



## Judith F. Kroon

August 17, 1942 - March 5, 2024

Judy Kroon passed away on March 5, 2024 at age 81 in Fort Collins CO.

Judy Foster was born August 17, 1942 in Bridgeport, CT where her parents Howard and Alice Foster moved during World War II. After the war the family returned to Binghamton, NY where she grew up and graduated from Chenango Valley High School in 1960. She then attended Geneseo University and graduated with a BS in Education in 1964 and taught in Batavia and Rochester NY after graduation.

Judy met Keith Kroon in 1966 and they were married in 1968 and lived in Greece, NY on the old Erie Canal. They had two boys, Jeff and Scott, and the family enjoyed camping and travel including trips to Europe, winter trips to Florida to visit her parents, and a 5 week western US road trip. They hosted exchange students from the nearby universities and would share traditions such as having them over for Thanksgiving dinner.

Judy and Keith traveled all over the world during their 51 years of marriage and made annual trips to Mexico and central America to escape the Rochester winters and particularly enjoyed Oaxaca Mexico where they returned to numerous times to enjoy the food, culture, and weather. She also enjoyed their trips to the Christmas markets in Germany and the trips to Thailand to enjoy the cuisine.

Judy enjoyed many creative endeavors and through the years did various crafts such as painting and sewing projects, She loved to learn about the local cuisine art and culture from regions they traveled to.

She loved animals and, in particular, beagle dogs. She grew up with Patches and later the Kroon's adopted Royal and Barney and later enjoyed grand dogs Radar, Jake, Phoebe, and Pepper. Judy was a volunteer docent at the Seneca Park Zoo and even handled the snakes!

In 2020, after Keith's death, Judy moved to Fort Collins, CO and enjoyed living at Rigden Farm Senior Living where she made many friends and organized a lecture series by residents to talk about events in their lives. She also enjoyed the mountain views from balcony and car rides to Estes Park and up the Poudre Canyon.

She is preceded in death by her husband Keith Kroon. She is survived by her sons Jeff and Scott, grandchildren Kaleigh and Colton and daughters-in law Mineca and Janine. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Parkinson's Foundation.

There will be a celebration of life in Rochester, NY at a later date.

# Tribute Wall

RP

“ *I befriended Judy & Keith in Oaxaca, Mexico while living in the same residence near the historic Santo Domingo church. We shared the love of Mexican food and other delights there. She relished her winters there and was a delight to talk to.*  
*Bob Palmer, NYC*

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**Robert Palmer** - April 05, 2025 at 07:25 AM

BZ

“ I am so sorry to learn of Judy’s passing – she was a very dear friend to me, and I have a lot of precious memories from over the years. From the first time I met her in AAUW I could tell we had a lot of common interests - and we grew close over the years through activities with RIC hosting international students, book clubs, a gourmet group of friends that grew out of AAUW, and many others.

She had a love of travel, which I also share, and I loved hearing about her experiences, especially since we had been to a lot of the same places in Asia, Latin America and the US. She was also an adventuresome foodie, loved trying food from around the world, and she was a wonderful cook. I will never forget experiencing her prune and apricot stuffed pork rolls – so delicious, and made with love.

Judy was also a skilled seamstress – she made beautiful things with a lot of care and detail. I treasure a small purse she made for me – perfectly and precisely stitched into a small package of only about 2 inches – that I use daily for keys. I think of her and remember her generosity every time.

Her love of animals – especially her beagles - was another quality that defined her, and we had that in common too. Pepper was her dear friend.

I especially appreciated Judy’s sense of humor and her willingness to support a friend - she helped me get through some of the difficult times in life and for that I am grateful.

Love, Bev Zajkowski

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**Beverly Zajkowski** - March 20, 2024 at 10:07 PM

LB

“ I am so grateful to have had Judy as a lifelong friend- growing up in Chenango Bridge, having college visits and a summer traveling in Europe! She was a wonderful friend. Judy and Keith even met me in NY and here in CO. Blessings to her friends and family. Peace and Love, Lynda Smith Burns 🙏😊❤️

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**Lynda Burns** - March 10, 2024 at 10:14 PM

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**Jeff Kroon** - March 07, 2024 at 03:29 PM

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**Jeff Kroon** - March 06, 2024 at 09:28 PM