



## Justine R. Solomon

August 11, 1924 - December 31, 2021

### JUSTINE RODNEY SOLOMON

CINCINNATI- On 12/30, 2021, Justine (Juddy) Solomon had her hair and nails done, went out to lunch, attended a lecture, had her 5:00 refresher, ate dinner and spoke with loved ones. She retired to bed and did not awaken, passing away on 12/31. At 97, Juddy departed life as she lived it—with grace, confidence, compassion, surrounded by love and definitely on her own terms.

Juddy (“not Judy”) Rodney was born in 1924 in New York City. After high school, she briefly attended William & Mary in Virginia, a real adventure for a New Yorker in those days. She returned to New York City to care for her ailing mother and met her future husband, Julius (Jeff) Solomon, whom she married on Armistice Day, 1945. Jeff soon convinced Juddy to move to his hometown of Lima, Ohio (Culture Shock!); they lived briefly in Lima and Hamilton, Ohio before settling in Cincinnati for most of their 52-year marriage that ended in Jeff’s death in 1997. The couple raised their three boys in Wyoming.

In addition to raising her three sons, Juddy pursued different professional interests. She recorded audio books for the blind, became a local tour guide, sold cosmetics, practiced speech therapy and became an accomplished realtor. Known city-wide as an avid golfer, Juddy accumulated many trophies and, more important, golfing buddies during her 50+ year membership at

Losantiville Country Club. Although not its most frequent visitor, Juddy was a long standing member of the Valley Temple in Wyoming, where Jeff was once President. Always an adventurer, she and Jeff traveled to many countries, often accompanied by Jeff's dad. After the children were grown, Jeff and Judy began spending winters in Sarasota, Florida. She later lived in Hyde Park, most recently at the Deupree House and the Kenwood Star.

Taking up residence at the Kenwood-Star, Juddy led an active life of regular Bridge and chess games, lectures and outings.. She kept her great intellect and sharp wit, and put on fresh makeup to star in "Sundays with Juddy" family Zoom calls. Juddy's life at Kenwood Star was enhanced greatly by her caregiving team--Mechelle Crutchfield, Elizabeth (Beth) Nelson, Karen Bell and Bonita Miller for whom we are forever grateful.

Juddy was adored by family members and friends, too many to mention here. Everyone that met her became a "Juddy Gusher," drawn to her genuinely kind, caring, generous and joyful spirit. She leaves her sister, Archa Emerson of Port St. Lucie, Fl and her son, Joseph and wife, Hilary. She leaves her three sons and their families--Rod Solomon and Nancy Griesemer of Oakton, Virginia; James and Marjorie Solomon of Weatogue, Connecticut; Paul and Laura Solomon of Woodstock, New York. Grandchildren include: Julia and Jeff Ensor (Maryland); Justin Solomon (Massachusetts) Jarrett and Samira Solomon (Connecticut); Liza and Ted Helfrich (Georgia); Jiana Solomon, (North Carolina); Gabriel and Maliqua Solomon (New York); Lana and Eduardo Montero (Massachusetts); Jesse Solomon, (New York); Jahson Solomon (New York); and Jaime Solomon (New York). The great grandchildren count is 8, soon to be 9. She also leaves her best friends and Cincinnati First Cousins, Mary-Bob and Jack Rubenstein and Lynne Mathews and their families.

A small, private burial service will be held this week at Spring Grove

Cemetery. Arrangements will be made by the Weill-Kahn Funeral Home. A celebration of Juddy's Life will occur later this spring or summer. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Salvation Army, Jewish Family Service or a charity of the donor's choice. The family will have a Zoom Visitation Wednesday, January 5 at 5:00 P.M. Here is the link:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89809244153>

Juddy Solomon Eulogy by Rabbi Austin Zoot - Jan. 5, 2022:

You can know a lot about a person based on how others react to her. And Juddy was a person who had a magnetic personality. All around her, everyone who encountered her left the experience feeling positively impacted, leading to those affectionately called "Juddy Gushers," those who couldn't stop gushing about this wonderful, joyous person.

