
Judith G. Recke

Judith G. Recke of Chicopee, 56, died at her home in Chicopee on Oct. 21, after a long and gallant struggle with cancer. Judith fully enjoyed the world and relished her family and friends. She loved the natural world, she loved to laugh, to cook, and to eat all kinds of cuisine. She loved to travel, especially to seaside locales. She was cherished by her many family and friends, and was cherished in return. She was a font of fashion wisdom to her sisters and nieces, and her fashion counsel will be dearly missed. Salutatorian of her class of 1976 at Silver Lake Regional High School, she went on to Dartmouth College, the alma mater of her father, nephew, and brother-in-law. Upon graduation in 1980, her years were filled with a variety of adventures. She joined an archeological dig along the banks of the Mississippi River and managed an independent bookstore in Pembroke, Mass. In 1992, she began working at Merriam-Webster in Springfield, Mass. She rose to the position of Vice President and Director of Sales, which she held until her retirement. Judith was the beloved youngest daughter of the late George E. and Catherine G. Recke of Kingston. She was the dear sister of Katherine and Robert Garrett of Scituate, John and Doreen Recke of Kingston, and Susan Newton of Kingston. She was the sister of the late Maureen Recke, also of Kingston. She was a devoted and loving aunt to nine nieces and nephews; their growing families will live keep her memory alive through stories and remembrances. Finally, she leaves her much-adored cat, Fritz, who was an endless source of entertainment. According to her wishes, no service will be held. Donations may be made to a [charity of your choice](#) , or to Woodside School and Community Resource Center, 34 Southers Marsh Lane, Plymouth, MA 02360. Woodside is a non-profit Early Childhood Center co-founded by her sister Maureen in 2001.

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