



Judith E. Roche

March 10, 1949 - June 21, 2024

PITTSBURG – Judith E. Roche, 75, of Pittsburg, died on Friday, June 21, 2024, at the Portsmouth Regional Hospital in Portsmouth, N.H., after complications from heart surgery.

She was born on March 10, 1949, in West Stewartstown, a daughter to the late Wilfred and Nathalie Edith (Whitehill) Frizzell.

A 1967 high honors graduate of Pittsburg High School, Judy lettered in cheerleading and basketball. She was best known throughout her life as “Sweet Pea” and spent over 25 years as a professional entertainer who sang while playing the guitar, piano, and bass pedal. In addition to her solo career, she led a full band for many years. While raising her daughters in Gorham, N.H., she worked at the popular “Pizza Shop” during the day before her nighttime gigs. She was a member of the Ladies’ Auxiliary of the American Legion Post #182 in Gorham. After moving permanently to her cabin in the woods in Clarksville, she worked as a secretary for the Town of Pittsburg for more than a decade. She took her civic duty very seriously, serving 13 years as a Clarksville Town Selectman and School Board member. She was the emcee for the Pittsburg Old Home Day for 15 years. Judy always had her guitar on-hand or country music playing on the closest speaker. In addition, she continued to share her love of music through volunteering to sing at the County Nursing Home with her “Witt Sisters.” Some phrases used to describe

Judy include “full of life,” “hot ticket,” “a hoot,” and “a strong, independent woman.” She loved her daughters and grandchildren with all her heart. Judy was truly one-of-a-kind.

She is survived by her two daughters, Tia Bergeron and husband Christopher of Pawley’s Island, S.C., and Karen Kidder-Prehemo of Clarksville; two sisters, Sally Masson and husband George of Canaan, and Cathy McComiskey of Pittsburg; her brother Roy Frizzell of Pittsburg; and three grandchildren, Mikayla Nawojczyk, Joseph Nawojczyk, and Spencer Prehemo; as well as numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Judy is predeceased by her husband, Raymond G. Roche in 2003; and two brothers, Peter Frizzell in 1969 and Bradley Frizzell in 2012.

Calling hours will be on Tuesday, June 25, 2024, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home in Colebrook. A funeral will be held the next morning, Wed., June 26, at 11 a.m. at the Farnham Memorial United Methodist Church in Pittsburg, with her nephew, Major Ethan Frizzell, chaplain of the Salvation Army, officiating. Burial will immediately follow at the Indian Stream Cemetery in Pittsburg.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to either the 45th Parallel EMS, Ramsey Rd. Colebrook, NH 03576; or to the Brown-Frizzell Memorial Scholarship Fund, c/o Trustees of Trust Funds, Town of Pittsburg, 1526 Main Street, Pittsburg, NH 03592.

Condolences may be offered on-line by going to www.jenkinsnewman.com. Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home in Colebrook.

Cemetery Details

Indian Stream Cemetery

Tabor Road
Pittsburg, NH

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **25**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home
103 Main Street
Colebrook, NH 03576
(603) 237-4311
info@jenkinsnewman.com

Funeral

JUN **26**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Farnham Memorial United Methodist Church
Main Street, US Route 3
Pittsburg, NH

Tribute Wall

JM

“ Dear Karen and family, I remember with fondness meeting and talking with Sweet Pea in Averill. Your mother had a joyous gift that she shared with so many. My deepest condolences on your great loss.

Julie Munson - July 03, 2024 at 12:47 PM

TF

“ Judy was one of a kind and you certainly knew where she stood, she wasn't bashful! She had a musical gift she shared all over the north country. We will cherish her memory!
Cousin Tom Frizzell

Thomas Frizzell - June 29, 2024 at 06:16 AM

FC

“ Our sympathy to Sally Masson and husband George, and Cathy McComiskey, her brother Roy Frizzell and all family and friends.