Juddy was so many things to so many people. She was deeply committed to her family, and cherished every opportunity to be together. She had a wonderful sense of humor, and brought laughter to others, especially her family during Sunday Zoom calls in recent months. She was a golf enthusiast, a very athletic individual, who was known to get easily distracted if a game was on a tv in too close proximity. Her love of music was well known, although apparently her skill did not match her enjoyment quite as much as her athleticism did. And Juddy was always in a hurry. There was a world full of exciting things to do and people to see, and she raced from one to the next with a passion and excitement for life that was an inspiration to us all. Even on her final day, she accomplished more on her to-do list than most of us get done in a week.

Among all of the impacts she made, the greatest relationship was with her husband, Jeff. They met on a blind date in New York while he was in the

service, and were described by their children as soul mates. A metropolitan girl like Juddy falling in love with a man from Lima, Ohio certainly came with plenty of moments for...shall we say juxtaposition, and the family has a great many stories of the culture shock of life in the Midwest. But the care Jeff and Juddy shared was apparent to all who saw them. Jim described them saying that "they obviously loved being together," a true token of the strength of their partnership. Through their adoration for each other, they got to travel the world, enjoy a lifetime of Saturday nights celebrating life, and building a family together that is a testament to their strength as a couple.

Juddy reveled in her children, Rod, Jim, and Paul, as well as her many grandchildren and great grandchildren. One of the greatest gifts a person can give to their children is the support of letting them choose their own path, something that Juddy did for her sons. Rod remarked yesterday that he felt empowered by both of his parents to do what he wanted with his life, and felt he could make the best decisions for him. When he had the chance to choose between a job in DC or in Cincinnati, it was Juddy who said that he should follow the job that made the most sense for him, even though it meant he would be further away from her. Juddy was a person who prioritized family in the most important moments, and leaves behind those who will remember her with devotion and fondness, carrying on her legacy of closeness for generations to come.

Juddy's family did not only extend as far as her bloodline, though. Her worst days on earth were those when she wasn't engaged with friends, surrounded by people who she cared for, and who cared for her. The phone rang constantly, with Juddy working diligently to keep up with all of her correspondents, and remain busily engaged with the people who were most important to her.

In Jewish tradition, we speak about an Eishes Chayil, a woman of valor. We

read in the book of proverbs: “A woman of valor is a rare find! Her worth is far beyond that of rubies, her husband puts his confidence in her, and lacks for nothing...she is clothed with strength and splendor; she looks to the future cheerfully. Her mouth is full of wisdom, her tongue with kindly teachings.” A woman of valor might be a rare find, but Juddy Solomon certainly was a rare, wonderful person in her own right. She brought light and joy to each of us, and we are better having had her in our lives. May her memory be forever a blessing to us, and to all who meet her through our eyes.

# Cemetery Details

## **Spring Grove Cemetery**

4521 Spring Grove Avenue  
Cincinnati, OH 45232

# Tribute Wall

JH

“ I was Juddy's caddie in her last Club Championship at Losantiville in 1983. She was such a nice player, hit a beautiful draw as I recall, and her authentic kindness complemented her skill. A few years ago I visited her at Deupree House and was amazed by her grace and equanimity despite great infirmity. May she rest in peace.

Jim Hagerty - January 18, 2022 at 09:29 PM

SW

“ To the family, I have and forever hold a place in my heart for my Olga Weil partner Juddy. We played together for many years and were very competitive during the years of the tournament. She was so much fun to be around, a very skilled player, tough competitor, always smiling and enjoying the moment. Golf was my passion at age 110 growing up at Losantiville and actually knowing my friends parents better than them. I learned early on which parents treated me with love and true kindness and Jeff & Juddy were on the top of my list. So, I spent many beautiful walks, with Juddy, on the fairways of Losantiville CC and had so much pleasure and respect for her kindness, banter, and I felt like her 4th son. I have not seen her for many years but I always heard about Juddy through Barbara Piker. What a beautiful last day she had and I was very sad to hear of her passing. She was and remains pure goodness and the world needs her soul and spirit that will always remain. A beautiful woman who lived a beautiful life with class beyond beautiful. I know how much she loved her children and husband as she shared with me. Juddy, your infectious Smile will live in my heart. Go enjoy your friends for a nice round of golf. No mulligans. Rest In Peace partner. Love to all, Steve Waxman ❤️🙏🏻🕊️❤️🌍👐

