

Judith Ann Meisner, age 70, of Janesville, Wisconsin, passed away on Monday, November 21, 2011, at the home of her daughter in Milton, WI. Judy fought a courageous battle with cancer for the past two years.

Judy was born at Beloit Hospital, August 24, 1941, the daughter of Raymond and Bernice (Floerke) Kutz. Growing up on a farm in Shopier, her early days were filled with the simple pleasures of post-war rural country life.



In high school Judy was a cheerleader and loved to draw. Inspired by the glamour of Hollywood movie stars, she would draw fashions that would be used for the Katy Keene comic book series. During this time her parents were

enjoying some entertainment from a good looking accordion player named Verne Meisner, who would play at the Tiffany Inn. They hired Verne to give private lessons to Judy on the accordion and before long, they started dating.

After graduating from Clinton High School in 1959, Judy moved to Chicago to study art. When not in classes, she often worked as a fashion model for a department store.

While she was living in Chicago Verne proposed and they were married in 1960. After moving to Whitewater with Verne, they started a family with the birth of Steven

in 1961, followed by Daniel in 1963 and Michelle in 1968. With the family thriving, Judy then returned to school and received her Masters Degree of Fine Arts from UW-Whitewater.



With her art degree she began her career teaching at Phoenix Middle School. She enjoyed bringing art to the children and the position gave her the strength and experience in speaking and leading a large group — skills she would utilize throughout her life. During this time she separated from her husband Verne, and later divorced. Using all her strength, she raised her children as a single, working parent, still finding time to be involved in social groups, cultural clubs, church activities and travel. She enjoyed many trips to Las Vegas with her girlfriends to see Elvis and was a huge fan of polka music, making annual treks to the Thanksgiving Polka Fest in Cleveland. Being an open and friendly soul, she made many friends and inspired her family to dance, enjoy good music & good times, and love the people in your life.



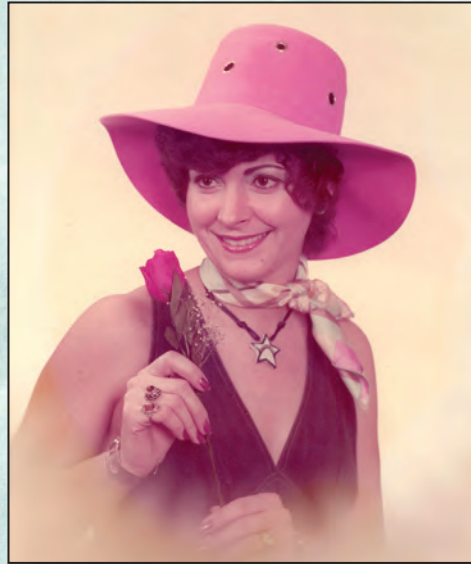
Throughout her childhood, Judy also had a fascination with the art, culture and history of Egypt. Her dream to one day go to Egypt was realized upon her first trip there in 1981. During the next thirty-plus years, she would take countless visitors there to see the land of the Pharaohs and meet friends she loved. She moved to Egypt in 1988, which was



a dream come true, but it was during this time that a severe automobile accident left her struggling for her life and stranded in an Egyptian hospital. Only after co-workers and friends finally found her was the long process of trying to get her home realized. With years of rehabilitation and support from her family and many wonderful friends, she made a full recovery.

Before her accident, she had already started an additional career with Mary Kay Cosmetics. During her recovery, the support of her family and "Mary Kay girls" helped her to regain the life she had so quickly lost. In addition to her work with Mary Kay, she also expressed her love for history with a position at the Lincoln Tallman House in Janesville. As a girl in the 50's, she had visited the Tallman House while her mother volunteered there.

Never a dull moment, she filled her time with friends, family, art, travel, music and her love for dancing. She was a member of three congregations, First English Lutheran in Whitewater, Hope Lutheran in Milton and St. Andrews Unity Church of Cairo. Her memoirs entitled, "An Egyptian Affair," is due for publication. When raising her children she would often say, "Live every day as if it's your last," ... and she did.



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- Judy Meisner*

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