



Judy Mills

September 7, 1958 - January 3, 2014

Judy D. Mills, age 55 passed away on Friday, January 3, 2014 at Grand Strand Regional Medical Center.

Born in Jacksonville, FL, she was a daughter of the late Robert J. Doran Sr. and Marjorie Owens Doran. Mrs. Mills was an art teacher and counselor at Myrtle Beach Middle School for over 25 years. Judy was a loving wife, sister and aunt. She had a wonderful sense of humor, was always laughing and never met a stranger. She was preceded in death by her brother Bobby Doran.

Survivors include husband of 26 years, James W. Mills, her sisters Elaine D. (Ray) Mitchell of Matthews, NC, Patricia D. Hendriks of Pawleys Island, SC; maternal aunt Nell O. Rogers; maternal uncles Michael B. Owens and H. Wesley Owens; brother and sister in laws Bobby Conn, Otis C. Mills, Susan G. Mills, Richard Green, Cindy Mills, Edward Mills, John and Jennifer Mills; nieces and nephews Scott D. Mitchell, Laine Hendriks, Henry Hendriks, Courtney L. Mills and Joseph M. DeFranco.

Services will be held at 3:00 PM on Wednesday, January 8, 2013 at St. Michael's Catholic Church.

Memorial donations may be made to American Diabetes Association P.O. Box 11454, Alexandria, VA 22312, 571-432-4400.

An online guestbook is available at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com/obituaries
Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

Previous Events

Service

JAN 8.

St. Michael Catholic Church

Tribute Wall

PM

“ *Patsy Mills lit a candle in memory of Judy Mills*



Patsy Mills - December 23, 2014 at 11:06 AM

MJ

“ I had Mrs. Mills as a guidance counselor and an art teacher at MBMS. I experienced some very challenging phases during 6th, 7th, and 8th grade. I first turned to my guidance counselor for help during the 7th grade and kept doing so until I went off to high school. Mrs. Mills was always there for me when I needed someone to just listen to me or when I needed advice. I remember the stories that she would tell me like when she ironed her hair with an actual iron when she was a little girl and how she knew my uncle from her high school years...these things have stayed with me and make me laugh when i think about all of her stories. Another thing that I remember about Mrs. Mills is that she would keep me after art class to ask me about my day and give me advice when I needed it. I was very fortunate to have Mrs. Mills in my life during those years because she was like a second mother to me each day at school. I look up to you so much Mrs. Mills and I wish I could thank you in person for opening your arms for me and never judging me as a person. You will always have a special place in my heart and I cannot wait to see you again some day so that I can attempt to return the amount of love and care that you freely gave to me. I also just want to recognize how strong you always were each day in class. I know that you struggled with diabetes and I remember the few days where you would feel weak...not because you would show your pain but because I usually talked with you after class and you would tell me. Personally, I am doubtful that I would ever be able to keep a smile on my face each day if I were in your shoes. You have been such a blessing in my life and will continue to motivate me to get out of bed every morning and spend my day helping others the most that I can. I will never forget you. Love, Mary Alice Jordan

Mary Alice Jordan - January 22, 2014 at 07:24 PM

PL

“ Dear Jim I pray God gives you strength to help you. I'll always miss my best friend and the good times we had the laughs we shared and all the years Judy was there for me no matter what I was going through. It is so rare to have such a good friendship as the one me and Judy had how blessed I was to have had her in my life. My prayers are with you love pam

Pam Lawrimore - January 18, 2014 at 12:24 PM

JM

“ My heart is broken. I will miss you so much Judy . All the years of knowing you and doing your hair, I will always remember. We always had such a good time talking and laughing. Will miss your hug. I know your hubby Jim and your baby dogs are so sad. My prayers are with them all Judy loved you all, always talked about them.. Thanks for being in my life. Love you always, your friend and hairdresser, Johnny Morris

johnny morris - January 10, 2014 at 05:34 PM



“ I miss you i didnt know you went away hope you be safe.up at too god

Zackary Kochaniec - January 08, 2014 at 08:00 PM

AN

“ I was so sorry to hear of Judy's passing. I had the honor and privilege to work with Judy for many years at MBMS. I will miss her smile, her great sense of humor, and her friendship. Rest in peace. I will miss you my friend!

