



Judith Ann Pilarski

January 16, 1943 - January 27, 2017

Judith Ann Pilarski, 74, of Manteno, passed away Friday (Jan. 27, 2017) at her home.

She was born Jan. 16, 1943, in Chicago, the daughter of Emil and Marie Stelk Rousar. Judith was married to Gilbert Pilarski.

Judith was a retired teacher. She enjoyed golfing, traveling, especially to Hawaii, and spending time with her family.

Surviving are her sons, Chris Pilarski, of Manteno, and David Pilarski, of Manteno; sisters, Linda Stanislawski, of Matteson, Susan and Lloyd Wisleder, of Marion, and Penelope Rousar, of Steger; and grandchildren, Sean Pilarski and Nathan Pilarski.

Preceding her in death were her husband: parents: and brother-in-law, Tony Stanislawski.

Visitation will be from 3 p.m. Thursday until the 7 p.m. funeral services at Brown Funeral Home in Manteno, with the Rev. Jack McCormick officiating. Cremation rites have been accorded.

Cemetery Details

Cremation rites will be accorded

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 2. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Judith Ann Pilarski*

October 06, 2023 at 01:14 PM

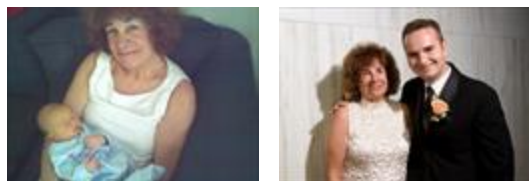


“ *Dear Chris and David,
Your mother, Judy, was very special to the whole Rousar family and in-laws. Besides being the wife of her cousin, Linc, she was like a sister to me. We both taught Spanish and were involved in AATSP. This created many fun bilingual conversations and visits. She came to see us twice in Maine and we hope you will enjoy a visit here when convenient. Meanwhile, we send sympathy, love and hugs.
Ginny and Linc Stelk (cousins)*

Virginia Stelk - February 02, 2017 at 03:45 PM



“ *2 files added to the album From David with love*



David Pilarski - February 02, 2017 at 12:54 PM



“ *she was a great substitute teacher for beecher, much love from spanish class*



gavin bigos - February 02, 2017 at 10:41 AM

 Elaine
Davis

“ I met Judy at the AATSP convention in Rio in 2002. We took a week long class to learn Portuguese. Neither of us could believe we were learning the subjunctive by the second day, Our students did not learn the subjunctive till Spanish III,

From then on Judy and I were roommates at the annual convention in Chicago, Acapulco, New York, Albuquerque and Guadalajara. What fun we had going to the Stage Deli in NYC (now closed) , riding a horse carriage in Guadalajara and taking a tour of the H. Stern Jewelry store in Rio. Our plan was to get together this summer in Chicago for the convention.

I will miss our tel/cons discussing school, EF Tours, golf, Trump and where in the world was our friend Paul, whom we met in Rio.

*Love ya Judy
Elaine Davis*

Elaine Davis - February 02, 2017 at 07:26 AM

 PC

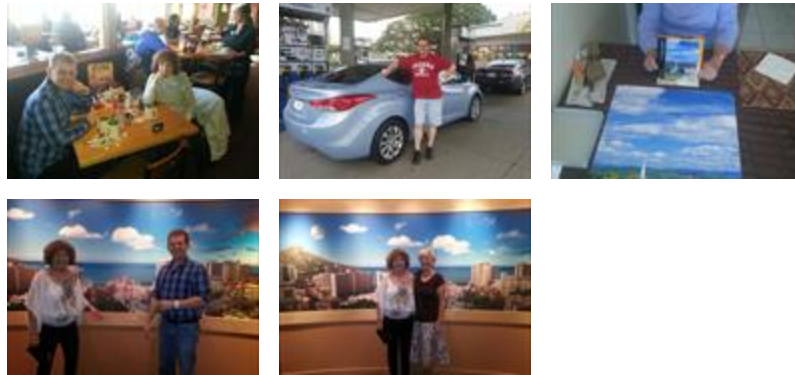
“ PSS I just keep thinking of more fun memories... I almost forgot our picnic in Kapiolani Park with Joy, Bill and Melodee and that great food from the Diamondhead Grill.

Paul C

Paul M Chandler - February 01, 2017 at 09:45 PM

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Paul M Chandler - February 01, 2017 at 09:33 PM

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“ *P.S. One year we got ice cream in Honolulu with Josie and had to find another ice cream shop on the way to Waikiki so Josie could get some for her son!*
Paul

Paul M Chandler - February 01, 2017 at 09:17 PM

PC

“ (cont.) Paul M Chandler

Lunches with Michelle at the New Otani or just hanging out the pool with Michelle and Ed.

Most years we had the Filet Mignon on Judy's birthday at the revolving restaurant Top of Waikiki--once with Michelle.

Once we walked up the entire entryway (50 feet?) to the entrance to Diamondhead before we turned around.

The Big Island trip with Armando and Miriam was fun. No, we did not put that scrape on the rental car! We did get lots of pictures around Volcano Craters Park.

Apple turnovers at Zippys.

In 2015 Judy had a relapse of her pneumonia after she arrived so we went to Straub for a week or so. Each night I would smuggle in the vice of the day, an ice cream sundae, a hamburger or a new stash of M&Ms.

She got to see my friend Marta's mom Juli (from Spain) when their visits to Hawaii coincided.

After her birthday dinner at Ala Moana one January, I dropped Judy off first and then took our friend Joy home—but I got a call from Judy—stuck in the elevator between floors. I could talk to her on the 16th floor. The mechanic arrived 45 minutes later--from the other side of the island! We laughed it off. What a memorable birthday!

