



Trudy "Casey" Stryganek

July 11, 1949 - November 27, 2016

Trudy "Casey" Stryganek, 67, passed away suddenly on Sunday, November 27, 2016 at Advocate Condell Medical Center in Libertyville surrounded by her loving family. She was born on July 11, 1949 in Chicago and has been a resident of Hawthorn Woods for the past 20 years. Trudy and her twin sister Judy were born into a family of professional acrobats, performing since the age of five at major venues. Trudy and her sister known as the "Casey Twins" were recruited at thirteen to join the Ice Follies as principle skaters traveling around the nation for many years. After her performing days, Trudy became the first female paramedic with the Chicago Fire Department. She decided to further her education receiving her degree as a physician assistant and was the director and owner of Emergency Medical Training Program in Chicago for 30 years. Most of all, she was the proud mother of her track star son, Brandon, a recent graduate of University of Illinois, who is a 4x Big Ten champion and 4x all American. She will be dearly missed by her loving family and will live in our hearts forever.

Surviving are her son, Brandon Stryganek (Kelly); her twin sister, Judy (Buddy) Zack; brother, Casey Stryganek; a niece, Tiffany Zack, her nephew, Kenneth Zack; lifelong friends, Kay & Barb and by her beloved English Bulldog, Speedy.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Casey and Judy Stryganek. A celebration of Life will be held from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Saturday, December 10, 2016 at Trudy's home. Arrangements by Burnett-Dane Funeral Home, in

Libertyville. For info: 847-362-3009 or sign the guestbook at www.burnettdane.com.

Tribute Wall

CA

“ Sorry to hear of Trudy's passing I will pray for all of you.Lollie

C Lollie Cammarata Ariola - June 29, 2018 at 12:10 PM

LF

“ In honor of my friend, Trudy Casey, the world has lost one of the strongest, and most powerful women I have known on this earth. Her heart was big as the sky and deeper than all the oceans combined. To know Trudy was an honor and a blessing from God. My friendship with her will always be in my heart, and as long as I breathe I will keep her loving memory alive and meet her in Heaven when the time comes. My heartfelt condolences go out to her son, Brandon; sister Judy; her brother-in-law Bud; Tiffany and Kenneth; and the extended family of Trudy Casey. To know love in this world we live in today was to know Trudy Casey.

LaVern Roberts and Family - June 29, 2018 at 12:10 PM

SJ

“ You will be dearly missed...For the past 19 years we have lived next to you as neighbors. One thing I will never forget about you was your strength, no matter how you were feeling you just kept going and stayed strong. You are at peace my friend, and I know you are looking down upon your family and giving them strength, and love. Brandon know that we are there for you, if ever you need anything, don't hesitate to call, or stop by. Celebrate her life, she will be with you always in your heart. We love you Trudy!
The Jacksons

Susan Jackson - June 29, 2018 at 12:10 PM

LK

“ My heart goes out to Brandon, Judy and the entire Stryganek Family!! What a gem Trudy was. Trudy was strong, smart, sweet and determined inspire of her challenges. She loved unconditionally, was a good mother and outstanding friend! Heaven has you now! You will truly be missed. Love you!

Lori Krenzien - June 29, 2018 at 12:10 PM

MH

“ As the Fire Chief of Lincolnwood, our Fire Department would help Trudy by teaching auto extrication and patient handling as part of her EMT class at our Fire Station. She was so committed to her students and many of them would go on to paramedic school. She was like a second mother to many of the students. Trudy was a great educator and she was so proud of her son Brandon. Any conversation with Trudy would result into a discussion about him and his activities in school and college. What a proud mom!!! Our EMS profession has been blessed by Trudy and we will miss her with every passing EMT class. God Bless the family.

Michael Hansen - June 29, 2018 at 12:10 PM

FS

“ To Brandon Stryganek: My sincere condolences to you on the recent loss of your Mother. I am one of her cousins who resides in Arizona. Although I have not seen Trudy in 18 years, she was family and I will miss her. Again, my condolences to you.

Frank Stryganek - June 29, 2018 at 12:10 PM

LO

“ Trudy touch were an amazing woman and teacher. I remember once I came up to you and told you how upset I was that I got a 98 on a test and not a 100. You told me do you think when you take care of a patient they will ask you what you scored on your test. You made me realize that I had to be so hard on myself. After that I really enjoyed your class. I remember how much we used to talk about your son. You loved him so much. Every time you talked about him your face would light up. I'm so glad I had the pleasure of knowing you.

