



## Judith Dennis Hertzler

July 22, 2022

Judith Dennis Hertzler, 60, passed away July 22, 2022, after a long battle with breast cancer.

Judy was born in Garden Grove, California, to USMC Colonel Richard Leigh Dennis and Carolyn Bacon Chellis. She was the sister of Richard Leigh Dennis Jr. and Jane Sansum. She was the devoted mother of Elizabeth Hertzler and her fiancé Matthew Roth. She also leaves many dear friends, including two nieces—Kellye Austin and Laura Sansum—and two nephews—Richard Leigh Dennis III and Ralph Sansum.

Judy was a brilliant mind and passionate political advocate. She graduated Portsmouth High School in 1980 after being elected class president in her senior year. She went on to study at Providence College and graduated with a degree in political science in 1984. Afterwards, Judy went on to work at the Rhode Island State House, with prominent administrative contributions to several political campaigns, most notably Kathleen Connell's RI Secretary of State campaign, and Steven Archambault's 2010 bid for the RI Attorney General seat. After leaving the State House, Judy also assisted Rhoda Perry during her term on the Rhode Island Senate, and subsequently worked for Johnson and Johnson in their DePuy Spine Institute from 2009-2015.

Outside of work, Judy had a great love of the sea. She spent much of her

childhood on sailboats, with her best friend Kathy Belanger-Barber. Judy was married to Richard Hertzler for fifteen years, and after they separated she moved to Barrington with her daughter Elizabeth. She remained a resident throughout her breast cancer diagnosis and treatment until her passing.

Funeral services are respectfully private. In lieu of flowers, donations to Rhode Island Hospital or Providence College would be greatly appreciated.

# Tribute Wall

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“ Judy,  
You were always a respected and determined leader with a cheerful personality. You will be missed!  
George & Jane Mello

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**George Mello** - August 09, 2022 at 06:00 PM






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“ My dearest Jude we sure had some fun times growing up and will never forget our dinner together with Kathy and our conversation in front of our cars for an hour just catching up. You will be missed my friend. May you now RIP...

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**Maryann Wilson LeBlanc** - July 29, 2022 at 03:38 PM

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“ Judy, Judy, Judy - my dear friend   
I've tucked our most precious memories away in my heart, where they will be treasured always. You were a ray of sunshine - you were our “queen” - and we love you . I will never forget you   
  RIP

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**kate (cathy beiswanger) hitchcock** - July 28, 2022 at 10:16 PM

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“ You were an integral part of my life at PC and it's hard to believe you've gone. PC band would not have been the same without my friend. You will be missed - RIP

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**Dolores Berlanga Fierro** - July 28, 2022 at 12:21 PM



“ *From Portsmouth High School to Providence College we shared some great friends and memories. I will miss you. Rest in Peace my dear friend.* ”

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**Bob Ferreira** - July 28, 2022 at 10:06 AM