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Judith “Judy” Murphy Wainwright, a devoted mother, artist, and compassionate nursing assistant, passed away peacefully on Mother’s Day, May 11, 2025, surrounded by loved ones. She was 87.

Born in Houston Texas on January 6, 1938, Judy later grew up in Chicago, a city she loved. She attended Sacred Heart High School and continued her education at Barry University in Florida and Loyola University in Chicago. She later pursued her passion for art at the Art Institute of Chicago, where she further cultivated her creative talents.

Judy was a gifted artist with a special love for drawing. Her collage series “Poopsie” about an adventurous young woman who traveled the world, was exhibited at the Art Institute of Chicago—an achievement that reflected her wit, vision, and originality. Known for her impeccable sense of style, Judy had an eye for fashion that matched her artistic flair. Whether through her wardrobe or her artwork, she expressed herself with elegance, boldness, and creativity.

Her life took her from Chicago to New York to Los Angeles, where she began her professional career as an Advertising Account Executive. After marrying James D. Murphy Jr, she returned to the North Shore of Chicago to raise their four children. In mid-life, Judy embraced a new path, becoming a certified nursing assistant. She dedicated over 14 years to the field, including 12 years

of compassionate service at Lake Forest Hospital as a Patient Care Technician, where she made a lasting impact on colleagues and patients alike.

Judy is survived by her loving children—Caroline, Jimmy, Beth, and Brian—and her cherished grandchildren Dani, Liam, and Heather, who brought her immense pride and joy.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, June 6th at Prince of Peace Catholic Church in Lake Villa. A viewing will begin at 9:00 AM, followed by a Mass at 10:00 AM. Interment will take place at All Saints Cemetery, and a celebration of life gathering will follow in the early afternoon.

In lieu of flowers, the family invites donations in Judy's memory to The Ovarian Cancer Research Alliance (OCRA).

She will be remembered for her artistic spirit, her brave independence, her signature style, and the deep love she held for her family and pets.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

JUN 6. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Prince of Peace Catholic Church
135 S. Milwaukee Ave
Lake Villa, IL 60046
(847) 356-7915

Memorial Mass

JUN 6. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

MK

“ Mark Kelly planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Judith Murphy Wainwright.

Mark Kelly - June 05, 2025 at 11:19 AM

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“ Mark Kelly purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Judith Murphy Wainwright.



Mark Kelly - June 05, 2025 at 11:19 AM

CB

“ Caroline, Jimmy, Beth and Brian purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Judith Murphy Wainwright.



Caroline, Jimmy, Beth and Brian - June 04, 2025 at 06:57 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Judith Murphy Wainwright.



June 04, 2025 at 01:13 PM

JB

“ I am sending my love to all of you. I have nothing but the best memories spending time at your house on Spring Lane. I will never forget the twinkle in your mom’s eyes or her lovely smile. Your Mom will be forever loved by many people. It was a gift having her in my life. Johnine

Johnine Bartosz - May 16, 2025 at 03:30 PM