



Judith "Judy" Sharon Wahlstrom

July 1, 1949 - February 23, 2022

Judith "Judy" Sharon Wahlstrom passed away peacefully on Tuesday, February 22, surrounded by her family and closest friends. Judy was born in Omaha, Nebraska, on July 1, 1949, to Ernest Wahlstrom and Sidney Wahlstrom. She and her mother moved to Tennessee in 1965 to help care for her grandmother, Ethel Speck. After graduating from Lebanon High School and Business College, Judy began working for the State of Tennessee as a secretary in the Social Services division of the Department of Public Welfare. This was the beginning of a lifelong career with the State of Tennessee. Judy served as an administrative secretary in the Departments of Human Services, Children Services, and Education. Judy won the honor of Secretary of the Year in 1989 and was also a recipient of the Compassion Award from the Department of Human Services.

If you knew Judy, you know she had a passion for helping others. Not only did she care about the families and children she assisted through her work, she also cared about her fellow state employees. She served as President of the Tennessee State Employees Association (TSEA) for 10 years. In her position, Judy worked tirelessly to help improve and protect the rights and benefits of state employees. Judy retired after serving the State of Tennessee for 36 years.

Judy's concern for others extended far into the Nashville Community. She served with the Room In The Inn winter shelter program for 35 years. She was the Council President at Memorial Lutheran Church, taught Sunday School,

and served as the Vacation Bible School coordinator. Since 2012, Judy was a full-time volunteer at the East Nashville Cooperative Ministry (ENCM) helping the organization to continue their history of “Neighbors Helping Neighbors”. She has served as the ENCM Director since 2017.

The family would like to thank lifelong friends, Eileen Beehan, Vickie Lawson, Brenda Thompson, and Jo Ann Davis-Davis for their love and support for Judy during her life and recent illnesses.

Judy is survived by many cousins who thought of Judy as an aunt or sister. These include members of the Seta family from Cincinnati, Ohio, the Speck and Crawford families from Lebanon, Tennessee, and the Suttle family from Aurora, Colorado. Judy put others’ needs before her own. In the words of one of her family members, “Judy was the best of us”. She will be dearly missed. Visitation and a celebration of life service for Judy will be Thursday, March 3rd at Memorial Lutheran Church, 1211 Riverside Drive, Nashville, TN. Visitation from 10:00 till 1:00 and service at 1:00. Interment will follow at Wilson County Memorial Gardens, 618 South Maple St. Lebanon, TN 37087.

Those unable to attend may view the service via Zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6152620224> Password: ELCA

In lieu of flowers, please donate to the East Nashville Cooperative Ministry, 3115 Gallatin Pike, Nashville, TN 37216.

Cemetery Details

Wilson County Memorial Gardens

618 South Maple St.
Lebanon, TN 37087

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 3. 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Memorial Lutheran Church
1211 Riverside Dr.
Nashville, TN 37206

Service

MAR 3. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Judith "Judy" Sharon Wahlstrom*

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“ *Staff of Second Harvest Food Bank of Middle TN extends their deepest condolences. We were honored to work alongside Judy for many years through the Emergency Food Box site at East Nashville Co-op. She cared deeply for her community and ENCM family and will truly be missed.*

Tracey Alderdice - February 28, 2022 at 01:23 PM



“ *I am so saddened for the passing of my dear friend Judy. We were such good friends for many years until I moved away but we managed to still keep in touch. I can't say enough great things about her because they can't be counted. She was one of the most selfless people you would ever meet. I never heard her say a negative remark about anyone. She was so compassionate for anyone needing help. We last communicated on January 6th of this year for my birthday and she was also deeply concerned about a family member of mine that is battling cancer. That is the kind of person she was! Heaven has surely gained an angel and she is now back with her mother that she dearly loved. RIP dear friend until we will meet again.*

You friend forever, Betty Baldinger Landrum

Betty Landrum - February 27, 2022 at 06:59 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Judith "Judy" Sharon Wahlstrom.*



February 26, 2022 at 09:31 AM



“ *During our many years of friendship Judy and I shared many tears and laughter. She was the embodiment of the commandment Jesus gave to love your neighbor as yourself. Judy will forever be missed but I have no doubt she and her mother have already reorganized heaven and have to angels straightened out to do things their way!*

Vickrick91@yahoo.com - February 26, 2022 at 09:23 AM