



## Judy Kerkhof

March 12, 2026

After a long and courageous battle with cancer, Judy, with her family by her side and on God's terms, passed away peacefully on March 12th, 2026. Judy was a loving mother to Katelyn Campbell (Adam) and Deanna Kerkhof. She was a proud and devoted Grandmother to her cherished grandchildren, Alan and Nora Campbell.

Judy will be deeply missed by her siblings, Connie (Ron Brand), Dianne (the late Jim Brown), and Wayne (Delynne Latimer). She will also be fondly remembered by her nieces and nephews, with whom she shared many memorable adventures and quality time. Judy had a deep love for flowers and was a passionate gardener, renowned for her exceptional talent. Her artistry and dedication brought beauty to everything she touched. The elegant and breathtaking themes she crafted each year will forever be treasured, a lasting reflection of her creativity and grace. She will always be remembered with love and admiration.

Judy graduated from nursing in 1975 and her nursing career spanned over 30 years with Chatham-Kent Health Alliance, where she worked in various areas of expertise before she retired in 2014. She was recognized for her dedication and commitment to making Chatham-Kent a healthier community. Over the years, Judy cultivated numerous close friendships, which she cherished throughout her life. When Judy's cancer returned in 2022, these dear friends,

along with her family and neighbors, rallied around her, forming a supportive group lovingly known as “Judy Duty.” This team brought countless laughs, shared meals, provided transportation to appointments, and offered unwavering support.

In lieu of flowers, Judy wished for donations to be made to a trust fund: Alan and Nora Campbell’s Cystinosis Fund. Judy was always amazed by their strength, courage, and resilience as they embraced life one moment at a time while living with Cystinosis. Alan and Nora were her light. Cheques may be made payable to Katelyn Campbell and left with Cavanagh Funeral Home.

On Tuesday, March 17, 2026, Judy’s close family and friends are invited to gather for visitation at the Haycock-Cavanagh Funeral Home, 409 Nelson Street in Wallaceburg (519-627-3231) from 4-7pm. Cherished stories and tributes may be left for the family at [www.CavanaghFuneralHome.ca](http://www.CavanaghFuneralHome.ca)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 17. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Haycock-Cavanagh Funeral Home  
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# Tribute Wall



“ Haycock-Cavanagh Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Judy Kerkhof



Haycock-Cavanagh Funeral Home - March 16 at 12:13 PM

JB

“ I’m very sorry to hear of Judy’s passing. We shared a hospital room at the end of July 2022 when I had intestinal surgery. Though we only shared 6 days in the hospital, we shared many laughs, and got to know each other in a bit during that time. Judy was a ray of light and support as I healed from my surgery and made the difficult and long days in the hospital much brighter. My condolences to her loved ones.



Jason Brown - March 25 at 05:33 PM

BW

“ My sincere condolences to all Judy's family and friends...



Barb Wilbur - March 18 at 11:27 AM

MD

“ Katelyn, Adam, Deanna, Alan and Nora, Diane and Connie and Wayne, we will miss our dear neighbour and friend. Her positivity and strength and FAITH were her outstanding traits and part of her honourable personality. If I visited, I thought to myself-what can i say to her to make her feel better-yet it was me that felt better after our visit. I was always truly amazed by her. You are all in my thoughts and prayers!



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**Mary Van Damme** - March 18 at 08:36 AM

CM

“ Judy  
I miss you seeing racing down McKee road getting to get to your precious grandchildren's house whom you loved dearly  
It was wonderful getting to know you and be a friend for too short of .Life 🙏

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**connie Murphy** - March 16 at 11:32 PM

AS

“ Deanna, Katelyn, Connie, Dianne and Wayne  
I was deeply saddened by Judy's passing.  
Cherish all your special memories.  
Rest in peace Judy  
Hugs  
Agnes (Van Damme) and Rick Soulard

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**Agnes Soulard** - March 16 at 10:59 PM

ED

“ Our deepest condolences. Sending lots of love and strength. RIP.



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**Eddie and Tracy Van Damme** - March 16 at 08:12 PM

PS

“ My heart goes out to Judy's family my cousins and all her friends who were part of this amazing woman's battle with cancer. Judy was a constant reminder of what courage, wisdom love faith and family looked like, always speaking her mind in ways that brought clarity and humour to every situation. I have so many childhood memories of my hilarious and independent sometimes obnoxious younger cousin that I will cherish forever Judy you were and are one in a million. Till we meet again Cuz

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**Patci (Gibson) Stephen** - March 16 at 07:50 PM

KW

“ My heart goes out to you and your family as you carry this loss. Hold her memories in your hearts and celebrate them with love and joy.  
Wishing you strength and peace.  
Kim Wells