Allyson Newbold

Allyson Newbold - January 08, 2014 at 06:59 PM

EP

“ jim, thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family. from the patricks, eddie, cyndi, christopher and jack

eddie patrick - January 08, 2014 at 04:16 PM



“ Devon Newsome sent a virtual gift in memory of Judy Mills



Devon Newsome - January 08, 2014 at 04:13 PM



“ Devon Newsome lit a candle in memory of Judy Mills



Devon Newsome - January 08, 2014 at 04:11 PM



“ I will miss her she was my favorite art teacher and she really inspired me to keep doing what I love and that's art I love u miss mills and again I will miss you very much and to her family I am sorry for your loss. :(

Devon Newsome - January 08, 2014 at 04:06 PM

JM

“*Judy, Judy, Judy, as I used to call you. I was shocked, like many others to hear that you have gone from us so soon. I will always remember our fun times spent hanging out at lunch in Elizabeth's room. You always made me laugh, and some days that was really needed as a break from work. But not just that, I treasure all the times we spent together at MBMS, sitting in the bleachers during assemblies, chatting in the halls, your art room, your office as counselor. I looked forward to seeing you as I walked my students past your classroom to their next class each period of the day. We spent many, many years teaching together at MBMS, & I remember the "the good old" days. We also saw many changes, good & bad; but you always made the very best of them all. I am so glad that I came by to visit you in your classroom last school year. It was so good to see and hear from you. I was also glad to know Jim. You two had such a special relationship. I am glad I had the opportunity to visit your home to see how special your dogs and animals were to you. You were such a caring and sweet person. You were "one of kind" my friend, and I will truly miss you. Love you, Jane Millen*

Jane Millen - January 08, 2014 at 08:03 AM

EG

“ I am in total shock right now. It was just a couple weeks ago I saw her at the middle school visiting with my former mentee. Mrs. Mills was the type of woman who was always there when you needed her. Her encouraging words helped me throughout my years in middle school. It was a rough time for me and she was constantly there. There were times we cried, laughed, and rejoiced together. The recent time I saw her, she wondered what I was doing with my life since I graduated. I was proud to say that I was attending the University of South Carolina to pursue a degree in Journalism. She lit up with joy, knowing that her time and efforts were not in vain. There is so much I can say about this woman, but her words, encouragement, and hugs speak for itself. Mrs. Mills, you truly, sincerely will be missed and thank you for your encouragement throughout my years in middle and even high school. Thank you so much! To the immediate family, friends, and coworkers, I say this. Do not mourn because she is gone, rejoice because she was able to touch so many lives with her sense of humor, honesty, and truthfulness. Even through our darkest times, God shows us his favor, mercy, and grants us strength to deal with the darkest times. We thank him in advance for His many blessings! Thank you Mrs. Mills....FOR EVERYTHING!

*Eric "E.J." Goings
Myrtle Beach, South Carolina*

Eric "E.J." Goings - January 07, 2014 at 08:52 PM

MW

“ I am so very sorry to learn of Judy's passing, far too soon. I had the great pleasure to work with her for several years through CCU's Mentor program. She was always quick to laugh and loved providing new opportunities for her students. My prayers and thoughts are with her family, for the progress of her soul and their comfort and healing.
-Margene Willis

Margene Willis - January 07, 2014 at 08:13 PM

JC

“ Mrs. Mills meant so very much to me as a student at Myrtle Beach Middle. I can remember spending countless hours in her classroom talking, and simply enjoying being around her. She had such a welcoming and jovial spirit about her, and she made me feel so special during a very difficult time for myself personally. She made me laugh, gave me lots of hugs, and always encouraged me. To this day, I have a little clay angel she made for me sitting on my bookshelf. She was a good woman, an amazing teacher, and a friend I many, I know.

