



## Judith "Judy" Ann DeMuth

September 5, 1942 - April 19, 2023

ADRIAN- Judith "Judy" Ann DeMuth, 80, of Chelsea, Michigan died Wednesday, April 19, 2023, at the Hospice of Lenawee Home with her family by her side.

Born on September 5, 1942, in Monroe, Michigan, Judy was the daughter of Raymond and Viola Elizabeth (Kettinger) Vanisacker. She attended and graduated from Monroe High School in 1960, going on to study nursing at Toledo Hospital School of Nursing.

In 1962, Judy married Dennis L. DeMuth. They shared 32 years together and raised 3 wonderful daughters. It was during the time that her daughters were growing up that Judy discovered her passion for raising and breeding quality horses. She was a member of the Appaloosa Horse Club. Her hard work and dedication were evident as one of the horses she bred, "All Hands On Zip" was inducted into the Appaloosa Horse Club Hall of Fame and the 2011 leading performance sire. Judy was always studying "bloodlines" and "character" when breeding her horses; producing the best offspring showing versatility, agility, and the heart of a champion.

Judy loved spending time with her family and celebrating all their activities and accomplishments. In later years Judy was active in water aerobics at The Centre and developed many wonderful friendships.

She is survived by her daughters, Michelle (William) Gay, Julia (Doug) Jackson and Krista (Michael) Girrback; grandchildren, Billy Gay, Trevor Gay, Devon (Trevor) Sullivan, Heather Jackson, Robin Jackson, Lori Girrback and

Matt Girrbach; great-granddaughter, Amelia Sullivan with a great-grandson, Cameron Sullivan coming in mid-August; brother, James (Kathy) Vanisacker; niece, Carrie (Chay) Smith; nephew, Scott (Amy) Vanisacker; and her former husband, Dennis DeMuth. Judy was preceded in death by her parents and brother, Herbie Vanisacker.

Following Judy's wishes cremation will take place with a Celebration of Life to take place in the future. In lieu of flowers, donations in Judy's memory may be made to Hospice of Lenawee.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Wagley Funeral Home, Adrian, where online condolences and memories may be shared at [www.WagleyFuneralHomes.com](http://www.WagleyFuneralHomes.com).

# Tribute Wall

JS

“ I am terribly saddened to learn of your mom's passing. Judy was a remarkable woman, as all who knew her attests, truly, one in a hundred million. Judy and I first met at Monroe College when she took one of my writing classes as part of her curriculum requirements. Distinctly, I remember her unwavering desire to do her very best, evident in her first full length essay. She wrote on the benefits of Osteopathic Medicine, and even though she earned an A for the assignment, having written one of the best essays in the class, she appeared disappointed in her efforts. When she brought this to my attention, I suggested she write about something she was passionate about and loved. So, for her next assignment, she wrote about her daughters and her work with horses, particularly, Appaloosa's. At that moment, your mom won my deep respect and admiration. Subsequently, she began to open up more freely in class discussions, whereby the other students were increasingly drawn to her, and she embraced them all, helping many of them overcome their fears and do their very best work. Clearly, they were deeply impacted by her presence in ways that defy description. Thus began our friendship, a friendship that has lasted all these years.... you have my deepest sympathy, Julia, please extend them to Michelle, Krista and your dear father. The world has lost a beautiful soul... Jack Siler

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**Jack Siler** - May 09, 2023 at 09:12 PM

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“ Krista & Family, I'm thinking of you all as you celebrate Judy's beautiful life! Sending healing prayers and comforting hugs. Keeping you in my thoughts and prayers. Karen Simpson

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**Karen Simpson** - April 25, 2023 at 09:19 AM

LK

“ *What a great loss to the Appaloosa horse world, friends, and her family. Judy was a dear friend to myself and 2 children: Kristel and Matthew, especially Kristel. Much to my mom's chosen horse type, Quarter horses, Judy's love for the Appy's drew Kristel in (I was sold on Apps with my mare, Lady B Good) and a bond grew that we will cherish forever. The many times Kristel stayed at Judy's taking care of horses while Judy attended a breeding seminar, the introduction of chiropractic in the animal world -Dr. Main, horse shows, Appaloosa circuit, Krista and Kristel to Worlds, "Mama" cat, the years of Christmas cards updating each other of family happenings, and so many, many more memories...Judy was part of our family. She was a fantastic friend, shared a love for animals, and loved her family. Our deepest condolences and prayers for the family for peace, comfort, and love.*

*Laurie Knight*

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**Laurie Knight** - April 24, 2023 at 09:53 PM

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“ *I met Judy at pool class, We shared our love of reading books. She would tell me a title to check out and I would tell her one I liked. She always told us about what her grandkids were doing. So proud of them.*

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**Donna Rae Birdsell** - April 24, 2023 at 02:45 PM

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“ Judy did water aerobics with me at Dundee School Pool for many years. We became good friends. I have been out to her horse farm many times. My little granddaughter would ride on the tractor with her so she could get off in open the gates for her. If you have a memorial would you please let me know there is few people in Dundee that remember her well. She was very special person who loved her horses.. thanks wmorrisson1948@hotmail.com

Wanda

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Wanda - April 24, 2023 at 12:40 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Judith "Judy" Ann DeMuth.



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April 24, 2023 at 10:25 AM

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“ Kalyn Swierlik purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Judith "Judy" Ann DeMuth.



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Kalyn Swierlik - April 21, 2023 at 11:11 AM

FW

“ So sorry to hear about Judy . She was a wonderful friend, and shared our love of horses. Donna Winterhalter

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Francis Winterhalter - April 21, 2023 at 10:35 AM

SC

“ Dear Girls,

*I was sorry to hear of your mother's passing. She was a very strong and independent Lady. I remember her always working either at your dad's office or at the farm. She loved you girls very much. She was always so proud of you when you were showing your horses.*

*When she broke her leg out at the barn, she just kept going. She never let it get her down. She was very supportive of her family.*

*I have to tell you a cute story about her. I am not sure that this is the best place to tell it but it always tickles me to remember her face. We were all at Julia's in-law's home for a birthday party. It was time to go and your mom was watching me coral your dad, the triplets and your grandmother DeMuth. It was like herding cats. She turned and looked at me and smiled a slight smile and quietly got in her car and left. I always felt like it was one of those moments that she knew she loved her independence.*

*May God hold you in the palm of your hand during this time and always.*

*Susan Castagnier*

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**Susan Castagnier** - April 20, 2023 at 08:24 PM