Judith Thomas Moriarty

August 6, 1940 - January 5, 2014

Judy Thomas Moriarty, 73, passed away on Sunday, Jan. 5, 2014 at her home. She was born Aug. 6, 1940 in Chicago and has been a Libertyville resident since 1970. Judy was awarded a four year scholarship to Northern Illinois University after attending Luther North High School. She also received two masters degrees from National Louis University. Judy was a teacher with the Libertyville Elementary School District #70 for 30 years. She taught and served as the District Coordinator for the Lake County Mastery hearing program, District Gifted Coordinator and Staff Development Coordinator. She attended the Mastery of Hearing Service at Brigham Young and Utah Universities. She was affiliated with Phi Delta Kappa, Delta Kappa Gamma, the National Reading Association and the National Association of Teachers of English. She was also a member of the Lake County Retired Teachers and The Illinois Association of Retired Teachers. While in Libertyville, Judy became an active member of St. Joseph Catholic Church where she was a Proclaimer, Eucharistic Minister and CRHP member. She was a member of the Libertyville Junior Women's Club, Main Street and Condell Auxiliary. She was also a former executive secretary for the David Adler Cultural Center and served on the board of directors for many years. Surviving are her husband T. Kevin Moriarty; son Jason (Christine) Thomas of Chicago; step sons, Kevin (Dianne) Moriarty of Westfield, NJ, Brendan Moriarty of Glen Ellyn and grandchildren, Holden and Hailey Thomas. Her brother James (Debra) Rice of Willowbrook, caregiver Winnie Parks and her dog named Sam. She was

preceded in death by her parents, Norman and Lucille Rice, her sister Barbara Lindgren and brother Norman (Linda) Rice. Visitation will be from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. Friday, Jan. 10 at the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home Ltd., 120 W. Park Ave. (Route 176, one block west of Milwaukee Ave.), Libertyville. Prayers will begin at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 11 at the funeral home, proceeding to St. Joseph Church, 121 E. Maple, Libertyville for funeral mass at 10:00 a.m. Interment will follow at Ascension Cemetery. Memorial contributions can be made to the David Adler Music and Arts Center, 1700 N. Milwaukee Ave., Libertyville, IL 60048. Info: 847-362-3009 or please sign the guest book at www.burnettdane.com.

Tribute Wall

CL

Mrs. Thomas was my most treasured teacher. In many ways, she was like a surrogate mother. She is profoundly missed.

Chrissie Brown Lavin - October 27, 2024 at 07:20 AM

RO

dear kev , win, ariel and sam, sending you giant hugs on the loss of your LOVE,friend,grannie and "mom" !!!!!! oxox robin

robin - April 27, 2018 at 06:09 AM

EK

Mrs. Thomas (sorry but I will always call her that) was my favorite teacher. I was in her gifted English class at Highland from 1985-1988. She encouraged us to read new things and told us it was ok if we didn't like them as long as we could explain why. My class bonded very well and were a close group which she encouraged. In fact, we called ourselves "Thomas' English Muffins." I was very sad to hear of her passing. My sympathies to her family. Hopefully you are comforted knowing how many lives she touched and how many people will always remember her fondly.

Emily (Schlesinger) Kruse - April 27, 2018 at 06:09 AM

LJ

I was one of those misunderstood kids in Jr High and though Mrs. Thomas (as I knew her) was not my teacher, she was always very nice to me. It wasn't until after college when I was working at Libertyville Toyota that I introduced myself. I still think of her whenever I see a red Celica. She was always warm & gracious and I'm sorry to hear of her passing.

Laura Johnson - April 27, 2018 at 06:09 AM

RK

Dear Kevin and children: What a wonderful woman and teacher your wife/mother was! I remember her and smile, really smile, remembering all the times she wanted to help me with my writing for D70 and how she kept trying to teach me. She loved the written word and her own writing could cast magical spells. What an honor it was to work with her. Thank you for sharing her. She is missed. With all due respect to a great teacher, Robin Smith Kollman

Robin Smith Kollman - April 27, 2018 at 06:09 AM

MM

Judy was great person to be around. She was also a dedicated teacher whose students were very lucky to be in her classroom. She weathered some hard times with grace and dignity. She was a very special person.

May God admit her to His kingdom and give peace to her family.

Margaret McCarthy - April 27, 2018 at 06:09 AM

BN

We are so sorry to hear about your loss, we will keep your family in our prayers.

Brett & Kelly Novak - April 27, 2018 at 06:09 AM

KM

Kevin I was so sorry to hear of Judy's passing the few times that I had met her I thought she was a very nice lady. Even though it's been a long time since our Little League days I have always considered you a friend and remember the good times we had. Please pass on my condolences to your family. God Bless and Help You thru this time.

Kenneth Medick - April 27, 2018 at 06:09 AM

LH

Kevin..please accept my condolences on Judy's death. She was an amazing teacher, woman and friend. Worked closely with her at Copeland when she taught both my girls in fourth grade. Ironically, I also knew your great first wife, Kathy. Now live in Grand Rapids where I became good friends with Jim and Eileen McLaughlin 25 years ago! What a small world. Will keep you in my thoughts and prayers. Libby headrick

Libby Headrick - April 12, 2014 at 12:00 AM