was an avid reader of books, and loved to travel with her husband. She was a Social Studies teacher for Saratoga Springs City School District for many years.

Survivors include her husband of 51 years, Anthony P DiRocco; daughters Valerie DiRocco-Ruskin (Stephen) of Clifton Park, NY, and Ann Marie DiRocco of Charlotte, NC; and one sister Elizabeth McDonald Phillips of Murrells Inlet, SC.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions made be made to the American Cancer Society or Memorial Sloan Kettering Hospital.

A Memorial Service will be held at St. Michael Catholic Church.

An online guest book is available at [www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com](http://www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com)

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel is handling the arrangements.

# Tribute Wall

TC

“ Tony, We extend our prayers and condolences to you and your family. The St. Joseph's parish family in Greenfield greatly miss you.

*May Judy feel the warm embrace of our Lord Jesus as she enters eternal life.*

*God bless you. Tom & Rebecca Cronin*

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**Thomas and Rebecca Cronin** - September 09, 2020 at 12:00 PM

JT

“ I remember Judy from many years of our children being in school and at St. Joseph's Church. May she rest in peace and see my wife Barbara Templin.

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**John L Templin** - September 09, 2020 at 08:15 AM

TK

“ Tony, Valerie and Ann Marie, Barbara and I were very sad to hear that Judy had died. We still talk about you and all that you did for St Joseph's, especially everything associated with St Joseph's Table. All of you will be in our prayers as you mourn your loss, but remember all the good times. May she rest in peace.

*Tom and Barbara Kelly*

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**thomas Kelly** - September 06, 2020 at 10:14 PM

AL

“ Dear Tony,

*Today I was "hit" with a thought of you both... decided to act on it via google and was saddened to see that Judy had just passed. I remember the night [ October 1968] ... you called us to say you had exciting news.... you had met and become engaged to Judy! You fell head over heels for her the first time you saw her... and couldn't wait for school to begin to meet the new blond teacher. You were engaged within two months and married 3 months later in February, 1969.... but there was a storm during your reception. You made it to the airport, only to be stranded there for several days! What a wild beginning to a love-filled life. We were so glad you could be at our wedding on LI - and to return the favor with Doug being your best man. Time and miles do not erase friendships. We know you and Judy traveled everywhere on earth known to man. One other time I had a "hit" on Judy... turned out that it was the dayt Valerie was born. Obviously our thread to one another was so ESP strong.*

*We miss being able to just hop over to Saratoga for a theatre/dinner weekend. We hope your retirement in SC included many happy years and good times and we are so sorry for your sorrow... but you know you will be together again - a new resurrection in a healthy body but the same love.*

*Alicia and Doug Lippert*

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**Alicia Lippert** - September 05, 2020 at 01:08 PM

NB

“ My condolences to the Family. Judith was my Social Studies teacher in 1979-1980. I frequently think of her and how concerned she was with my future. I was a troubled kid with a bad family life. I had a bad attitude and made a poor effort. I often think of how I let her down and frustrated her at the time. She would plea with me that I was smart and had no excuse for cheating myself. I knew she really cared about me and my future. Once I entered High School, things turned around and I later entered the Army and went on to be a Drill Sergeant and after discharge I became police officer an EMT and a police chief. I adopted troubled children and helped them a lot. Some part of me always wanted to contact Judith and say, "See, I made it". I wish I had. Judith was an example of a proper person who wanted to share that with her students. Proper English, proper attire, proper manners and if I recall correctly, a proper Mercedes LOL. What I am about to say is the truth and I am not the kind of person to make things up. Prior to knowing of Judith's passing, I had a dream last night. I was at the school with my Mom and she was to meet with Judith. My Mom explained that I was going through some hard times with my parents being separated. Judith looked at me and I said, "don't worry about it, I'm 55 years old now and I made it". Judith said, "I see" and there was a peaceful smile on her face. I awoke and thought about what a strange dream about a person I had not seen in 40 years. That is the truth. Imagine how I felt when I saw her obituary this afternoon. I have no reason to make this story up. I don't know what to say or if I should of kept it to myself. I do know that somehow God allowed us to connect and maybe she was being reassured that all the great she did wasn't in vain but actually helped even the toughest of kids. My prayers are with you all and may she rest with the Lord.

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Norman Boyea - September 04, 2020 at 05:41 PM