Thanks for all of the wonderful memories, the trips all over, the pictures and the laughs!

As you can see, never a dull moment with Judy around! Rest in peace dear friend. I hope the M&Ms in heaven are the peanut butter ones you love.

Paul

Paul M Chandler - February 01, 2017 at 09:15 PM

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“ *We are sad at the passing of Judy, she truly was a blessing in our lives. Although sadness now closely lingers, the memories we have of her lift us to cherish the good times that we can never forget. A few years ago she came to visit us for the first time in Utah, she came to get to know us and for us to know about her*

*she was interested in me and my family
she loved to practice her Spanish on me
she reached out to us when it was not comfortable or easy for her to do so*

*she took time out of her busy life to get to know us and our life
she wanted us to take her to the places that were important to us
she was a loyal friend and friendly to everyone
she was there for me from the very start and although years and many miles had separated us the first time we met she made me feel comfortable and welcome*

We will miss her and her friendly welcoming smile, rest in peace Tia Judy, you will always be with us

Braun Bennett

Braun Bennett - February 01, 2017 at 09:12 PM

“ **BEECHER HIGH:**

Señora Pilarski! That great Spanish teacher from Beecher High School! She took student groups to climb the Acropolis in Athens, Greece, to Machu Picchu in Peru, to the Sydney Opera House in Australia, and beyond. That’s right, during her many years at Beecher, Judy took dozens of students to Europe, Latin America and Australia. Thanks Señora Pilarski. You opened up so many minds!

AATSP:

In 2002 I met this fun teacher, Señora Pilarski, in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil at the annual AATSP conference (American Association of Teacher of Spanish and Portuguese). Until Judy retired, we went to the AATSP conference almost every summer to have lots of laughs, I mean, for professional development. There was plenty of “turismo,” stories and laughter.

Those passion fruit / Lilikoi / maracujá desserts were so good— every day for a week!

Before that 2002 conference Judy, Elaine (from New Jersey) and I had a blast taking a week-long course: Portuguese for Spanish teachers. We loved our two teachers from São Paulo and, along with all those fun students, we got them chocolates, flowers and gifts at the end of the week.

Elaine (especially) and Judy called every day to see if they could go hang gliding along the beach, but the wind and the rain kept interfering and it became a joke. We saw the Naif Art work, the Oscar Niemeyer Museum in Niteroi, went up to the lookout on Sugar Loaf (Pão de Açúcar), and we boarded the tram up to Corcovado to get pictures underneath Cristo Rei’s huge, outstretched arms high above Rio. A long-time friend, Molli, (from Maui) spent some time with Judy after the conference.

In 2004 my partners-in-fun, Judy and Elaine, met up at AATSP in

Acapulco! We saw the cliff divers one day at lunch! The divers came up to the restaurant to greet us and even showed us their scars from the broken bones over the years. We also sent back some really bad Mexican wine at a very fancy restaurant with our good friends from Paraguay, Jose Luis and Stael. We ate so much that we decided to walk all the way back to our hotel along the coastline.

In Albuquerque (2007), while Armando and I were at the AATSP conference, Judy and Miriam took off on a jewelry buying binge. Hide your turquoise! Piña coladas in the hotel? Dinner out at the Brazilian restaurant. Too much food. Too many laughs.

VISITS:

More Peanut butter M&Ms, please.

Judy's January birthday trips to Honolulu got her out of the cold for at least two weeks a year. My visits to Illinois and Indiana were at Christmas and over the summer.

Steaks at TGIFridays in Illinois... "I have a coupon!"

One year we toured the National Spanish Exam office with Kevin and enjoyed a huge Spanish meal in Valparaiso, IN at Don Quijote Restaurant.

Are you playing bejeweled or candy crush?

When Judy visited in 2014 we drove out to Nanakuli where her great-niece Sarah had died in a bizarre accident—she was skating downhill on a busy road and somehow ran into a car.

Judy had just had a nice Christmas dinner—including Sarah—the month before. So Judy and I went to pay our respects. The picture on Judy's Facebook account is at the memorial Sarah's friends had set up.

Grilled cheese sandwiches at Zippys.

In Honolulu there was usually some shopping for the sons or grandsons at Kahala Mall or Ala Moana Shopping Center.

Chocolate pudding and ice cream parfaits at Zippys.

Every year Judy would go shopping and buy me things, a new set of towels, some really cool containers or platters for the kitchen, fun salt and pepper shakers, sugar bowls and creamer sets.

Dream cake at Zippys.

Incredible whale watching trip in Maui with Darío, and dinner with Molli. We drove the road to Hana! We took plenty of pictures.

Want some Fritos?

Judy sat in my Spanish classes a few times. (cont.) PAUL M CHANDLER

Paul M Chandler - February 01, 2017 at 09:11 PM

EC

“ *Judy was an honest and sharp woman, who always told it like it was. She was also the most splendid person you could talk to, always offering a smile and a laugh. My family adored her. She will certainly be missed.* ”

Eric Cockrell - February 01, 2017 at 08:32 PM



“ I worked at Dominick's in Matteson and she would shop there always. After a conversation about how much she loves teaching in Beecher we became great friends; as she taught my child. She always loved her role as a leader...and I'm sorry that she never got to fulfill her dream to move to Australia. That was put on hold when she became a grandmother...and I feel as if I knew her entire family the way she talked and shared her joy as mom/gram. She will be missed..I am so sorry for your families loss..

Karen Smith - February 01, 2017 at 12:02 PM



“ Love, Braun and Josie Bennett purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Judith Ann Pilarski.



Love, Braun and Josie Bennett - January 31, 2017 at 11:36 PM



“ Rose Remembrance was purchased for the family of Judith Ann Pilarski.



January 31, 2017 at 03:29 PM