



Judy Lewis

November 6, 1935 - November 25, 2011

Judy Lewis, 76, of Palm Springs, California died on Friday, November 25, at Waverly Heights, Gladwyne, PA after a courageous battle with cancer. A long-time resident of Los Angeles, she was the loving mother of Maria T. Dagit, mother-in-law to Daniel C. Dagit, Jr. grandmother to Michael and Gregory, devoted sister and dear friend to many.

Judy was born on November 6, 1935 in Venice, California, the daughter of actress Loretta Young and Clark Gable who co-starred in "Call of the Wild." She was raised in Los Angeles by her mother and lived in the Los Angeles area for most of her life.

Judy achieved success in two very different career paths in her lifetime. In the theatre and television industries, Judy spent many years both in front of and behind the camera. Her acting credits include: Mary Mary on Broadway, and featured parts on the daytime serials General Hospital, Kitty Foyle, The Brighter Day, and The Doctors. She is best known for her longest running role as Susan Ames Dunbar on The Secret Storm (1964-1971). Judy had guest-starring roles on The Blue Angels, The Outlaws, Airport 1975, The Streets of San Francisco and Police Woman.

Behind the camera, she applied her talents, experience and skill when she produced the soap opera, Texas, a spin-off of Another World. Additionally, her script work on Search for Tomorrow was recognized with a Writer's Guild award. In 1994, Judy wrote the bestselling autobiography, Uncommon Knowledge.

During the 1980's, Judy fulfilled her life-long dream by earning her bachelor's and master's degrees in Clinical Psychology from Antioch University. Her advocacy for children's rights culminated in working for California Foster Care and St. Anne's Hospital, counseling teenagers. In the early 1990's Judy received her marriage and family/child counseling license (MFCC) and began her career as a practicing psychotherapist in Los Angeles, a vocation she pursued until her recent illness.

Above all else, Judy cherished her time spent in the Philadelphia suburbs and the New Jersey Shore with her daughter, Maria Tinney Dagit, Maria's husband, Dan and her two grandsons, Michael and Gregory. She played an active and vital role in their lives.

In addition to her immediate family, Judy is survived by her half-brothers, Christopher and Peter Lewis; her half-brother John Clark Gable; and her partner, Steve Rowland; along with many nieces, nephews and loving cousins. Judy was cherished by countless friends and will be truly missed by all those who knew and loved her.

Family and friends are invited to share in a Memorial mass celebrating Judy's life on Saturday, December 3, 2011 at 11:30 AM at Saint John Vianney Church, Gladwyne, PA. Relatives will be receiving visitors at 11:00AM at the Church.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to: The Waverly Heights Employee Appreciation Fund, c/o Victoria West, 1400 Waverly Road, Gladwyne, PA 19035 or to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, 555 North Lane Suite 5010, Conshohocken, PA 19428.

Tribute Wall



“ *What a great resource this text is.##imported-begin##Jaylyn##imported-end##*

January 12, 2012 at 04:46 AM



“ *To Judy's family --*

I'm writing this on my own behalf and also that of my friend Jane Barnett; and in a sense we're both writing in behalf of our late friend, Sara Prejean.

Around the turn of the century, Sara and Jane created a very informal literary salon which met monthly at Jane's home in Westwood. Over tea and cookies, we happy few would read poems and stories to each other. One of the charter members of our little enclave was Judy. I could be wrong, but I believe she and Sara had met each other some time previously at a Writers Guild function. We in the literary group all warmed immediately to Judy, so warm, so youthful, so beautiful. I've often thought of her in the years since, wondering what she was doing, hoping she was okay, but mainly just rejoicing that there was such a person in the world. It was with great shock and sorrow that Jane and I were struck by the news that she'd left us, and our hearts go out to all of you in her family. How lucky you -- and we -- were to have known her.##imported-begin##Preston Neal Jones##imported-end##

December 09, 2011 at 11:36 AM



“ I offer condolences to Judy's daughter, Mary, and his brothers for this sad loss. I am a big fan of Judy's father, and she was kind enough to answer some emails that I sent, was an honor that I never dreamed. Always be in my heart. Greetings from Spain.
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December 07, 2011 at 05:06 PM



“ Judy would have been a very, VERY distant relative of mine (a fourth cousin, according to Ancestry.com) on the Gable side.

I have been moved by the story of her life, and I am so very proud that she was able to reach out to help others through her work as a therapist.

May she rest in peace.###imported-begin###Linda B Holm###imported-end###

December 02, 2011 at 09:46 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. I met Judy at St.Anne's where we both were therapists. Judy and I were very close while we worked there. She helped me go through a very difficult time in my life and became my surrogate mother for a while. I will never forget her and I regret losing touch. I have missed her. Please, accept my sincere condolences. Please let me know if a memorial takes place in Los Angeles, so I can attend.

Sincerely,
Vida
vida_kk@yahoo.com###imported-begin###Vida Khavar###imported-end###

December 02, 2011 at 09:15 PM



“ To Maria & family, as well as Brothers, Christopher & Peter, please accept my sincerest sympathy on your loss of Judy.

On occasion, I would forward a photo or article of interest to Judy, and would always receive a very appreciative response from her.

May she live on in the hearts of all who knew her.

Laura E. O'Brien

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December 02, 2011 at 02:04 PM



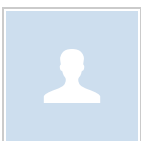
“ My deepest condolences to Judy's family. I would like to express to her daughter what an impact Judy had on my daughter while living in the LA area. I will be forever grateful.....##imported-begin##suzanne graham##imported-end##

December 02, 2011 at 11:18 AM



“ Rest in Peace, Angel.##imported-begin##Donald Di Russo##imported-end##

December 02, 2011 at 09:53 AM



“ My condolences to the family. Mrs. Lewis graciously responded to an email I had sent once in which I did not expect a reply. She was very nice, offered encouragement and advice which meant quite a bit to me. She will be missed.##imported-begin##Lisa##imported-end##

December 01, 2011 at 05:51 PM



“ I want to express my sincere sadness at the death of Ms. Lewis. When I was a child, I used to run home from school to see her on the TV show, the Secret Storm. About 10 years ago, after having read her book, I sent her an e-mail on Labor Day to tell her how much I appreciated her--her courage, acting & her writing. To my amazement, she was on her PC that day & answered me right away. I still have her e-mail somewhere in my possessions. I wept when I heard that she was gone. She seemed like such a stand-up person.

Jeanette Johnson

from Oregon##imported-begin##Jeanette Johnson##imported-end##

December 01, 2011 at 05:38 PM