Janna Cook - January 07, 2014 at 04:27 PM

SM

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Scott McDougal - January 07, 2014 at 11:56 AM

DS

“ *My thoughts and prayers to Mrs. Mills family during this time. May God wrap his love around you all as you face the days and weeks ahead.*

Dawn Sarte - January 07, 2014 at 10:54 AM



“ *I was in middle school 1999-2001, and I met Mrs. Mills through my mother who, at the time, worked in the front office at Myrtle Beach Middle School. I was asked to assist her in cleaning her art room, getting rid of old things and project items. She was an art teacher at the time. At first, I was scared.. because middle school was the three worst years of my life, however, Mrs. Mills immediately had me in tears laughing. I had never had such a connection with a teacher before. I love her very much, and have SO much respect for Mrs. Mills. She is an inspiration to students such as myself and I will forever keep her in my heart. My family loves her, my siblings and I were all her students and she and my mother worked together for years. Many, many condolences to her family and loved ones left behind. Please know she will forever live on in the halls of the schools and hearts of her past students.*

Keli Massow - January 06, 2014 at 07:28 PM

AM

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are for Mrs. Mills' family, and in gratitude for all the lives she touched at Myrtle Beach Middle. She will be deeply missed.*
Most Fondly, The Myrtle Beach Middle School PTO

Amy - January 06, 2014 at 05:56 PM

JP

“ Just want to send my Prayers to Mrs. Judy Mills and Family. My son Tyreese Shaw is a 7th grade student at Myrtle Beach Middle. He is saddened about the news of her passing, and remembers her warm heart as his Art Teacher. To the Family let your heart not be trouble for she will be forever missed by all. In Heaven she has a new life as an Angel looking of you.

Jessica Pickett, Tyreese Shaw.

Jessica Pickett - January 06, 2014 at 05:19 PM

MI

“ I just got a call from my sister who knows how highly I respected and loved Mrs. Mills. Mrs. Mills played an extremely active role in both my education and my career path. I attended MBMS from the 98-99 to the 00-01 school years, she was my favorite most memorable teacher (along with Mrs. Atkins the computer typing teacher, and Nurse Oakes !). I would not have had the foundation to continue with my career in education without such a beautiful person to guide and motivate me to follow my dreams and pursue goals regardless of their difficulty. I talk about Mrs. Mills often with many who attended her Art classes and others who saw her for guidance; everyone who had her for art can not deny that without her they wouldn't know the true artistic definition or use of the horizon line nor which point of reference to use within any drawing. She always focused in on the foundational concepts and made you work hard to master basic concepts which in turn allowed you to form your own style. Both of my siblings went through MBMS quite a few years after me and have also had the privilege to experience her remarkable qualities as an individual who gave her everything everyday and poured herself selflessly into education. She was always very consistent with her rules and would always find that little something in each student and would somehow bring it out in order for students to see and feel that intrinsic motivational factor in not only their own k-12 education but how it connected to their own personal life after school and in the real world - always connecting teachable moments to the transition each student eventually makes into the real world. She accepted few requests after I graduated and entered the College of Ed. @ Coastal to mentor me through a few projects, tutoring and mentoring programs I was assigned to during my years @ CCU. The last time I spent with her was at Brookgreen gardens with a fairly large group of students provided through the Dalton and Linda Filloyd Mentoring program. She will remain a great asset to my both my life in and out of education. I will be eternally grateful for the experience and strength she has provided me and many others with. She will truly be missed. I send lots of love and prayers to her family and all her close friends.

-Former Student/Mentee

Michael - January 06, 2014 at 04:19 PM

EF

“ *Mrs.mills was a very nice and caring person, i appreciate everything that she did for me. :(she was such an active and happy person. i cant even go into the the art room because im so used to having her around and the good vibe she gave us. i will miss her so much! i love you mrs.mills. RIP! i hope to join you in heaven one day. till than i just hope you stick around as our guardian angel. in loving memory of judy mills :(*
- elissa florian..... her student

elissa florian - January 06, 2014 at 02:38 PM

ST

Judy you will be missed terribly. We will never forget your smile, kind words and loving, giving heart. Keli, Kort and Joel all love you and so do I. You will forever remain in our hearts. God bless you Jim and your family. You are all in our prayers. Rest in Peace Judy... sherry

Sherry Turner - January 06, 2014 at 06:33 PM



she was :(

Devon Newsome - January 08, 2014 at 04:08 PM