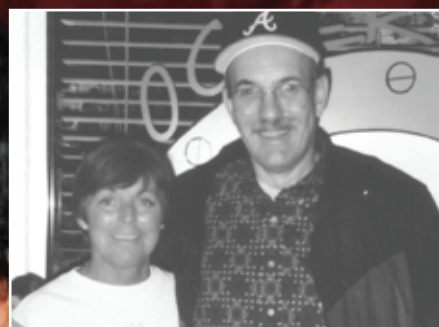


JudithCopp

May 12, 1946 - October 6, 2014



Judy's Life Story

With unending love for her family and friends, Judith Copp brought such light and life to the world around her. She was energetic and vibrant with a zest for life that was contagious to all who were near. Judy was a loving wife and devoted mother who was filled with unspeakable joy to witness her family tree blossom to include both grandchildren and great-grandchildren who made her so very proud. She worked hard, whether in the workplace or at home, and she loved nothing more than feeling the warm sunshine on her face in sunny Florida during the cold days of winter back home. A woman who was content in all things, Judy's quiet strength and unwavering courage were truly inspiring. She will be deeply missed while her memory is forever cherished by all who were blessed to know and love her.

During the early part of the 1940s the eyes of our nation were focused overseas as WWII gained momentum and finally became a reality in our world with the vicious attack on our naval base in Pearl Harbor. There was celebration in the streets when the war ended in 1945, and by 1946 countless young servicemen and women had returned stateside to resume their lives. Donald Livingston was one of these men returning home. It was in 1946 that a young couple from Indianapolis, Indiana, was eagerly awaiting the birth of their new son or daughter; as spring was spreading all her beauty and warmth. The big day finally arrived on May 12th when the baby girl they named Judith Kay drew her first breath. She was greeted by her parents, Donald and Pearl (Sondergaard) Livingston. Although she was the only child born to her parents she was the youngest of five children to be raised in the family home as her father had children from a previous marriage.

In many ways Judith, or Judy as she was often known, experienced an upbringing that was typical for the youth of her generation. Both of her parents worked in manufacturing to support their bustling bunch. When Judy was 14 the family moved to Vicksburg, Michigan, where she attended local schools. In high school she was a cheerleader and was also voted homecoming queen.





After graduating from high school in 1964, Judy began working as a secretary at Brunswick. She later worked as a secretary in Vicksburg Schools for 25 years before retiring in 1995.

Not to be forgotten during her years right after high school was Judy's marriage to the man who would forever change the course of her life. His name was Douglas Bresson, and he was one year her senior. After having dated in high school they were married shortly after graduating. Together they were blessed with the births of two children, Brian and Denise. Although their marriage ended in divorce after 20 years, Judy was forever grateful for the children they shared. Later on she was thrilled to become a grandmother to nine grandchildren and eventually two great-grandchildren as well.

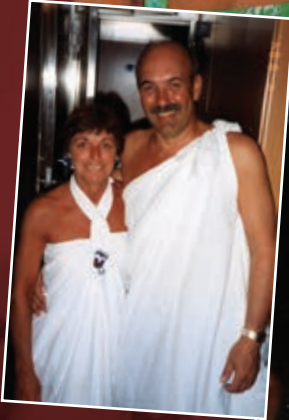
It was while working as a secretary at Vicksburg High School that Judy met Larry Copp who was a teacher there. After getting to know one another and dating for a time they were married on August 12, 1994. They were soul mates. They enjoyed spending time with family and friends, golfing, going out for dinner, and going to Michigan football games. They also enjoyed staying in and entertaining at home. Together they traveled the world. They took trips to Jamaica, and St. Kitts and went on many cruises. After retiring, they spent their winters in Florida.

They loved traveling to visit their children and grandchildren in California, Arizona and Alaska.

There were numerous things that enriched Judy's journey through the years. She had her own creative flair and was into scrapbooking, crafting, and quilting, and she was also an amazing seamstress. Judy was never a fan of Michigan winters, so for several years they traveled South, often to her favorite place, Ft. Myers, Florida, until the weather got too hot.

Later in life she did some traveling with her children and grandchildren, and she also loved golfing and going out gambling, usually trying her luck at the slots with her daughter, Denise. As someone who was musical she liked playing the piano and organ as well as listening to music from Enya, Bette Midler, and Bonnie Raitt. Pink was Judy's favorite color, and she enjoyed

shopping, a good glass of White Zinfandel, and spending time outside tending to her beautiful flower garden.





All who knew Judith Copp would agree that she was an extraordinary woman to know and love. She was outgoing and upbeat, the sort of person who could find the silver lining in the midst of storm clouds. Judy was never one to worry about building wealth, rather, she made it her focus to fully live in the moment while holding her loved ones near. Although she accomplished so much of which to be proud, she was a humble woman whose greatest joy was found in giving to others in ways both great and small. Judy will never be forgotten.



Judith K. Copp, of Portage, died on Monday, October 6, 2014. Judy's family includes her husband, Larry; two children: Brian Bresson and Denise (Steve) Hettinger; two stepchildren: Matthew (Krissie) Copp and David (Kathy) Copp; nine grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; two siblings: David Livingston and Mary Billheimer. Judy was preceded in death by



her parents: Donald and Pearl Livingston; two siblings: Robert and Donald Livingston. The family will receive friends on Tuesday, at 11 a.m. until the time of the service. The memorial service will be held on Tuesday, at 12 noon at Lord of Life Lutheran Church, 9420 Portage Rd. Please visit Judy's webpage at www.lifestorynet.com where you can sign the guest book and share a memory and/or photo. In lieu of flowers, those who wish may make a memorial contribution to Reverence Hospice and/or Lord of Life Lutheran Church.



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