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**Kim Wells** - March 16 at 02:26 PM

JM

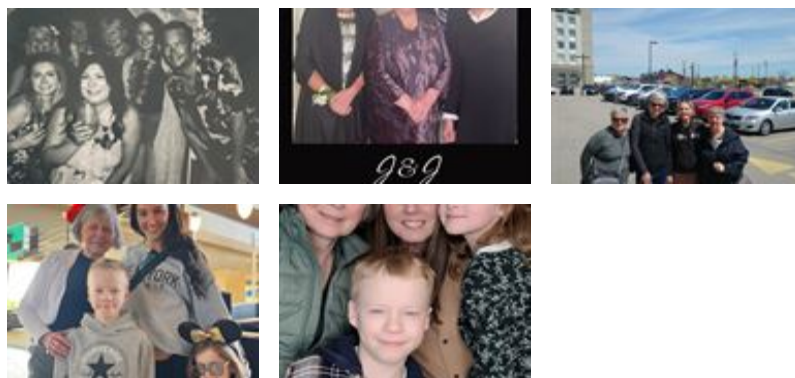
“ Jeff Mallette lit a candle in memory of Judy Kerkhof



Jeff Mallette - March 16 at 01:40 PM

HAYCOCK  
CAVANAGH  
FUNERAL HOME

“ 151 files added to the album LifeTributes



Haycock-Cavanagh Funeral Home - March 16 at 12:08 PM

DV

“ My sincere condolences to Judy's family. May she rest in peace! 🙏

Darlene Verhaeghe - March 16 at 10:33 AM

JT

“ Joni Trembley lit a candle in memory of Judy Kerkhof



Joni Trembley - March 16 at 10:25 AM

RV

“ *Ron & Joanne Vink lit a candle in memory of Judy Kerkhof*



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**Ron & Joanne Vink** - March 16 at 10:15 AM

PD

“ *I will miss all the tea cups and conversation and respect how much your journey will help so many future cancer patients, I will miss your friendship the most.*  
*Pat*

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**PaT vAN dAMME** - March 16 at 09:43 AM

JF

“ *Katelynn, Deanna and family*  
*Our sincere condolences. I remember Judy from working at Sydenham and from the time she went through the RCIA program at the church with John.*  
*Joyce and John Feher and family.*

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**Joyce Feher** - March 16 at 09:24 AM

TM

“ *I'm deeply sorry for your loss. My thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time.*

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**Tanya Mallette** - March 16 at 09:01 AM

LH

“ So sorry for your loss, may she rest in peace.



Lynne d Hooper - March 15 at 11:30 PM

JE

“ Our sincere condolences to Judy's family and close friends.

Jean & Dave Elliott



Jean Elliott - March 15 at 06:30 PM

JV

“ JUDY....the name originates as a shortened form of the Hebrew name JUDITH

a name given to a woman who was praised for her bravery and wisdom.

Well the Judy we know, fit the description. From the early part of the 1960's through the early 1970's she was a confident leader in the neighborhood, dance parties in her parents garage, tobogganing on the slope on the riverbank, organizing hide and seek amongst 20 neighborhood kids, going off to school and becoming a very positive caring nurse in the medical field and she always had a positive liveliness with her peers. All of this energy resulted with the raising of her 2 wonderful daughters, she was never down and always very positive, even to the end as she looked forward to meet Jesus. she will be missed.

The Sydenham Gang

John Veenema - March 15 at 05:28 PM

MB

“ I’m so sorry for your loss. Judy was the kindest person. I worked at Sydenham Hospital with her. She was always patient and helpful and kind to everyone. So sorry Allan and Nora for the loss of your grandmother. She talked about you both all the time and loved you dearly!

mary Bunda - March 15 at 04:00 PM

MC

“ Our sincere condolences to all of Judy's family. I worked with Judy at the hospital for years and she was a lovely person & friend.



Mary and Paul Caron - March 15 at 01:47 PM

DD

“ Our sincere condolences to Judy’s family,our prayers are with you



Dan and Cheryl Dehens - March 15 at 12:18 PM

TM

“ *Katelyn, Deanna and Family,*

*Mothers never really die, they just keep the house up in the sky...and in the heavenly home above they wait to welcome those they love.*

*Our thoughts and prayers with you during this difficult time.*

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**Tina & Andy Myers** - March 15 at 08:42 AM



LL

“ *Larry & Corene Law*

*Katelyn, Deanna, Connie, Dianne, Wayne and Families*

*We are so sorry to hear of Judy's passing.*

*Rest in peace Judy*

*On Sydenham we were extended Families living in separate homes separated by a hedge with permanent openings through. Lots of life memories were made.*

*After Sydenham our Life Journeys took on new adventures but our friendship is forever.*