Steven Waxman - January 09, 2022 at 11:11 AM



“ Thinking about the "good old days" of Thanksgivings past. Teri and my sincere condolences to the family. Juddy was truly one of the good ones! Chuck

Charles Louer - January 05, 2022 at 10:24 AM

RU

“ Jeff and Juddy were among our parents' closest friends and were like family to all of us. Ricki and I were fortunate to see her in Cincinnati and it was just like old times. She was an awesome lady who will be missed by many. Her smile, laugh, and wit were intact and reminded me of my childhood. Rest in peace, Juddy, and know that we will always remember you. Rod, Jim, Paul, and your families you all have our deepest sympathies.

Rick Ungar - January 05, 2022 at 10:03 AM

KB

“ Karen Bell lit a candle in memory of Justine R. Solomon



Karen Bell - January 04, 2022 at 11:10 AM

LR

“ My deepest sympathy to the family. I share your feeling of loss and will miss my friend of many years. We shared many laughs together, especially on Longboat Key. I am just happy she went in her sleep.

Lois Rubens - January 04, 2022 at 09:27 AM

MC

“ *My forever angel , my juddy buddy*

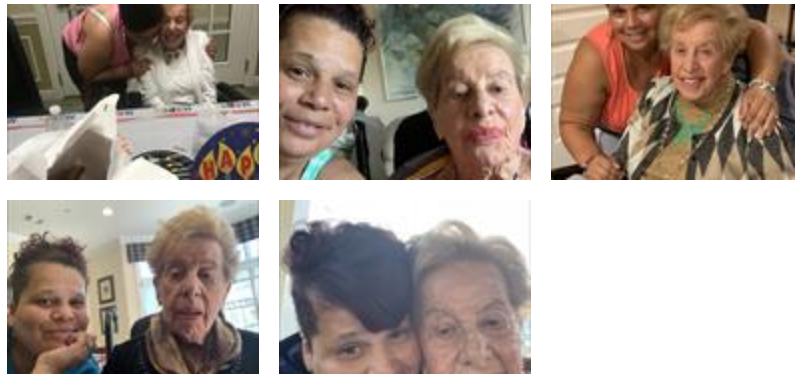


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**Mechelle crutchfield** - January 03, 2022 at 08:49 PM

MC

“ *I can go on and on but I won't . I'm a miss her smile that would just melt my heart and her big sense of humor . I'm a even miss those days she would fuss . I just wish there was a little more time with her.*



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**Mechelle crutchfield** - January 03, 2022 at 08:46 PM

MC

“ *Love to the Solomon family and all that truly loved her. I have so many memories with my Juddy buddy from long talks, fried chicken, Skyline Chili . and our weekly shows ( Chicago Fire, Chicago Med,, Bull, and New Amsterdam) She would call me her cry baby because that's what she saw at times . Well I've been just that since you left us . My life is so different without seeing you but I know you were truly tired . Please watch over me and kiss my baby boy for me. Forever in my heart my Juddy buddy until we meet again ...*

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**Mechelle crutchfield** - January 03, 2022 at 08:30 PM

BZ

*Juddy was indeed a special, memorable lady! We were so happy to have known her and for our family to have been enriched by our interactions with her!! Betsy and Walt Zalaski*

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**Betsy Zalaski** - January 07, 2022 at 08:55 PM

EM

“*Bob and I want to send our thoughts and love to the family of Aunt Judy, and there are a big bunch of you. What a woman she was, so full of life, spirit, and family love.*

*We had the pleasure of being with her many times later while visiting Cincinnati thanks to Marybob and Jack. We had a great time with her, she was so smart, witty, and embracing. She will be greatly missed.  
Bob and Emily Louer*



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**Emily** - January 03, 2022 at 07:40 PM

KB

“*My heart goes out to The Solomon Family. Rod, Jim and Paul my prayers are with you all. I pray that you will be comforted during your time of need. I had the pleasure of meeting and being a companion to “Juddy” for over a year. She was a pleasant woman and knew exactly what she wanted. My life has been enriched by her presence. Be blessed!*

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**Karen Bell** - January 03, 2022 at 01:52 PM