



## Judy Marchitto Esteban

August 18, 1939 - January 5, 2025

Judy Marchitto Esteban, a beloved wife, mother, sister, aunt, and most importantly, "Grandma JuJu," passed away peacefully in the early hours of January 5, 2025, surrounded by her devoted husband of 62 years, Cilio, and her family.

Born on August 18, 1939, in Queens, New York, Judy's heart always belonged to the city. While she relocated to Guilford, Connecticut after the birth of her first child, she cherished every opportunity to return to New York, savoring its vibrant energy, sights, sounds, and tastes with family and friends.

At the age of 17, Judy began her lifelong love of travel by working as a ground stewardess for Eastern Airlines. In 1963, during one of her trips, she met the love of her life, Cilio, on a train in Spain. Their instant connection led to a lasting bond, and they married, embarking on a shared journey filled with adventure and love. Together, they raised three children: Thelia (Matt) Folsom, David (Amanda) Esteban, and Susanne (Sean) Hayes. Judy was also the proud grandmother of Drew, Kaylie, Emily, Ella, and Piper, and her grandchildren were the light of her life.

Judy's family was her everything. She was a constant presence of support, kindness, and generosity. Whether giving rides to neighborhood children, volunteering at school events, or simply offering a listening ear, she was

always there for those she loved. Her boundless love extended beyond family, and her friends knew her to be fiercely loyal and genuine. She never met a stranger, and her warmth and kindness touched the lives of all who knew her. Judy's love for her family and friends was unwavering, and she was a cherished companion to all.

She is predeceased by her father, Eugene Marchitto, her mother, Rose Valentine, and her sister, Eugenia Malinowski.

A celebration of Judy's life will be held at a later date in Connecticut. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the American Cancer Society, in honor of the many survivors and warriors in their family who have faced this disease with strength and courage.

Judy's legacy of love, kindness, and devotion will live on in the hearts of all who knew her.

# Tribute Wall

JE

“ Judy was my cousin and my mom, Emma Marchitto Epstein, was Judy's godmother. They were alike in so many ways - not only in their resemblance to each other but, most importantly, in their attitude toward life and sense of humor. Although I am the youngest of Adolfo Marchitto's grandchildren, and I spent the first several months of my life on my his bed (until his passing), it was Judy who knew him and was able to fill in and confirm so many details. She was able to connect the generations for me. I will miss laugh; I will miss her .

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**Jo Marchitto Epstein** - September 20, 2025 at 05:03 PM

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“ When I was 16 I had a bicycle accident at Rt 77 & Flat Meadow Rd. The man got out of his truck offered to put the bike in the back and give me a ride home. I said no for multiple reasons but I could not go home since my Mom was working. I walked to Aunt Judy's house, she was home with Thelia & David( thankfully they were napping). When she opened the door her facial reaction went from astonishment to a complete calm. “Oh Susie what happened?” I told her as she walked me up toward the bathroom. She kept my back to the mirror as she tried to clean out the road pebbles with tweezers from my face. She just talked calmly and never let me see the degree of the injury(torn cheek and chin craters with road debris). Only she knew how bad it was and knew she could not let me see it. Amazingly the skin healed without a scar. At 66 thankful I still have many more memories of growing up, personal conversations, visits and phone calls. Glad we were able to lunch at Brownstone before she went to Spain and I have recent voicemail she left on my phone. Memories are virtual hugs and comfort.

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**Sue** - January 12, 2025 at 08:29 AM

DG

“ When I was 5 yrs old; she lived in Queens, and worked for Eastern Airlines. She had me come visit her for a week in her apartment there. What a blessing and lots of fun it was.



DENISE GEORGE - January 09, 2025 at 11:41 PM

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*Para mí Judith fue un ángel en la tierra, bastaba una sonrisa para hacerme sentir mejor. Una persona muy especial a la que llevaré por siempre en mi corazón. Allá donde quiera que ella esté, irá irradiando amor porque ella era todo amor.*

Adriana Rodríguez Mañero - January 11, 2025 at 06:54 AM

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*Agradezco a Susana por traerla a visitarnos está primavera pasada a España, porque pude disfrutar de su compañía antes de que emprendiera sete último viaje. Gracias Judith y gracias Susana y Sean 🥰*

Adriana Rodríguez Mañero - January 11, 2025 at 07:00 AM