



Judith Edwards

August 26, 1946 - November 13, 2021

Judith Ann Shelby Edwards passed away on November 13th, 2021, at the age of 75. Judy is survived by her husband, James Quincy (Jay) Edwards, Jr, to whom she was a devoted companion for 54 years. She also leaves behind her seven children: Lilas, Adrian, Dude, Sophia, Elizabeth, Christina, and Johanna, as well as her grandchildren Aurora, Giles, Walter, Cody, River, Shilo, and Kenzie.

Judy was born in Breckenridge, Texas, the youngest child of McDalton Shelby and Frances Campbell Shelby. She had two brothers, Donald Shelby and Robert Shelby, and a sister, Lilas Shelby Kinch. She attended McCallum High School and the University of Texas at Austin, and she spent her life primarily in Texas and Oregon. Her last residence was in Cisco, Texas.

Judy was an artist, a poet, a songwriter, and a storyteller. In addition to music and art she loved her family, philosophy, spirituality, and the natural world. Judy was a sun worshipper, a lover of the wind, a loving and beloved mother, a Virgo dog, a loyal partner, a health nut, an esoteric Christian, and a truly kind human being. She strove to be present and deeply connected to herself and others; she lived simply and took pleasure in simple things. She is remembered with respect, gratitude, admiration and, above all, love.

There will be a livestream ceremony in memory of Judy Edwards at 3:30 on

Saturday the 20th. Judith Ann (Shelby) Edwards - Memorial Service <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CxzWC5csnmY>

Tribute Wall



“ Judith Edwards

October 14, 2022 at 12:02 PM



“ I have memories of Judy as a neighborhood child always hanging around the family affair and home, out in the wild mountains of Oregon, but she had an impact on me personally and I remember wanting to engage in conversation with her as a child. One moment, kind of funny that has always stuck out, was a massive quesadilla feast and like a 100 kids eating, in this very peaceful orderly loving chaos, and she stood there so confident, eloquent, intelligent, energetic holding a book, and while reading explaining to me the science behind speed reading. That one moment if just in itself, propelled me to excel as a similar woman, and know I could while being a mother, homemaker, and child bearer. Lol. I also have another memory that affected me personally, and I don't think even the kids know how much it did. Judy and her husband had a bedroom with an open window upstairs, and would play acoustic guitar and sing together. I felt so much love and a representation of true couple mate equality and peaceful symbiotic male female balance. It had stuck with me to this day. An outsider looking in can always see only roses, but there was authentic love because it affected my heart and is still in that place in me today. She was a great female matriarch, she taught us, I believe her legacy will live on in all of us, and this day is an encouragement to continue and press in more the Judy Way!
-Sunshine

Sunshine - November 20, 2021 at 06:14 PM

VC

“ We met Judy when our son Henry Married Jojo - Judy's youngest child.

During the lockdown we had a weekly zoom meeting 'Desert island Discs' and we would share lots of music and life stories.

We enjoyed Judy's music - diverse and interesting

and she shared lots of life stories. Very humorous and lots of stories to illustrate her choices.

She and Jay came to England for Henry and Jo's wedding which was fabulous. Lots of lovely memories. They stayed with a friend in a 300 year old house which i think they . enjoyed.

We also had a lovely Thanksgiving day with all the Edwards family which we felt very welcomed into the family. We feel part of the big family and will miss Judy and are very saddened that her life was cut short. RIP Judy . Victoria and Joel.

victoria Conrad - November 20, 2021 at 06:07 PM

ME

“ *I will always have fond memories of Judy and remember what a kind person she was. She is the mom to some of my most favorite people, and for that I am so thankful and appreciative. Sending all my love for the Edwards family. -Melody Zoch*

Melody - November 20, 2021 at 04:34 PM

“ Judy inspired me. One of my first memories of her (over 37 years ago) was of her sitting in the shade of a tree on the land of George and Mary Cornelius who were leading a Gurdjieff Work Week. Judy was holding a toddler in her lap who had the most glorious eyelashes I’ve ever seen (JoJo, of course). There were other children of various ages around her. I was holding my first-born child (son, Jess) who was 3-months old. I was 37-years-old and a bit “at sea” as a new mother.

At the Two Rivers Farm Work Center (Aurora, Oregon), we had a large childcare during work periods. Lots of mothers with lots of opinions. I soon discovered that Judy and I were the only mothers at the Cornelius Work Week, me with my new baby and her seven polite, patient, beautiful children. It amazed me how calm, open, loving Judy was toward her children....and towards me and Jess. It was easy to see how Judy’s example was manifested in her children. For example, I have a vivid memory of Dude standing patiently while his siblings were taking turns getting Judy’s attention. When all the others were finished, Dude asked his question and Judy answered.

One day, at Two Rivers Farm during Sunday breakfast, I was sitting next to a “new person.” During our conversation, she mentioned that she was looking for some part-time work to supplement her income. I asked her if she would like to come and help me with housecleaning and gardening. She agreed and was an energetic worker and fun to be around. One day, while taking a break in my kitchen, she said she would not be able to come the following week because she was going down to Cave Junction. Something clicked in me: “Whoa.....are your parents Judy and Jay Edwards???”

No wonder Lizzy is such an awakening seeker! She has been a stalwart support to me for years now. She sat with my husband, Don, while he was dying. She has helped me navigate my sorrow and disturbances.

