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Judy Mekker, 74, of Liverpool, passed away peacefully Monday, surrounded by her loving family. She joins her first born son, Michael Joseph, in the arms of our heavenly Father.

Judy was born July 24, 1939 in Cleveland, OH. She was the daughter of Frank and Irma Schalkey. On April 12, 1958, Judy and Frank, Sr. married and moved to San Diego, CA where Frank was stationed at Miramar Naval Air Station. In 1962, they moved to Baltimore, MD for 4 years before reaching their final destination in Liverpool, NY.

In addition to raising her ten children, Judy also held positions at Ames Department Store, Marine Midland Bank and General Dynamics (San Diego). She also ran a successful home bakery that supplied baked goods to GE CSP-5. Judy's love of travel inspired her to become a travel agent and also the secretary for Women in Travel.

Judy and Frank shared the same dream: to visit every National Park in the United States. They managed to visit 48 out of the 58 NP's located throughout the 50 states plus many national monuments. Cruising, hiking, camping and being outdoors was shared with their children throughout their 55 years of marriage.

Judy devoted much of her time to several charitable organizations. As an avid member of Christ the King Parish, she served on the church council, was a Eucharistic minister and taught Special Ed CCD. Judy was a founding committee member for FISH of Liverpool. She also volunteered to cook for Meals on Wheels.

Judy is survived by her loving husband, Frank Sr.; daughters, Susan Woodruff, Theresa (Ken) Bertsch, Heidi, Grace (Bob) Amodie and Iris (Jeff) Stein; sons, Frank Jr. (Rosa), Chris, Mark (Halyna), Zac (Shannon) and Luke (Carolyn); 30 grandchildren; sister, Karen Plank; several nieces, nephews and cousins.



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Calling hours for family and friends will be held on Thursday, July 18th from 4 to 7 p.m. in the THOMAS J. PIRRO JR. FUNERAL HOME, 3401 Vickery Rd. (corner of Buckley Road) North Syracuse. A Memorial Mass will be held at 1 p.m. on Friday, July 19th at Christ the King Church located at 21 Cherry Tree Circle, Liverpool, NY.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Judy's name to the American Cancer Society (donate.cancer.org), 6725 Lyons Street, PO Box 7, East Syracuse, NY 13057 or to the National Park Foundation (nationalparks.org), 1201 Eye Street NW, Suite 550B, Washington, DC 20005.




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Visitation

 **Thursday**, July 18, 2013


 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM ET


 **Thomas J. Pirro Jr. Funeral Home**
3401 Vickery Rd, Syracuse NY 13212

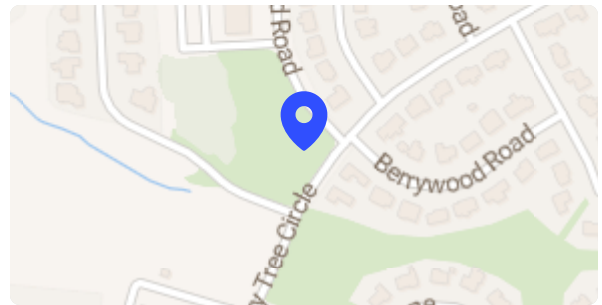


Memorial Mass

 **Friday**, July 19, 2013

 1:00 PM ET

 **Christ the King Church**
21 Cherry Tree Circle, Liverpool NY 13090





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DR

Donna & Robert Ruth posted:

Dear Mekker Family, We extend our sincere condolences to all of you and will remember Judy's smiling face and giving spirit. Donna and Bob Ruth

July 23 at 10:19 AM

DB

Dawn Bucci posted:

so sorry for your loss, will keep you all in my prayers Dawn Bucci

July 23 at 7:50 AM

GD

Greg Dubel posted:

Dear Mekker Family-When I think of your Mom, one word come to mind.....Great. She had a Great Family, Great sense of adventure, Great dedication to friends and family, Great ability to laugh and help others to do the same, and was a Great example. She led a wonderful life full of love, kindness, sharing, and experiences and her legacy lives on in all of you. I feel blessed to have known her and to have had the privilege of sharing many experiences with the Mekkers over the past 25+ years. Our thoughts are with you during this difficult time. Greg and Laurie Dubel and family- Barrington, Rhode Island

July 22 at 5:57 AM

MB

M Bowman posted:

Dear Mekker Family, Judy taught our daughter, Heidi, in the special ed class at Christ The King Church. We will always remember her patience and kindness. Judy truly made our world a better place. Every year at Christmas, we have the large pine cones Judy gave us from her travel, sitting on our mantel. We will always remember her warm smile. Peace be with each of you, Margaret And Heidi Bowman

July 21 at 2:05 AM

CE

Charlotem> Erbland July 23 at 4:45 PM

Dear Frank & Family Sincere condolences. So many memories of Judy's beautiful smile, always ready to help and such a great example to us all. My prayers are with you; I understand how it is to lose someone we love but she is at her reward and will look after you all in God. Hugs Love & God Bless Charlotte Erbland Millville NJ



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SF

Sandy Fenske posted:

To the Mekker Family;My sincere condolences on your mom's passing. I know that you were blessed to have her and she was blessed to have you all. What a lovely family.My thoughts are with you. Remember the good times.Sandy Fenske.

