



Mrs. Judith LaRue

February 17, 1945 - December 14, 2025

Mrs. Judith LaRue, 80, formerly of Homer, passed away on Sunday December 14, 2025 at The Cottages at Garden Grove in Cicero, N.Y. Born February 17, 1945 in Cortland, Judith was the daughter of Guido and Mary Yacavone Petrella and a resident of the Cortland-Homer area her entire life.

Judith had retired from the Homer Central School where she was employed as a teacher's aide at the high school a job she truly loved and where she found great fulfillment in her work. She was also a communicant of St. Margaret's Church in Homer.

Survivors include; her son, Stephen LaRue (Dawn Daly) of DeWitt, N.Y. a brother; Joseph Petrella of Cortland; her grandchildren and great grandchildren were the greatest joy of her life and she is also survived by them; her four grandchildren; Brittany LaRue Fletcher and Nicholas LaRue, John Henry Brown and Isabelle Brown, seven great grandchildren; Kyson LaRue, Breighlyn LaRue, Samxon May and Waylon May, Theodore and Franklin Fletcher and Hudson Samuel Olivares.

Judith was preceded in death by her husband; Joseph LaRue in 2017, her daughter; Kristin Brown in 2017, her grandson; Samuel Brown in 2019 and her brother; Guido Petrella in 2014.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Saturday at 10 a.m. in St. Margaret's Roman Catholic Church, Homer, N.Y. The Christian Rite of Committal and Burial will follow in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery, Cortland, N.Y. The family will be present to receive friends on Friday from 2-5 p.m. in the Chapel of Riccardi Funeral Home, Cortland, N.Y. Those who choose to honor her memory in the form of a contribution are asked to please consider, Hospice and Palliative Care Services 172 E. King Rd. Ithaca, N.Y. 14850

www.riccardifuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall

KW

“ *Karen Williams lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Judith LaRue*



Karen Williams - March 25 at 10:16 AM

HS

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with Judy's family. We are all sorry for your loss.*
~From the Homer Schools Aide/Assistant Association

HSAAA - December 19, 2025 at 08:54 AM

CM

“ *I'm so saddened to hear of Judy's passing... She was a bright light in Homer High School! She had the best smile and laugh, a huge heart, and was always happy to lend a hand! She adored her family, and I was grateful to teach several of them! It was always fun to have her as a chaperone on our music tours, everyone loved Judy! I hope you carry the love she gave you in your hearts during this sad time, and that her memory will enrich you in the days to come...*
- Cara K-B McLaughlin

Cara McLaughlin - December 18, 2025 at 10:00 PM

EM

“ Judy was loved and respected by so many students and staff. I am grateful to have had Judy in my life. She was always up for a conversation- a nice break away from the daily tasks. Never did we end our talks without a giggle or a laugh. She had the most contagious laugh! She is remembered as one of my favorite people here at Homer High School. God bless her family. May you find peace in knowing what a huge impact she made on so many students. Thank you for sharing Judy with us.
-Erin Mahunik

Erin Mahunik - December 18, 2025 at 01:35 PM

KL

“ Dear Family: Judy was a great friend, in school, in church, everywhere. We used to slide down St John's hill in the winter time. I remember one time there was ice on the snow. We went down on our sleds and Judy went flying off her sled face first into the ice. Poor girl, she cut her face all up. We always had great times. Please keep your heart memories of Judy close. Sending prayers for comfort. Kathleen Dillon Luckey.

Kathleen Dillon Luckey - December 17, 2025 at 08:07 PM

KW

“ Beautiful woman and her husband Joe was a great guy. My sincerest condolences



Karen Williams - December 17, 2025 at 08:35 AM

KM

“ Kimberly & Jeff Martin purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Judith LaRue.



Kimberly & Jeff Martin - December 16, 2025 at 11:32 PM

AP

“ Thoughts and prayers are with you all! I'm sorry for your loss Steve!

Al Paquin - December 16, 2025 at 11:29 PM

ME

“ So very sorry to hear of Judy's passing She was a wonderful lady.Loved visiting with her in the halls of Homer high school.My prayers go out to her family!



Melanie Ensign - December 16, 2025 at 09:28 PM

JR

“ I so enjoyed Judy's humor as she churned out endless math exams, she could find the funny side of most anything. Always a fun visit to her little nook, no matter what was thrown her way she kept the high school rolling. My heart goes out to her family. She was unfailingly proud of each and every one of you, her love for family was a bright light.

Judy Read, retired HHS

Judy Read - December 16, 2025 at 07:38 PM

AF

“ Judy was always up for a good laugh, and her laugh was memorable. She positively impacted more Homer students than she knew. She is a Homer legacy. My thoughts are with the family -
Audrey Fairchild, Homer High School

audrey fairchild - December 16, 2025 at 09:52 AM

TH

“ I am so sad to hear this news. My condolences to everyone whose Judy's smile touched. All my thoughts and prayers are with the LaRue family. Trina Hapgood Homer CSD

Trina Hapgood - December 16, 2025 at 09:41 AM