Francine Champagne - June 28, 2024 at 11:09 AM

LM

“ Condolences to Judith family and the Frizzell family. Louis and Helen masson



louis and helen masson - June 25, 2024 at 09:56 AM

JL

“ *She was such a great woman.. hugs and prayers to her family and friends my greatest condolences*



Jeremy Ladd - June 24, 2024 at 01:44 PM

KD

“ *My sincere condolences to the entire family. Judy will be missed. RIP Judy*

Karen Dickson - June 24, 2024 at 12:36 PM

TF

“ *The Emerson/Rockefeller family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Judith E. Roche.*



The Emerson/Rockefeller family - June 24, 2024 at 11:42 AM

TF

“ *The Emerson/Rockefeller family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Judith E. Roche.*

The Emerson/Rockefeller family - June 24, 2024 at 11:42 AM

JO

“ *Karen, Cathy and family, Judy had a smile that just warmed your heart. My condolences to you and your family.*

Joanne O'Brien - June 24, 2024 at 10:04 AM

SD

Is not Your Daughter Kim Dorman (O'Brien) from Pittsburg NH? it is a shame that She and her husband are tearing down others who are less fortunate than they are and claiming people in this local area do not work as hard as they do... Not everyone Marries into a Rich Family that owns a business they can pass down to their children.

Sarah Defosee - July 10, 2024 at 08:29 AM

CD

Brian Dorman and wife Kimberley all have brand new trucks all the time that most cant even afford to think about and spoil their kids with brand new snowmobiles for Christmas gifts and trips to Paris and then post it all on social media to say "Look at me" even Kimberley's daughter has a brand new ford f150 and barley has her license..because she cant represent the Dormans name with a normal first vehicle like all the rest of our kids...

Curt Demprey - July 14, 2024 at 10:38 AM

EC

“ My deepest sympathy to all of Judy's family. Judy was a great friend and I have many good memories of "Sweet Pea" and my husband "Nasty Nate" playing guitars together. They can once again strum along to their songs. You will be missed Judy. Rest In Peace.

Edna Coffin - June 24, 2024 at 09:57 AM

CA

“ Cathy A. purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Judith E. Roche.



Cathy A. - June 24, 2024 at 09:33 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Judith E. Roche.*



June 24, 2024 at 12:58 AM



“ *John & Jennifer Mortimer planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Judith E. Roche.*

John & Jennifer Mortimer - June 24, 2024 at 12:58 AM



“ *The Frizzell family lived “up the hill” in West Stewartstown from me for many years before the sad day they left for Pittsburg. Judy and her family were always musical. I remember the piano that was in their West Stewartstown living room. Like the rest of her family everyone was quick witted laughed much and often.*

West Stewartstown has had a Stewartstown Day for many years. One year Donald and I hired Judy to entertain. She gladly came to the gazebo and for many years returned to sing and entertain. This was a treat for that day for many years. When one is given a gift and talent that is shared how fortunate the receivers of that sharing are. I thank Judy for her sharing and bringing so much joy to merely being present with her guitar, voice, equipment, and that “Judy Spirit.”

Donald and Norma Gray offer our sincere condolences to her family.

Norma Gray - June 23, 2024 at 11:13 PM

LC

“ *Linda Clogston lit a candle in memory of Judith E. Roche*



Linda Clogston - June 23, 2024 at 07:19 PM

JC

“ *I remember visits with you and your brothers and sisters when our family would travel north from Londonderry. You and they always found ways to make good fun. I'm sorry not to be with you and your family at this time but eye surgery coincides, otherwise I would be there. Goodbye my dear cousin, may you rest in peace and, play on. Joan Anderson Cook*

Joan Cook - June 23, 2024 at 06:13 PM

DL

“ *We are sending our deepest sympathies to Judy's family. Alan & Diane Little*

Diane Little - June 23, 2024 at 06:13 PM



“ *Joyful Memory was purchased for the family of Judith E. Roche.*



June 23, 2024 at 02:10 PM

FD

“ From the Dziekans planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Judith E. Roche.

From the Dziekans - June 23, 2024 at 02:10 PM

ES

“ You certainly knew when Judy walked into a room. What a hot ticket. She was a lot of fun in school and always up for anything fun. Certainly will miss her

Eric Stohl - June 23, 2024 at 01:46 PM

AR

“ Amiel and Katie Rossabi purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Judith E. Roche.



Amiel and Katie Rossabi - June 23, 2024 at 12:26 PM

AR

“ Amiel and Katie Rossabi planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Judith E. Roche.

Amiel and Katie Rossabi - June 23, 2024 at 12:26 PM

JM

“ Judy was a "ball of fire" and a wonderful person.
RIP Judy

John Morrissey - June 23, 2024 at 09:37 AM

BM

“ *Brendon Mckeage lit a candle in memory of
Judith E. Roche*



Brendon Mckeage - June 23, 2024 at 08:04 AM