



## Judy B. Eaton

March 7, 1939 - December 25, 2016

Judy B. Eaton, age 77, passed away on Christmas Day, December 25, 2016 at Upstate Medical University with her loved ones by her side.

Born in Lackawanna, NY on March 7, 1939, Judy was the daughter of the late James Van Du Zee and Irma Betty (Shoemaker) Brown. She received a Bachelor of Arts degree in English from Syracuse University where she was a member of the tennis team. She was proud of her position on her collegiate team and she retained a lifetime interest in the athletes and world events surrounding the sport. At one time she was married to the late David W. Eaton, and to that marriage came the blessing of three children.

During the 1970's Judy was employed by the Department of Social Services of Oneida County as a Social Worker. Later she worked for the County Census overseeing Audits. She was an advertising salesperson for the Polk Directory, TransWestern, and Yellow Book. She was recognized for her superior work ethic and received numerous awards citing her attributes as an outstanding salesperson.

Her last employment was a vocational position as a Teaching Assistant at the House of the Good Shepherd in Utica, NY. She loved the children and all their challenges and was loved by all.

Judy had a rapport with people and was an astute listener and able to draw on the potential of others. She was wise, hard-working and was an avid reader. She was passionate about volunteering at various adult and teenage programs, inspiring all.

As a Catholic, Judy was a true believer who respected and valued all expressions of faith. She was a member of the CSJ Associate Community. She embraced the charism of unity and reconciliation and participated in the mission of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet. Judy was dedicated to the spiritual development of others and had been committed to the former St. Francis De Sales Community, Thea Bowman House, and Pax Christi, all of Utica. She was passionate about advocating for children. She was sometimes known as the “kid whisperer” and she loved all of them, especially those in need. Her hobbies and interests included crafting grapevine wreaths, and writing poetry. She also studied and investigated local and state history and federal and state parks. Judy never missed a beat in life and she never sweat the small stuff.

Judy is survived by her daughter, Beth Eaton and her partner Kirsten Teitelbaum and son David of Ithaca; Judy’s son, Whitney B. Eaton and Kerri Bradley of California. Always close to her heart was the memory of her son, Robert Heller Eaton who passed away on September 1, 2005. She is also survived by her siblings, James Van Du Zee and his wife Dorothy, Diantha E. Brown, Irma B. and Tom Farrow, Stephen S. and Christyne Brown, and Charles C. Brown; and her many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, and dear friend, Betsy West. She was preceded in death by her sister-in-law, Janet Brown; her brother-in-law, Jamie Sullivan; and cousin Ginger Nicholson.

The family is grateful to all those who tended to Judy’s needs with loving care during her final journey.

Visitation will be held Friday from 3:00 – 5:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. In lieu of floral offerings, sympathy donations may be made to the Thea Bowman House, 731 Lafayette St., Utica, NY 13502 or Hope House, 130 Eagle St., Utica, NY 13501; envelopes will be available at the funeral home. Judy’s funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence on Friday evening at 5:00 at the conclusion of visitation, and will be officiated by Sister Lynn Abdelnour, CSJ.



# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **30**. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.  
932 South Street  
corner of Hammond Ave.  
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## Funeral Service

DEC **30**. 5:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

MP

“ We are so sorry that weather prevented us from attending Judy's funeral service. Although we moved to Western NY, we maintained our presence with Pax Christi and have known and loved Judy for nearly 15 years and just exchanged Christmas cards. We loved her joy and enthusiasm, as well as her very strong commitment to Catholic social teaching, which she evidenced in her daily life for so many years. Our hearts ache for your, and our, loss.  
*Marilyn and Bill Privett*

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**Marilyn Privett** - December 30, 2016 at 06:11 PM



“ *Plants-A-Plenty* was purchased for the family of Judy B. Eaton.



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December 29, 2016 at 03:38 PM

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“ *I always looked forward to visits with Judy when she would visit Diantha in Newburyport. She was always full of life with a passion for teaching, sharing stories and had the sweetest smile which always warmed my heart. I will truly miss her. May the blessing of her spirit sooth your grieving hearts! With much love, Rose*

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**Rose Russo** - December 29, 2016 at 11:38 AM

JB

“ I have a daughter, Angelina Boyd, who attended school at the House of the Good Shepherd. Judy Eaton was an aide in all her classes and had a special relationship with Angelina. She truly cared about the children and was loved by my daughter. We are so blessed to have her touch our lives. Our thoughts and prayers to all the family. My sincere thanks for all the kindness shown to Angelina. John Boyd



John Boyd - December 28, 2016 at 07:11 PM

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“ I met Judy at Diantha's house last year at a party that Diantha had around the holiday time. We had some nice talks and she always made me feel comfortable. She was a very loving and caring person. I shall miss her.

William F Rasschaert

William F Rasschaert - December 28, 2016 at 06:55 AM



“ My favorite memory of my Aunt Judy was when I was 14 we went to Old Forge, NY Canoeing and Kayaking. Well she was in the Kayak, my Cousin Beth was in the canoe with her friend and I was swimming the river. I remember Aunt Judy getting so mad at me when I would not put my life vest on so I put it on to ease her worry. I pretty much swam the river and got back into the canoe when it was to the end of our journey. We spent the day together on Moose river then went to paddfest after and then dinner. It was my 14th birthday present that I will never forget. I love you aunt Judy and that will never change.

Helen Youngs - December 27, 2016 at 08:16 PM

SB

“ *My favorite memory ; Judy often came to visit meny times she had a plant, a spirit of joy flowed with her making each visit delightful. Often want to go get a meal which had to include a big desert . Then insist on paying! Judy loved to lavish blessing upon us. We are going to miss our big desert rendezvous!*

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**Stephen&Chirstyne Brown** - December 27, 2016 at 05:17 PM