



## Judith "Judy" Louise Hickey

September 20, 1941 - January 22, 2021

On Friday, January 22nd, 2021, Judith (Judy) Louise Hickey loving and strong wife, mother of 3, and grandmother of 7 passed away at the age of 79.

Judy was born on September 20, 1941 in Chicago, IL to Elizabeth Fischer (mother) and Everett Kittel (father). Judy was a graduate of Carl Schurz High School and attendee of Michigan State University. On October 13, 1962, she married Thomas Patrick Hickey and for 58 years they created a supporting and strong household. She is survived by her husband Thomas, three children, Elizabeth (Beth), Thomas (Tommy), and Margret (Peggy), and 7 grandchildren Jacqueline Krejnik, Samantha Krejnik, Nicholas Marlow, Madeline Hickey, Sean Hickey, Grace Marlow, and Jack Hickey.

Since a young age Judy flourished in the world of figure skating. Coaching for 30+ years, she was a long-standing member of the Chicago Figure Skating Club. Her coaching reached far beyond that of ice and blades, shaping the lives of countless students that looked up to her tenacity and strength as an individual and athlete.

Opening her home and heart to any, she was more than a mother and a coach. She was a kind host to every person that entered her and Tom's house. Greeted with the smells of one of her amazing meals or the sound of laughter and music, she created a home that was the life of the party.

Tom's retirement as a detective from the Chicago Police Department brought the party to Palm Harbor, Florida. With open doors and sunny skies, family and friends followed for summer vacations, not so snowy Christmas parties, or just a weekend ride in the convertible to get a grouper sandwich at Frenchy's.

From a young age Judy has always had a strong love and bond with animals especially her beloved Schnauzers. Nothing brought Judy more joy than sitting in the kitchen sipping a Stoli on the rocks (with an extra glass of ice) watching a Lifetime movie with an animal perched on her lap.

A true matriarch in every way, she has shaped the lives of her family and friends in more ways than imaginable. Her legacy will live on in so many ways, more than she ever knew. Whether it was finding a perfect inside edge in a figure or knowing what measurement translated to "a little bit of this, a little bit of that" Judy was always a phone call away to give support and guidance.

We love you a bushel and a peck and a hug around the neck, a barrel and a heap, we hope you are resting peacefully in your sleep. Burns Funeral Home (Crown Point) entrusted with arrangements. [www.burnsfuneral.com](http://www.burnsfuneral.com)

# Tribute Wall

MS

“ Just now learning of Judy’s passing - almost two years ago. So sad for all her family. Our families were quite close back in the 80’s and into the 90’s. But time flies, life happens and we lost touch unfortunately. Judy was a gracious lady, a true role model for women of all ages. I am blessed and grateful for the many good memories we shared.

Mary Schuller - January 15, 2023 at 12:21 PM

PB

“ Judy was not only a wonderful skating coach but she was also an amazing woman. She welcomed me into her large extended family with unwavering kindness and generosity. I think of her often with such wonderful memories. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.  
Paula Wagener Blonder

paula blonder - June 01, 2021 at 12:05 PM

BJ

“ I met Judy and her family around 1981. She gave my oldest skating lessons and we became friends. We would laugh about rink interests and talk about about families. Clearly Judys family was her number one priority. She will always be remembered. Beth Joyce

Beth Joyce - January 29, 2021 at 03:06 PM

GH

“ Your mom raised three really good people...her love continues to shine through all of you And will continue to shine for many generations to come. My deepest sympathy and love to one of my favorite skating families!💕

G. Hamilton - January 29, 2021 at 06:40 AM

AS

“ Judy was my figure skating coach for many years and I have the best memories of time spent with her on and off the ice. Those parties at the house in Norridge!! She welcomed my whole family into her home & my family adored Judy and all of the Hickey's. She had such a profound impact on my childhood and I will never forget her. My love and deepest condolences to Beth, Peggy & Tom

*Adrienne Sabora*

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**Adrienne Sabora** - January 28, 2021 at 10:28 PM

PR

“ To the family of Mrs. Hickey,  
I wish to extend my deepest condolences on the passing of your mom and grandmother. I have heard many stories about her and Mr. Hickey from Jackie. I know of Jackie's deep love for her grandmother and the bond that they shared. Having that bond with a grandparent is an unique and wonderful relationship memory that will endure forever.

*May your love for her help you along the path of grief and may your memories of her sustain you. May she Rest In Peace.*

*Sincerely,  
Peggy Ryan*

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**Peggy Ryan** - January 28, 2021 at 06:11 PM