Judy lives on in Lizzy and Jay and her other children: Lilas, Adrian, Dude, Sophia, Christina, and Johanna, as well as her grandchildren Aurora, Giles, Walter, Cody, River, Shilo, and Kenzie.

Not sure if I want to say “Rest in Peace” or if I want to say “Judy, help me wake up! Be with me when I am impatient or unkind. I remember your relaxed face and body and open heart. I remember you and strive to follow your example and find joy in every moment!”

Here is my offering to the Edwards Family and all of their many friends.

“The greatest means to work on yourself is to remember that you can die at any moment.” G. Gurdjieff

Click here to listen to Great Vow Monastery singing the “Five Remembrances.”

https://youtu.be/A70w1_7Q1fs

The Five Remembrances

*I am getting older.
I have the nature to grow old.*

*I am made to suffer illness.
Health is not what I am.*

*I am already dying.
Death will find me.*

*All that is dear to me and everyone I love come to change.
Death will find them, too.*

*Our deeds are the ground on which we stand.
My deeds are the ground on which I stand.*

(Adapted from the Five Remembrances of the Upajjhatthana Sutta)

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--Kay Hartsock (Aurora, Oregon)

Kay Hartsock - November 20, 2021 at 02:34 PM

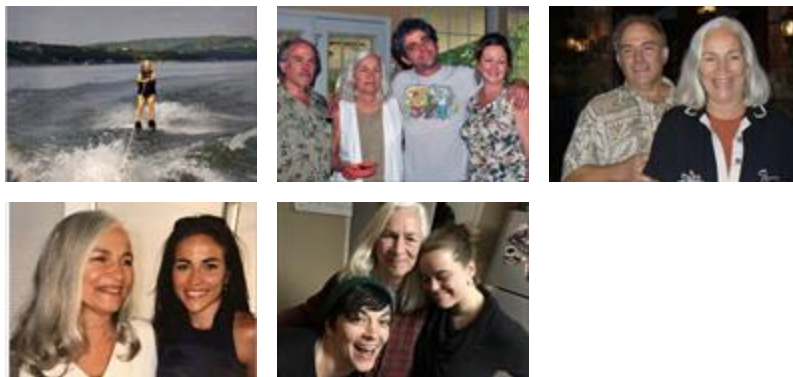
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“ *As we grieve with you all, we will be forever grateful for what time we did share with Judy. Our wonderful memories will be forever, yet we will deeply miss that amazing Lady celebrated in her beautifully written eulogy. Her family and children are inspirations and reflections of what a special gift Judy was to so many. We were honored to have known her and send our love and warmest condolences to Jay, family and friends.*
Marjorie Lyles & Tom Doyle

Thomas Doyle - November 20, 2021 at 02:12 PM

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Anne Shelby - November 20, 2021 at 01:07 PM

AH

“ We knew Judy for over 50 years and she always brought love and joy to us whenever we were blessed to be in her presence. It was always so wonderful to visit and talk with her. The news of her passing has left us deeply saddened. Jay and the family are in our hearts and in our prayers. May God bring you all comfort and peace. We will treasure our memories of her for the rest of our lives until we meet again on the other side. With love and profound sorrow,
Anita & Hunter Hoffman

Anita Hoffman - November 20, 2021 at 12:11 PM

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Anne Shelby - November 20, 2021 at 12:05 PM

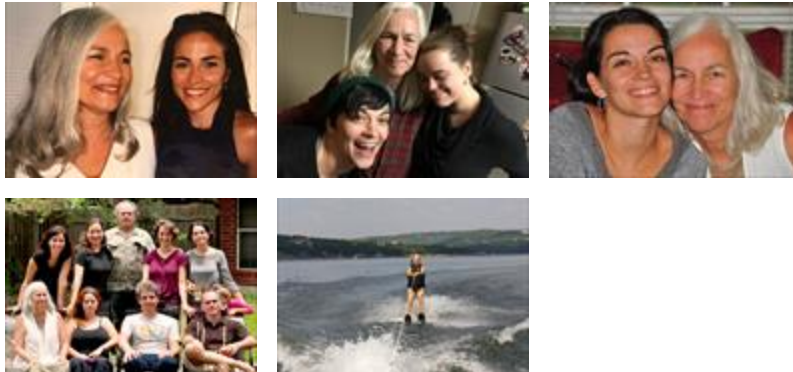
EJ

“ Judy was my oldest and dearest friend. The story goes that we met in the nursery at First Methodist Church in Austin. I can't remember not knowing her and she is part of so many of my childhood experiences up through college days. Time and distance separated us for most of our adult lives, but all of that would fade away the minute we got together or talked on the phone. Seeing her smile in greeting and hearing her say my name in her special way always lit up that safe place in my heart reserved for Judy. She loved her family and friends deeply and we who know that love are forever blessed. Sending love to Jay and her beautiful family. Wisop Land Johnson

Elizabeth Johnson - November 20, 2021 at 09:09 AM

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DB

“ As her niece who didn't always live nearby, I do have very fond memories of her. There was never any doubt that she was genuinely focused on you in conversations. In doing so, her bright blues eyes would be fixed on you as well! Her laugh was also a very vivacious one that I can still distinctly hear! Now she's reunited with those gone before her sharing those delightful characteristics that were so loved by many. I'm looking forward to my reunion with you - 😊

Dana Shelby Bruns - November 19, 2021 at 07:35 PM