July 19 at 12:33 PM

CP

Christa Parker posted:

Zac and Family,The Chasz Parker family extends our deepest sympathies to you. What a wonderful woman Judy was. I loved reading about her life and wish I could accomplish half of the life she gave to you all and this world. Well done, thy good and faithful servant! I am so happy and proud to see how her good has influenced and lived on in you, Zac. God bless you all and give you peace during this time and always.Christa Parker

July 19 at 12:26 PM

RG

Rosemary Alexy Golick posted:

Frank and family...I am so very happy to have reconnected with Judy and you in Melbourne Beach, FL. I always hoped we would get together again. Judy was such a wonderful person! I am visiting with my sister Peggy in Massachusetts and talking about your wonderful family when she looked up Judy online only to discover her obituary. I know she will be missed by everyone who knew her. I would like to offer condolences from the entire Alexy Family (all 9 of us) and extend our heartfelt sympathy to all of your family. We may have lived apart but family is always remembering the good times we had as children. We are all Csoltko"s still.love, Rosemary Alexy Golick , Margaret Alexy Rose , John - Paul - Tom - Bob - Bill - Al - George Alexy

July 19 at 8:35 AM

ZD

Zach Dengos posted:

So sorry for your loss, Coach Mekker.Zach Dengos, Cicero, NY

July 19 at 6:12 AM

CR

Chris & Bill Rodgers posted:

Dear Luke, Carolyn & Family,We are very sorry for your loss. Thinking of you...Chris, Bill & Emma RodgersRochester, NY

July 19 at 5:47 AM



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JZ

John & Sharon Zeggert posted:

Dear Frank and family, John and I were so sorry to hear about Judy. I can remember you and "some" of your children at our house - they were eating popcorn and drinking soda. sitting on our living room floor. I thought afterwards, "Boy, Frank and Judy really know how to parent, your kids were fantastic/ {and they even took their glasses to the kitchen}. John, of course, remembers working along side of you Frank, but our collective thoughts always think in terms of Frank, Judy and the kids!! My God Bless you and your family at this very difficult time. Love to all, John and Sharon Zeggert

July 18 at 5:21 PM

MC

Mary Frances Comfort posted:

Dear Frank and family: I was saddened to hear of Judy's passing. She was such a lovely lady who always had a smile on her face. I remember what a great baker she was and how the house smelled when I picked up her delicious cakes. I recall her telling the story of teaching a young CCD class and stressing the good news of the gospel. When she said that, one of the youngsters said: "That's not good news!" As her heart sank, he commented "That's GREAT news!" In her days as a travel agent, she put together a super trip out west for us. She truly will be missed. Sincerely, Mary Frances Comfort

July 18 at 3:41 PM

NQ

Neal Quartier posted:

Dear Mekker Family, Judy was such a special person. She was a great wife and mother. I drove by Pirro's at 6:45 for the wake and it was so mobbed I went for supper and returned at about 7:30 believing you would still be there. Unfortunately the other wake was so crowded that I thought they were all for you. So sorry I missed you. You are all in my prayers and thoughts. I will try to make the funeral if nothing else pops up. Fr. Neal Quartier

July 18 at 3:02 PM

MA

Mark posted:

Dear Mekker family, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. She was always so positive and thoughtful. My thoughts and prayers go out to you. Find strength that she is still keeping a watchful and protective eye on all the kids and grandchildren. Sincerely, Mark Woodruff

July 18 at 2:00 PM



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SH

Susan (Twomey) Hammack posted:

Chris and Family, You all are in my thoughts & prayers. So sorry for the loss of your Mom...may your wonderful memories bring you comfort at this time and in the future.Sincerely and sending extra love your way,Sue

July 18 at 7:18 AM

AF

Anne Folger posted:

Dear Frank and Family,I am so sorry to hear of Judy's passing. She was a true inspiration to all who knew her. God's blessings to all of you.Anne Halpin FolgerOak Hill West Virginia

July 18 at 5:53 AM

LC

Le Moyne College posted:

Please accept the sympathy of Le Moyne College on the occasion of the death of your mother. Be assured of our prayers for her, for you and for your family.Le Moyne College, Office of Alumni and Parent ProgramsSyracuse, NY

July 18 at 5:16 AM

TC

Theresa And John Costello posted:

Mark, Frank, Heidi, Sue & families,So sorry for the loss of your beautiful Mother - our hearts go out to you. Remember all the great times of love, laughter, and fun, and she will live on in your hearts forever until you meet her again. You are in our thoughts and prayers.Theresa and John Costello

July 18 at 4:08 AM

DA

Dan D'agostino posted:

Frank and FamilyI'm so sorry to hear about Judy. She was always a smile of optimism, a great wife and mother. The pleasure to know and to teach her children was a distinct honor for me. She was a hard worker a dedicated member of Christ The King and role model to us all. I'm so sorry that I can not be with you to celebrate her life, but know my thoughts and prayers are with you all. God Bless

July 18 at 3:05 AM



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Rosemarie Emmi posted:

Heidi, Please accept my sincere sympathy on the loss of your Mom. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. May God s peace and acceptance come to all of you. BLessings, Mrs Emmi

July 17 at 8:23 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Judy by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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