



# Judit K. Palotai

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**J**udit K. Palotai, aged 78, passed away suddenly on Sunday, July 21, 2024, at Mercy New Life Hospice. Born in Budapest, Hungary, on June 13, 1946, to Laszlo and Hedvig (nee Grosz) Szecsodi, Judit's life journey took her across continents and through numerous adventures.

In 1970, she embarked on a new chapter by immigrating from Hungary to South Africa, and in 1979, she continued her journey to the United States, to Cleveland, Ohio and eventually making Lorain, Ohio her home. Despite the challenges of restarting her life in several countries, Judit's resilience and determination shone through.

Judit was originally educated in Hungary in Industrial Arts. She switched her career path to nursing several years later after arriving in the United States in order to give her family a better life.

In 1996, she earned her Nursing Degree from Lorain County Community College and shortly thereafter became a Registered Nurse. Her career in home health care for Elyria Memorial Hospital highlighted her exceptional skills, especially in wound care. In addition to being fluent in several languages, Judit was known for her strength, independence, and as a true inspiration to her children.

Judit had a deep love for animals, especially her beloved cats, Cicero and Mici. She also showed Afghan Hound Dogs while living in South Africa. Her artistic talents, passion for reading, and culinary skills, particularly in Hungarian cuisine, were cherished by all who knew her.

She is survived by her children, Dorothy (Marty) Pummill, Shirley Palotai, Melinda (Jake Morris) Palotai, and Kevin Palotai; her grandchildren, Alex, Izzy, Sami, and Nicky Pummill, Tyler Miranda, and Dominic Morris; and her brother, Peter Szecsody, of Budapest, Hungary. Judit was preceded in death by her parents, Laszlo



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and Hedvig Szecsodi; and her beloved cat, Luci.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held on Saturday, July 27, 2024 at 3:00 p.m. at the Fraternal Order of Police, 926 Broadway, Lorain, OH 44052. Light refreshments will be provided. Please bring your favorite memories of Judit to honor and remember her remarkable life and legacy.



## Tribute Wall

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SH

**Secretary @ Northeast Ohio Nurse Honor G** posted:

The Northeast Ohio Nurse Honor Guard wishes to express our sincere condolences to the family and friends of nurse, Judit K. Palotai, RN. We thank her for her contribution to caring for others and representing the nursing profession with trust, dignity and respect. Your nurse colleagues will take over from here. Rest in peace. [neohnursehonorguard@gmail.com](mailto:neohnursehonorguard@gmail.com) <https://northeastohionursehonorguard.com>

July 29 at 11:41 AM

MA

**Marylynne** posted:

Melinda, Jake & Dominic, I am so sorry for the loss of your Mom & Grandma. You are in my thoughts & prayers. God Bless all of you!

July 28 at 3:53 PM

JM

**John & Paula Morris** lit a candle in honor of Judit.



July 24 at 10:42 AM

PM

**Paula Morris** posted:

We always had fun!!! Birthday parties, holidays or just plain old burgers on the grill. My most fun memory is when you came in for Dominics birthday riding on that little scooter you bought him. We talked about our families a lot. Often at the expense of our "brat" daughter, (Melinda)! I love how our families blended effortlessly. My father is cutting up with you right now, I can almost hear him "Judit, meet all my girlfriends here..." She always teased him about his girlfriends. You were so loved and will be missed. Rest peacefully, Memory Eternal, Judit!!! Love Paula

July 24 at 5:18 AM



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Judit by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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