



Judith M. Cuyjet

January 19, 1940 - April 15, 2026

Judith M. Cuyjet, age 86, of Clarion, PA, formerly of New Jersey, passed away peacefully early Wednesday morning, April 15, 2026, at Laurelbrooke Personal Care in Brookville, PA.

She was born on January 19, 1940, in Philadelphia, PA, the oldest and last surviving child of the late William Thomas Hendricks, her biological father; Stephen Lane Cuyjet, Sr., who adopted and raised her; and Marion Helene Durham Cuyjet. Judy also had a special bond with her late grandparents, Frances Henrietta Morgan and Alonzo Duriam, who also helped raise her. She graduated from West Philadelphia High School and continued her education at Maryland State College at Eastern Shore in Princess Anne, Maryland, earning a Bachelor of Science in Physical Education and a minor in English.

Judy first married Chauncey Sonderlon Poulson on August 12, 1961, who preceded her in death. She then married William E. Colvin in May of 1977, who also preceded her in death.

Judy taught at Cherokee High School in Marlton, New Jersey, when it first opened in 1975. She was a freshman English teacher and a senior creative drama and creative writing teacher, retiring in 2002. While there, Judy directed two musicals, "My Fair Lady" and "On the Town," and was also the Burlington County Teacher of the Year in 1982.

She was well known for her amazing talents in ballet. At a young age, Judy was introduced to dancing by her mom, who owned her own dancing studio,

Judimar, in Philadelphia, PA. She idolized her mom and was part of Judimar for several years, dancing and teaching, and then continued her dancing career at Capital Ballet in Washington, D.C.

Judy was a member of Saint Bartholomew's Episcopal Church in Cherry Hill, NJ, where she served as an acolyte and participated in the weekly knitting group. Judy loved knitting, especially sweaters and beanies for the children in need. She was incredibly creative and artistic and carried that trait with her everywhere she went.

Judy is survived by her daughter, Kaersten Colvin-Woodruff, and her husband, Russell, of Clarion, PA; her son, Erik Sonderlon Colvin, of Los Angeles, CA; and her granddaughter, Olivia Woodruff of Queens, NY.

In addition to her parents and both husbands, Judy was preceded in death by her two brothers, Stephen Lane Cuyjet, Jr., and Mark Francis Cuyjet.

The Robert V. Burns Funeral Home in Clarion has the distinct honor of serving the family.

A memorial service will be held at Saint Bartholomew's Episcopal Church in Cherry Hill, NJ, at a later date.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Kaerie and Erik. I remember when you moved to the east coast. Whenever we gathered together in Cheswold at MartAgnès' house we would have so much fun with each other. Judy and I became so close. Judy would bring you and Erik over to my house when I lived in New Jersey. Those days were so special to me and it remains in my heart. I will miss my cousin Judy. Rest in peace in our Savior's arms. Love to all. Aunt Judy, Uncle John and Claude*

Cousin/Judy Cuyjet Davis Morning Spirit - April 30 at 11:55 PM

DS

“ *Kaersten and Eric. It saddens me to hear of the passing of your mother. She was a good friend and since she has moved away, I've missed her. Fondly*
Debbie Collins Sweet

Deborah Sweet - April 22 at 02:55 PM

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“ *Dear Kaersten,*

We are so deeply saddened to hear of your mother's passing. Please know you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers during this most difficult time.

PennWest Visual & Performing Art Department Staff and Colleagues

Visual Art Department - April 17 at 09:18 AM

KW

Kaersten and Eric- I always enjoyed being with your dynamic mother. My Cherokee memories will always include her.

Kathy Witzig - April 25 at 07:35 PM