*Judy will be missed*

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**Larry and Corene Law** - March 14 at 10:56 PM



TB

“ *Our deepest condolences to Katelyn, Adam and the family, thinking of you at this time. Keeping you in our prayers. So very sorry on the loss of your mom.* ❤️❤️🙏🙏

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**Todd and Mimi Bechard** - March 14 at 10:18 PM

JK

“ *The last I saw Judy was in London Health Sciences as we both waited our appointments. The Judy Duty were there in numbers offering support. You were a good friend and deserving of all those friends. Thoughts and prayers for the family. Rest in the Lord.*

*Janet Kempe*



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**Janet Kempe** - March 14 at 09:25 PM

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“ *Anibal & Paula Soares lit a candle in memory of Judy Kerkhof*



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**Anibal & Paula Soares** - March 14 at 08:26 PM

LH

“ *Katelyn, Adam, Deanna and all your families including Judy's pride and joy Alan and Nora we are sincerely so sorry to hear Judy had lost her battle. She gave it a good go and she will be missed by so many*

*I enjoyed any time we got to visit and we definitely should have did more lunches*

*Until we meet again Judy rest in peace my friend* ❤️🌸



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**Lorrie & Stuart Handsor** - March 14 at 07:46 PM

CB

“ *Judy was always so kind. Even during the hardest days for her she would always have something positive to say. My sincere condolences to her family.*

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**Cryston Bulckaert** - March 14 at 07:36 PM

RL

“ *Sorry for your loss*



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**Reg & Edith Lucier** - March 14 at 07:07 PM

CF

“ *Our heartfelt sympathies and prayers are with Judy's family*

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**Clarence & Cindy Feddes** - March 14 at 03:56 PM

MW

“ *Rest in piece Judy.  
I will miss the talks we had whenever or wherever we happen to meet. You were a good niece to my Aunt Dorothy and hopefully she waiting for you.*

*Your suffering is over and it's time for a new adventure that you deserve.*

*Michael and Linda Wicks*

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**Michael Wicks** - March 14 at 03:14 PM

JC

“ John Clark lit a candle in memory of Judy Kerkhof



John Clark - March 14 at 01:26 PM

NA

“ Norma Authier sent a virtual gift in memory of Judy Kerkhof



Norma Authier - March 14 at 12:48 PM

TF

“ Judy fought a long battle with grace and love for her girls and grandkids,love and prayers



Theresa Freeburn - March 14 at 12:12 PM

PL

“ Pat&Gail Lucier lit a candle in memory of Judy Kerkhof



Pat&Gail Lucier - March 14 at 11:38 AM

UN

“ *My sincere condolences to Judy's family. I have known her as an always friendly, caring person. She fought a brave battle with her illness.  
May she rest in peace.*



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**Uta Nowakowski** - March 14 at 10:06 AM

SP

“ *Rest in peace, Judy. Our sincere condolences to Katelynn, Deanna, Al, and Dianne and her family. So sorry for your loss.*

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**Sharon & Leo Punnewaert** - March 14 at 09:00 AM

RS

“ *Sincere Condolences to Judy's daughters, grandchildren and extended family and friends. She was a beautiful person and touched many lives. It was a pleasrue to know her from working days at CKHA. Rest in Heavenly Peace Judy.*



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**Rick & Marj Smith** - March 14 at 08:38 AM

CM

“ *We are so very sorry for your loss. Sending hugs and prayers.*



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**Chris & Chrissy Mahu** - March 14 at 08:28 AM

JG

“ *John & Janice Gonyou lit a candle in memory of Judy Kerkhof*



John & Janice Gonyou - March 14 at 08:06 AM

EF

“ *Condolences and much love to Katelyn and Dea. We shared many laughs with Judy over the years.*  
*Ed and Michelle*

Ed Freeburn - March 14 at 07:58 AM

SC

“ *I will always remember how nice you were to me whenever we seen each other. We had such great conversations. The last longest conversation we had was when I came to visit with Kashaia, first time I ever went to Canada, you and I talked for hrs. Sitting in your sunroom with the beautiful fireplace. Thank you for your hospitality, and kindness! Rest peacefully in heaven Judy, I will always remember you!*  
*Love Jackie.*



Sonja Cannon - March 14 at 03:47 AM

MT

“ *Katelyn, Adam, Deanna, Alan, Nora, and all of Judy's Family. I am so deeply sorry for Your loss. Sending You all My love and prayers. Rest in Peace Judy.*



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**Marian Turner** - March 13 at 10:54 PM

BW

“ *Brenda Wilson lit a candle in memory of Judy Kerkhof*



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**Brenda Wilson** - March 13 at 09:48 PM