



Judith Marilyn Vago Krum

July 20, 1942 - August 14, 2023

Judith Marilyn Vago Krum died peacefully at her home on August 7, 2023 in Sanford, Florida at the age of 81. She is survived by her husband of 49 years, Randall B. Krum, and her sister Linda

A. Jackel, along with many nieces and nephews: Christine Judd Rogers (Peter), Daniel T. Judd (Elizabeth), Patricia Judd McGee (Kevin), Alison Jackel Fienman (Paul), Donna Hoffman

Vizcaino, Wayne Hoffman, Glenn Hoffman, and great nieces and great nephews, Cameron Judd,

Kelsey Judd, Jakob Rogers, Jenny Rogers, Sean McGee, Emily McGee, Liam McGee, Max

Fienman, Brooke Fienman, and Victor Vizcaino. She was predeceased by her parents and her

sister Carolyn Vago Hoffman and her brother Richard L. Vago.

Judy was born on July 20, 1942 in New York, NY to Frank Vago and Florence Hultgren Vago.

After growing up in Farmingdale, NY, she graduated from Weldon E. Howitt High School class

of 1960. She subsequently graduated from Marietta College (Ohio) with a BA in English in 1964

and from Western Maryland College (now McDaniel College) with an M. Ed. in

Guidance and
Counseling in 1974.

Judy's interest in journalism was evident in her being Editor of the Daler Skyline in high school and as editor of the Marcolian, the weekly newspaper of Marietta College. As she pursued her teaching career, she taught English in Kent, Ohio; Carroll County, Maryland, Arlington, Vermont, and at the Hoosac School, Hoosick, NY. In her various teaching positions, she was advisor to many school newspapers, school yearbooks and creative writing journals. Judy also was Guidance Director at South Carroll HS (Maryland) and at Arlington Memorial High School (Vermont).

Judy married Randall B. Krum, her husband of 49 years, in 1973 in Baltimore, Maryland. They lived in Bennington and North Bennington, Vermont from 1974 to 2010. Together they traveled extensively in the British Isles, visiting many cathedrals and landmarks associated with English poets, writers, and musicians. They also traveled to Italy, and with their RV they visited many places in the United States and Canada.

Throughout her life, Judy was involved with the Episcopal Church, having been a cradle Episcopalian and living as an infant in the rectory of the Church of the Transfiguration in Freeport, NY. As a young person she was active at St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Farmingdale, NY and became a member of the choir. Following a move to Vermont she

became active in the parish life of St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Bennington. After moving to Florida, Judy became associated with St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Lake Mary, FL, where her husband has been organist-choir director since 2010.

Judy was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis in 1985. Over time, she retired from teaching and joined the staff of the Vermont Center for Independent Living, an advocacy organization that works for the civil rights of people with disabilities. She worked for VCIL as a Peer Advocate Counselor, a community organizer, and education coordinator. In 2010 the Krums moved to Florida as Judy had become a wheelchair user, and it became difficult to get about in the ice and snow of Vermont winters.

In Florida, Judy became involved with the Florida State Poets Association, being elected treasurer and membership chairman. Judy also pursued her lifelong dream of writing both prose and poetry. She has won many awards for her work and has had six books published:

- ☐ Gossamer Threads to Catch the Soul: Spiritual Reflections for the Church Year (2010)
- ☐ In the Crayon Box, There Is Peace – Poems (2012)
- ☐ Softness for a Hard World: Poems and Photographs (2015) – a collaboration with photographer Kimberly Morgan Burke (2015)
- ☐ Poetic Prisms: Prize-winning Poems (2017)

- Color the Sky with Morning – Poems inspired by the Psalms (2019)
- My M S Journey: Recalculating – A Memoir by Judith Krum (2021)

All books are available on Amazon.com.

Judy has donated her body to the University of Florida for medical research. A memorial service

will be held at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 700 Rinehart Road, Lake Mary, FL on Saturday,

August 26 at 11:00 AM. The Burial Office and Holy Eucharist will be celebrated at St. Peter's

Episcopal Church, Bennington, VT on Saturday, October 7 at 11:00 AM with subsequent

interment of ashes in the Memorial Garden at St. Peter's. In lieu of flowers, Judy has requested

that memorial contributions be made to Florida Little Dog Rescue

(<https://www.floridalittledogrescue.com/>), the Vermont Center for Independent Living

(<https://vcil.org/contribute/>), or to St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Bennington, Vermont

Previous Events

Memorial Service

AUG 26. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Peter's Episcopal
700 Rinehart Rd
Lake Mary, FL 32746

Burial & Committal Service

OCT 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Peter's Episcopal Church
200 Pleasant Street
Bennington, VT 05201

Tribute Wall

SC

“ My condolences to Randy and family. I remember living next door to Mrs Krum in North Bennington. The kids, Richard, John and Mary were a big part of my childhood. Mrs Krum was a nice neighborhood mom. May she rest in peace.

SAMANTHA A CALLEBS - May 07, 2025 at 01:25 AM

EB

“ Randy—Matthew and I were just speaking about you and sharing fond memories of your kindness (& patience!) while teaching at Sacred Heart. We decided to look you up and found this sad notice... we are so sorry for your loss. Hoping that the many joyful memories you shared with Judith bring you much comfort. All the best to you—Eileen Black and Matthew Black

Eileen G Black - September 10, 2023 at 07:35 PM

AF

“ Judy was a wonderful poet friend. She was courageous, witty and talented in many art forms. I treasured our friendship and will miss her greatly.
Alice R. Friedman

Alice R Friedman - August 27, 2023 at 04:17 PM

CH

“ I will miss you, sweet poet-friend. I enjoyed our times together at the Florida State Poets Association conventions. Alleluia. May Flights of Angels Sing Thee to Thy Rest.

--Cheri Neuman Herald, Sunshine Poets

Cheri Neuman Herald - August 16, 2023 at 10:10 PM

JF

“ Judy was a dear person to so many... I remember when she and Randy attended their first FSPA convention. They were sitting alone; I joined them at their table. We became friends, each appreciating over the years the other's work. Judy shared my sister's birthday - - a kind of special connection. My deepest condolences go to Randy and his family.

John Foster

John F. Foster - August 16, 2023 at 04:08 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Judith Marilyn Vago Krum.



August 16, 2023 at 12:39 PM

LW

“ Judy was one of the most talented ladies that I know. Always sweet and smiling. Her poetry is incredible. I will miss her.
Lorafay

Lorafay Woodall - August 16, 2023 at 09:18 AM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Judith Marilyn Vago Krum.



August 15, 2023 at 10:30 PM



“ *Judy was a brilliant poet, talented writer, and a wonderful person. i enjoyed our many conversations, her insight, guidance, inspiration, and cheerful demeanor. We discussed her MS journey, and how i became involved in MS fundraising. I'm going to miss her hugs.*

Robyn Weinbaum EA - August 15, 2023 at 10:25 PM