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Judith Ann Walls Hammond, age 67 of Lewes, DE, passed away on Sunday, March 22, 2020 with her husband at her side, holding her hand. She was born on August 9, 1952 in Lewes, DE, daughter of the late William Sr. and Helen (Meyers) Walls.

Judi earned her Bachelor's Degree in Education from Salisbury State University and her Master's Degree at Delaware State University. Teaching was her passion, and the children that she taught touched her heart deeply. She taught elementary school for 32 years, dedicating 27 of those years to Shields Elementary School in Lewes.

Judi was a faithful member of Grace United Methodist Church in Georgetown and was very active in the American Legion Lewes Post 17, where she served with the ladies auxiliary and headed the children and youth program. On June 9, 2001, she married her love, John. Judi enjoyed camping, going out on the pontoon boat, the beach, vacationing in the Outer Banks, and so much more.

Above all, however, Judi cherished time spent with those she held most dear. She was a loving and devoted wife, step-mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, and friend. She was loved by many and will be truly missed by all who knew her.

Judi is survived by her beloved husband, John K. Hammond; her stepsons: Shane Hammond (Laura) and Zachary Hammond; her grandchildren: Sky, Gabby, Kara, and Jaxtin; her brothers: Mike Walls and Robert S. Walls, Sr. (Jeannie); her sister, Cyndi Martin (Pat); and her nephew, Mark Walls.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, a celebration of life will be held at a later date.



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DS

Deborah Sharp posted:

Judi and I were coworkers at Shields where she was a dedicated teacher and enjoyed her work with children. Rest easy Judi the pain and suffering are done my friend. You will be missed.

April 4 at 1:03 PM

LG

Lisa Kay Rhodes George posted:

John, Bob, Mike, Cyndi, and families, I am so sorry for your loss. What can I say? Judi "Wudi", as my Nana called her has been an integral part of my life since I was 4 years. She was my baby sitter, my first teacher before I was old enough to go to school. She was my mother's other daughter. She, Louise, and Joyce basically lived at my house . . . Monopoly, puzzles, making homemade ice cream to go with Miss Clara's homemade cakes. Eating Nana's crab cakes when she came to town. I remember my Mom and I taking her to college in Salisbury. Walking through her dorm, she introduced me to everyone. I thought I was something else. She always made me feel important as she did everyone. She was so excited to start her professional career. I remember making things for her first classroom . . . Everything "Pooh". She was a constant in my life. All the significant events whether big or small, church and school related, college graduation, planning my wedding, meeting me when I came back from Germany with a new baby. She went on to teach that little boy in 3rd grade too. According to him, she was his best and most favorite! She was there for the rough times too, a divorce, my brother's major health scare, my son's bout with cancer and subsequent death at 19, my youngest son's fathers death, and my Mother's long battle with Alzheimer's disease. She and John were and have been there for my Dad these last 10 years since her passing. That day on Lewes Beach when she married John was one of her happiest and with that marriage came many many more. Judi was a giver! She always put everyone first. . . people mattered to her. She had an unforgettable laugh and smile that warmed the hardest heart. The last time I saw her she was leaving to go camping for a couple weeks and she was so excited to be getting away, just her, John, and the menagerie of those little 4 legged babies she loved so much. I will take my memories with me and practice the principle of giving to others that she imparted on me. I'll Love You Forever, I'll Like You for Always, as long as I'm living my Judi Wudi you'll be 🙏

March 31 at 12:14 PM



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NF

Nick Foery posted:

I enjoyed my many encounters with Judy as she let you know how she felt about whatever topic you were discussing. About 1985 she had a very difficult situation dealing with a student who had a fatal illness. I remember talking to her about the child and the challenges she had with the heartbreaking situation. I was impressed by her efforts in that very distressing situation. Another memorable day was her wedding, she was so full of love and joy that it was contagious. I have been to many weddings over the years and her and her obvious happiness are a great joy. RIP friend and neighbor. Nick Foery

April 3 at 11:07 AM

JC

Joann Carmean posted:

Judy was my first friend when I moved down here. She always reached out to make plans. Judy, I will always remember our first trip to Kitopeake, where I first met you.

April 2 at 3:04 PM

LR

Louise Rathfon posted:

Judi. . .my best friend: I believe God meant for us to be best friends because He knew how very good we would be for each other. I think that is why our friendship 'just' happened. We always shared everything as we grew up and even as we grew older! We called each other 'sister' because that is what we were to each other. We both shared a lot and certainly changed a lot over the years and yet, we really didn't change much at all. No matter how much time there was between visits it was like yesterday when we last talked. I was hoping we would grow old together – you know – 2 little old ladies. . .giggling over silly things, laughing until our bellies hurt (or peeing our pants), talking for hours about anything and everything, eating ice cream at the Dairy Queen. . .but He had other plans for you. You will always be my best friend and I miss you . . .Love your friend – Louise

April 1 at 5:41 PM

LL

Linda Larrimore posted:

Bob, Mike and Cyndi. Have great memories of Judy spending time at our house being my sisters best friend. She will be remembered for her kind ways and happy personality. Prayers to you all.

April 1 at 2:43 PM



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JH

John Hammond lit a candle in honor of Judith .



April 1 at 1:57 PM

GW

Gary Wray posted:

Judy was a wonderful teacher for many years at Richard Shields Elementary and it was my pleasure to work with her during the 80's and 90's. Great sense of humor, always with a big smile, and what a laugh! If I was having a bad day I would head to Shields and Judy was one of the teachers I would look up to turn my day around! She was great with the kids and her peers and was a joy to work with. She will be missed! Dr. Gary D. Wray Cape Henlopen School District

April 1 at 5:40 AM

DW

Donna Wilson posted:

I'll miss seeing Judi's smiling face as she sat a few rows behind the choir at Grace UMC. You've gone home and we'll all be together some day.

March 31 at 7:37 PM

TD

Trish(Rickards) And Woody Dickerson posted:

Not only was she my third grade teacher but she remained a dear friend to my family and I throughout the years. She taught me cursive handwriting and to this day I still get compliments because of her!! She was very kind and caring and I am honored to have known her and will always cherish the memories that I have of her!!!

March 31 at 1:50 PM

JD

John W Dean posted:

I am so sorry to hear of Judy's passing. She was my oldest son's 3rd grade teacher and he always admired her! She will truly be missed. John W. Dean II Milton, Delaware

March 31 at 12:14 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Judith by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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