



## Judith O'Donnell

December 25, 1937 - February 20, 2021

Judith O'Donnell, 83 of Eltingville, passed away on Saturday, February 20, 2021, at Staten Island University Hospital.

Born on December 25, 1937, in Staten Island she was the daughter of the late Dr. Joseph Takach and Elfrida Meagher. Judy was the beloved wife to her late husband Thomas ("Lefty") who passed in 2016. They were married on August 11, 1962, and had three children together.

Judy graduated from Wagner College in 1959 with a Bachelor's Degree in Education and then with her Master's Degree in Education in 1965. She loved learning and continued earning numerous credits past her Masters.

She was a teacher for 34 years. She began her career at P.S. 18. and then began teaching at P.S. 36 in Annadale where she taught for the next 28 years from 1975-2003. Judy was a member and chapter leader for the United Federation of Teachers.

Judy was an avid traveler who loved exploring the world with her family and friends. Some of her most memorable trips included visits to Japan, Israel, Europe, North Africa and the Caribbean. She loved the summers she spent with family in Saranac Lake, NY. A natural athlete, she was a competitive horseback rider who also enjoyed playing tennis and golf.

She is survived by loving children Amanda, Mathew, and Terry O'Donnell; her dear brother Paul Takach, her adoring grandchildren Jessie, Jackie, Joseph, Brooke, Jamie, Veronica, Vanessa and great grandson Christopher.

Judith was predeceased by her husband Thomas O'Donnell and sisters Barbara Quin and Phyllis Orleman.

Funeral arrangements are private due to Covid-19 restrictions.

In Judith's memory, the family asks that you please make a donation to the ASPCA or St Jude's Childrens Hospital.

Due to the current pandemic circumstances please note: We do not accept deliveries from outside vendors for bakery products, fruit baskets, and floral arrangements until further notice. Floral Arrangements can be purchased from our in house floral designers who work under the most stringent sanitary conditions which include temperature checks, mask wearing, distancing and protective clothing. You can call 718-948-2016 and place your order. We must protect the families we serve, our own families and staff who operate the funeral home.

Online condolences may be made to the family at [www.scaliahome.com](http://www.scaliahome.com)

# Cemetery Details

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# Tribute Wall



“ *John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Judith O'Donnell*



John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals Inc. - February 23, 2021 at 02:48 PM

DT

“ *Mrs odonnell was my 4th grade teacher over 40 years ago. She made such an impact on my life and I will never forget her !*

Diana lyn thompson - January 23 at 07:51 PM



“ *Judith O'Donnell*

October 04, 2023 at 06:13 PM

CC

“ *I was judys' caretaker. I took care of lefty and then her... I've been with them for 5 years. Judy I will miss all the good times we had. You were my friend and I am heartbroken your gone. Until we meet again. Forever in my ❤️!!!*

Chrissy Coniglione - February 26, 2021 at 11:03 AM

MM

“ We are so fortunate in our family to have so many examples of strong, smart and fun women. Judy was a true trailblazer in her life, and a great example to those of us who came after her. We love you, Judy! Megan M

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Megan McGlinchy - February 24, 2021 at 04:39 PM

LF

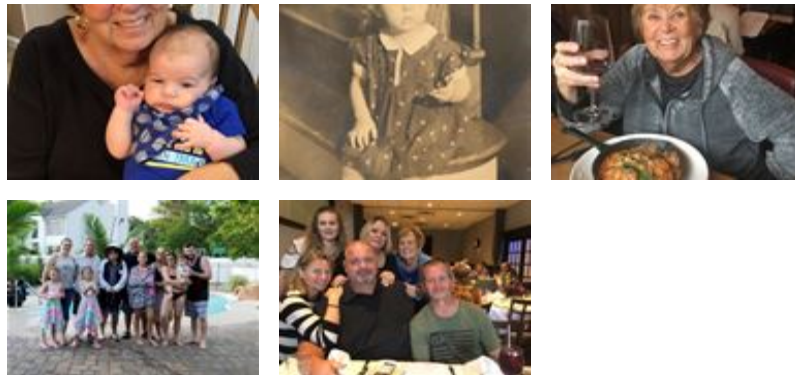
“ Thinking of Cousin Judy and some of our wonderful family gatherings in the Adirondacks. She will be missed, and her stories will live on.  
Liza Frenette

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Liza Frenette - February 24, 2021 at 04:32 PM



“ 92 files added to the album Life Tributes



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John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals Inc. - February 23, 2021 at 02:45 PM

SS

“ I know Judy (and Lefty) O'Donnell through the many, many stories I've heard over the last 20+ years from Mandy O'Donnell and Mark Himmelfarb. Judy, particularly, always seemed larger than life, a force, and was a much beloved mom, grandmother, mother-in-law, champion Boggle player and so much more. I only met Judy once but will miss her forever.

-sandra stahl

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**sandra stahl** - February 23, 2021 at 01:44 PM

KM

“ Kathleen M. purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Judith O'Donnell.



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**Kathleen M.** - February 23, 2021 at 12:57 PM

DJ

“ To tell of one memory of Judy would very likely highlight something about Judy of deep significance. Yet, I'm convinced that to simply convey, in a word or two, of just how she was valued by all whose lives she touched, can go well beyond and deeper than that single memory when that value was respect.....well earned respect. By putting Judy on auto-pilot, she did what came naturally to her drawing on her own talents, work habits, her smile, her leadership qualities, respect for others etc. Was it any wonder, then, that Judy was deeply and genuinely respected by her students, their parents and her colleagues?

Judy, you made your mark which will be with us forever.

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**Donald Juliano** - February 22, 2021 at 09:38 PM

LF

“ I always looked forward to seeing you because I knew we were going to have a great time! I have so many happy memories with you - all our trips, all our card games, all our dinners and luncheons out. I will miss you so much. I love you, Judy. Save a seat for me.

Linda Forsyth - February 22, 2021 at 08:13 PM

YJ

“ Your forever friend, Love Joan purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Judith O'Donnell.



Your forever friend, Love Joan - February 22, 2021 at 12:22 PM

TF

“ The Carreras Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Judith O'Donnell.



The Carreras Family - February 22, 2021 at 11:06 AM

KQ

“ Aunt Judith my godmother showed up at my house on a horse. I don't remember this but I've been told it numerous times over the years from my mom and Judy. I wasn't even two years old when aunt Judy put me on the horse with her and took me across the street to Clove Lake Park . She took me for a long ride and galloped the horse. I have been in love with Horses ever since i've owned a few of my own. Thank you aunt Judy for introducing me to Horses. They have been a big part in my life. Love you so much aunt Judy. Will miss you greatly. Ken Quin

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**Ken Quin** - February 22, 2021 at 10:02 AM