Linda Otto - June 29, 2018 at 12:10 PM

PH

“ Allow me to offer my deepest condolences. She was mentor to many people and will be a great loss. My husband Robert T Hanisko was a student and friend to Trudy in the 1990s. I had the honor of meeting her and Judy through him. May your memories keep you comforted in this difficult time. Pam

Pam Hanisko - June 29, 2018 at 12:10 PM

DS

“ Our heart goes out for your loss. We have you in our thoughts and prayers. The Spankowski Family.

Dean Spankowski - June 29, 2018 at 12:10 PM

MH

“ My deepest Condolences to all family and friends of Trudy. I was a member of the Ice Follies from 1957-63 so did not know the Casey Twins while in the show. Ice Follies had an 80th reunion here in Chicago at the beginning of October. Unfortunately, neither Trudy or Judy were on the "Alumni" list. It was wonderful to see old friends, including the unforgettable Richard Dwyers. He still is the "young debonaire" even though he is 81 years old. I am reaching out with condolences on behalf of any from the Follies who would have known Trudy. We are always "family" . I wish I could have known her as she sounds like a remarkable person. My condolences to family and friends. And Judy if you wish to be on the alumni list, contact me at 630-698-3055, I live in Maywood.Sincerely, Marilyn (Cosby) Heppner

Marilyn Heppner - April 27, 2018 at 04:35 AM

FO

“ I am so sorry to hear about Trudy's passing.I worked with her in the 70's on ambulance 43 in Chicago when she first started. I have some great memories of those days and will not forget them. If I was in town this weekend I would certainly would be their for the memorial. Again my sympathy to her family. Her friend...Fran

Fran O'Shea - April 27, 2018 at 04:35 AM

LH

“ Trudy will always be a brite light in mine and many others heart. I feel truly blessed for having been taught by her and to have known her. She was a remarkable person who made a difference every day. Her legacy will live on in each student she taught and every life she saved over the years. Thank you Trudy for all you did for others. You will be truly missed by many!

Leilani Hunlow - April 27, 2018 at 04:35 AM

CZ

“ I will trully miss Trudy. I knew her for 13 years. I cant believe I just spoke to her on the phone a few weeks prior. Her son was her pride and joy. She was always so proud of Brandon and that would be all she would talk about. She loved him and her family very much. She was always so kind to me. I was her EMT student when I took her class when I was 18. She did whatever she could to help me. I loved and will miss her greatly. My condolences to the family. ?
Celine Zeunert

Celine Zeunert - April 27, 2018 at 04:35 AM

MH

“ Trudy will be missed,i taught for her at Columbus hospital many years ago. she was very into her classes and I remember right after she went for her PA Degree, how focused she was my sympathyon her passing sincerely Mike Hoffelt LT/PM RETIRED CHICAGO FIRE DEPT

mike hoffelt - April 27, 2018 at 04:35 AM

TS

“ Trudy "Casey" Stryganek

Tina Brieske Swanson - April 27, 2018 at 04:35 AM

TS

“ To Judy, in particular, and Trudy's family,I was an Immaculata classmate and friend of "the twins". I was so surprised by Trudy's obituary and am saddened by her passing. We lost track over the years, but I fondly remember our times together: just hanging around, practicing gymnastics and cheer-leading, (such as they were at Mac), doing what teen girls do. I see her picture here and remember how her smile brightened many a class. I also remember how talented you both were and the performances you gave at the yearly Mac ice-skating parties. She deserved more time than this. My sincere condolences to all of you.

Tina Brieske Swanson - April 27, 2018 at 04:35 AM

CC

“ Judy and Buddy (and Brandon)I only found out about Trudy last night and want to express my condolences. I have many fond memories from so long ago. She will be missedCliff

Clifford Chase - April 27, 2018 at 04:35 AM

HH

“ Trudy and Judy were in 3rd and 4th grade with me. We lived down the street on Greenview Ave. Trudy was probably my first crush, but she didn't know it. I used to skate in front of her house, hoping to get her attention. Little did I know at the time what a great skater she would become. I did find out later about the Casey Twins and how successful they became. So sorry to hear about her passing.

Helmut Heller - April 27, 2018 at 04:35 AM

DA

“ You will be truly miss Trudy, rest in perfect peace beautiful

Denisha ATOYEBI - April 27, 2018 at 04:35 AM