



## Judy Genevieve Davena

July 22, 1950 - January 16, 2022

Our beloved Judy Davena unexpectedly passed away January 16, 2022. Judy was born and raised in Benicia, CA, attending Benicia High School, where she was head cheerleader and homecoming queen.

Following graduation, Judy began her career in law enforcement as a dispatcher with Benicia Police Department. Judy transferred to Richmond Police Department and after nearly 35 years of service, retired as the dispatch supervisor. After retirement, Judy worked part-time at Lindsay Art Glass. She enjoyed being an ambassador for Benicia, often sharing her knowledge of its history and charm with customers. Judy was a lifelong member of St. Dominic's Catholic Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents, William and Genevieve Davena, and brother-in-law Bob DeVault.

Judy is survived by her brothers Bill, Ray and Ken (Teri) and sister Jean. She was a special aunt to nieces and nephews Rosemary (Taral), Linda (Reed), Robert (Mary), Rodger (Leticia), Brett (Jennifer) and Blake. She was a special great-aunt to Crystal, Sean, Sara, Tracy, Jack, Desmond, Sage, Eve, Duke, Ashley, Amber, Brooke, Celeste, Elias, Matteo, Emma and Evie and a growing number of great-great-nieces and -nephews.

Family and friends were important to Judy. She remembered every birthday and special event with a personalized, thoughtful gift, phone call and brownies or banana bread.

Judy was a devoted animal lover. She rescued several cats, including Leo, who survives her, and loved her Percy, Lucy, Scrappy, Mickey and Lucky. She doted on her dog-nephew Ernie and dog-niece Georgia, enjoying every opportunity to leave a red lipstick kiss on her white head.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. Arrangements are under the supervision of Passalacqua Funeral Chapel. please visit the online tribute at [www.passalacquafuneralchapel.com](http://www.passalacquafuneralchapel.com). Donations may be made in Judy's honor to the Humane Society of the North Bay (<https://www.hsnb.org/>)

Judy was a beautiful person inside and out. In honor of her kindness, her family asks that you pay it forward, turn the other cheek, and always be kind.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Judy Genevieve Davena*

November 29, 2022 at 08:20 PM



“ *I can't believe I won't be seeing Judy and having promised lunches with her when Covid was done. We had a great time working together at Lindsay Art Glass. I was the beneficiary of her delicious chili, cookies and white chocolate bark. She was a fountain of information on Benicia.*



**Dale Kilbourne** - February 23, 2022 at 07:00 PM

BE

“ *Dear Jean and Davena Family,*

*I am surprised and sad learn of Judy's passing. She and I had chatted, whenever we see each other in public. We first met in Olive Garden while waiting for our Take-Outs, years back. I often times will see Jean and Judy doing their Power Walks in town, and we would stop and chat. Condolences to Judy's family and to Jean. I will miss Judy, but she will never be forgotten. Please cherish the Fond memories, as they will last forever.*



*Betty*

**Betty** - January 31, 2022 at 10:49 AM

BE

“ *Betty lit a candle in memory of Judy Genevieve Davena*



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**Betty** - January 31, 2022 at 10:43 AM

TK

“ *Judy Judy Judy  
It's hard to believe you are gone. I enjoyed our friendship when we were in school together. You were always a kind, sweet person that brought a smile with you wherever you went.  
You and Danny Rowland were so much alike. Neither of you ever hurt anyone, and you both always cared about other people.  
Ted Kirkpatrick*

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**Ted Kirkpatrick** - January 30, 2022 at 11:50 PM

FC

“ *Fred Carll lit a candle in memory of Judy Genevieve Davena*



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**fred Carll** - January 25, 2022 at 01:29 PM

RM

“ I remember when Judy was in junior high. Tommy Alves and I were alter boys at Saint Dominic’s. When we would walk down to the communion rail she would make faces and wave at us. Tommy couldn’t hide it as well as I did and always cracked up and got in trouble. Judy never let people know when things bothered her. She was the sweetest person. We’ll all miss her more than she could have imagined.

Rick Marchioni - January 24, 2022 at 11:34 PM

JG

“ Judy was one of those people that could light up a room the moment she entered . Beautiful inside and out .Her friendship was unwavering. It has been such an honor to call her the most precious, dearest friend for over forty years . 🙏 To a life well lived We love and miss you so very much .. You know you took a piece of all of our hearts, keep the little signs coming and don’t worry about Leo, we’ve got it . Deepest sympathy to Judy’s wonderful family . Such a tremendous loss 😭❤️

jennifer granko - January 24, 2022 at 05:00 PM

JG

“ Jennifer Granko lit a candle in memory of Judy Genevieve Davena



jennifer granko - January 24, 2022 at 04:54 PM

NN

“ Judy was one of the sweetest and generous lady I'd met through a friend. I did not know her well as been with her only twice. Through stories and photos of her she was a social and fun lady who always smiled. My deepest sympathy to her family.

Noriko Narasaki

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**Noriko Narasaki** - January 24, 2022 at 12:25 AM

MG

“ Judy was such a special person, it is so difficult to believe she is gone. She never missed a birthday card or other special occasion. Probably one of the kindest people I have ever known. Rest In Peace Judy, you will be missed forever!

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**Martha Gilson** - January 23, 2022 at 04:31 PM

ME

“ A member of "Benicia Gals" special group.... she will no doubt be looking on from above when the Niners play the Packers tomorrow! God speed Judy!

Marie Earp

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**Marie Earp** - January 21, 2022 at 08:31 PM

KS

“ Judy was one of the nicest people that I ever met. She always had a smile for everyone. Rest in peace dear person.

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**Kathy Applegate Snyder** - January 21, 2022 at 07:17 PM

BD

“ MY HEART HAS BROKEN TO HAVE LOST SUCH A DEAR FRIEND. WE NEVER LOST TOUCH OF EACH OTHER THROUGH ALL THE YEARS. WE STARTED OUT IN OUR FIRST APARTMENTS ON FIRST ST. SHE LIVED DOWN STAIR i LIVED UP STAIR. NOT ONE BAD WORD EVER AND I MEAN EVER CAME OUT OF HER MOUTH. I WILL MISS YOUR BEAUTIFUL SMILE MY FRIEND UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN. BRUCE DINSDALE

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**Bruce Dinsdale** - January 21, 2022 at 01:00 PM