

Judith Linda Matsen

July 10, 1943 ~ September 4, 2024

Judith Linda Matsen (Judi) passed away on September 4, 2024 in Sandy, Utah.

Judi was the life of every party she ever attended. She loved people, and everyone in her life knew how much they meant to her. She loved dogs and sunflowers and traveling and theater and books and games. She loved Disneyland and Knott's Berry Farm and bright color and attention and parties and anything fun. She loved the Lord, and she loved the community that she was able to enjoy because of her many years of service in her ward.

Born July 10, 1943, to John Martin Matsen (Jack) and Bessie Jackson. She was the second-youngest of five children. She grew up in Salt Lake City and Los Angeles, and spent the majority of her adult life in Buena Park.

Judi was brilliant. In 1968, she graduated from BYU in Business Management, with a concentration in Marketing and a composite minor of accounting, economics, and statistics. She started her career at Douglas Aircraft, transitioned through the merger and acquisition with
Boeing, and finished out her lifelong career there. She served as both a Sr Market Analyst and a Sr Financial Analyst, and when she retired from Boeing in 2010, it took several people to fill her one position.

Judi had an amazing group of friends and colleagues, and they were a huge source of delight for her. She had dinner groups, lunch groups, card groups, ward groups, and the best Ministers/Visiting and Home Teachers in the world. For 50 years, her Buena Park ward was like
her family, and she missed them greatly when she came to Utah in the last year. As a young woman, Judi served honorably in the Southern United States as a missionary for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. Throughout her life she continued to spread her love of The Lord and her missionary spirit.

Judi loved to be involved and gave many hours to support the causes she enjoyed. She served for over 25 years supporting her local library (Buena Park Library District), and she also volunteered for Musical Theater West. She loved her community and friendships that she
gained from her involvement in her favorite things.

Judi loved dogs. She had six dogs throughout her adult life, and every single one of them was as loved as if they were her children. She is still angry that, near the end of her life, her nieces and nephews advised against getting another one.

She loved reading mysteries, playing games on her phone, and watching game shows—she even tried to be a contestant on two of them. She loved every play and musical she had ever seen (especially La Cage aux Folles and Scarlet Pimpernel). She loved to travel and made it a
point to travel as much as she could with her friends and her sister. She and her sister took epic road trips in her sports car with the sunroof open (she liked to go fast). She had been to Europe 6 times, Africa, all of the United

States, to Nova Scotia and beyond.

Judi loved everything exciting and fun. She was one of those people where you see her and you think, “I wish I had that much confidence.” She would love it if each of us could take a little bit of her confidence and take it into our lives. She loved her parents, and she loved her siblings. Her sister was one of her best friends. She loved her older brothers and their kids. She loved to add to people’s experiences by adding her special flare. Her nieces and nephews who would come down and go to Knott’s Berry Farm or to Disneyland always found it was more fun when Judi was there to help them skip the lines in her sparkly red Jazzy scooter, complete with personalized license plate.

Now, as we say goodbye to her, we hope that not only does she get to skip every line, but that she gets to leave behind her cane and her jazzy scooter and run with her dogs. Wherever she goes, it is going to be a really great party. Because, as Judi would say, “That’s life in the big
city.”

Judi was preceded in death by her parents, 4 siblings, and 1 niece. She is survived by 2 sisters-in-law, and 17 nieces and nephews. The family would like to thank Active Hospice and Cedarwood at Sandy for their kind care of Judi during these last 7 months.

A viewing will be held on Thursday September 12, 2024 at Larkin Mortuary (260 E South Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah) from 6-8 pm. Funeral services will be held Friday, September 13, 2024 at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints ward building at 2220 E Fisher Lane, in
Salt Lake City, Utah at 11am. A viewing will also be held prior to the services from 9:30-10:30 am at the above-mentioned ward building. Interment will be at the Salt Lake Cemetery.