



Judith Havelly Cafiero

April 8, 1941 - November 12, 2011

Judith Havelly Cafiero, of Athens, AL died Saturday evening, November 12, 2011, at Athens-Limestone Hospital. She was 70. Born April 8, 1941, in Morristown, TN to Ernest and Jenny Havelly, Judy had a precocious talent for music, a gift she shared as an artist and teacher. She earned two degrees in music, a bachelor's from the University of North Alabama and a master's in piano performance from the University of Miami. Upon graduation in 1973, she remained in South Florida and embarked on a career in performing arts management, working for the Florida Philharmonic, the Ft. Lauderdale Opera Guild, and the University of Miami's Maurice Gusman Concert Hall. In 1980 she took a position in public relations with the Miami Herald, a role that she relished and to which she devoted over two decades of her life. It is at the Herald where she spent her fondest years and where she met her beloved husband, the late Larry Cafiero. All the while, she remained committed to her community, serving as substitute organist for several South Florida churches, and to her university, becoming president of the University of Miami Music Alumni Association. In 2000, she was awarded the prestigious James K. Batten Knight Ridder Excellence Award for Community Service. Putting compassion over career, she retired from the Herald in 2001 and moved to Athens, AL to care for her aging family. There she continued her life in the arts, teaching piano and performing at local churches. To all who knew her, she was a consummate altruist, animal lover, and sports enthusiast. Judy is survived by her brother, Dan Havelly, and sister, Bess Ann Havelly, both of

Athens; stepchildren, Marianne Cadena of Miami, Larry Cafiero, Jr. of Felton, CA, Nancy Solano of Doral, FL, Joel Cafiero of Hollywood, FL, and John Cafiero of Debary, FL; niece, Sally Havelly Girard of Norcross, GA, and nephew, Sam Havelly of Athens, AL; grandnieces, Elizabeth Gwen Girard and Lydia Havelly Girard, both of Norcross, GA. A memorial service will be held in Miami, FL. The family requests that memorials be made to the Athens-Limestone Hospital Intensive Care Unit or the church charity of their choice.

Tribute Wall

PS

“ *I miss you my dear friend. I send my love to you and your Larry.*

Pattie Stokes - December 14, 2011 at 07:36 PM

PF

“ *So sorry for your loss. We will miss her warm smile.
Bless you.
Piggly Wiggly Friends
Athens, AL*

Piggly Wiggly friends - December 05, 2011 at 10:14 AM

MD

“ *Judy was a close friend at the Univ. of Miami when I worked with her at Gusman Concert Hall. We lost touch but I thought of her often and am sad to hear of her death. She was truly a wonderful musician, a dear friend, and one of the funniest people I have ever known. I will remember her forever. Deepest sympathy.*

Mary Mahone DeVille - November 19, 2011 at 09:35 PM

JL

“ *We were saddened to hear of your loss; Judy was the kind of person you liked to run into while shopping (which we often did); no matter how busy either of us were we always enjoyed visiting. She always made you feel special; she was a SPECIAL gift to all who knew her. We will hold you in our thoughts and prayers. The legacy she leaves will live on in many lives.*

Jerry & Louise - November 17, 2011 at 12:42 PM

NF

“ *Morristown High School has lost one of its most distinguished alumni and the Class of 1959 has lost a beloved classmate. I last saw Judy at our 50th class reunion, and she was as always warm, charming, and graceful. We will truly miss her. I extend my condolence to Dan, Bess Ann, and the extended Havelly and Cafiero families. May each of you find peace and comfort in knowing that Judy's contribution to others make our world a better place because she lived.*

*Nancy Bell Furches
Class of 1959*

Nancy Bell Furches - November 16, 2011 at 11:33 PM

MY

“ *With deepest sympathy from a high school classmate*

Millie Hefner Young - November 16, 2011 at 03:16 PM

KH

“ *Bess you and your family have my sympathy.*

Kayren Harbin - November 16, 2011 at 11:54 AM

AL

“ *I am truly sorry for your loss. I had the pleasure of knowing Judy after she relocated to Athens. I will always remember and appreciate her for smiling and speaking to me each time I saw her at the Athens High School walking track. May her life's legacy continue to touch the lives of others.*

Andrew Lynn - November 16, 2011 at 11:36 AM

GC

“ Dan and Family, I am so sorry to hear about Judy. We had some great times at FSC with Ken Large and the band. Enjoyed seeing her on occasion at UNA functions. Take care.. May God Bless you and your family. And, Thanks be to God for her wonderful life.

George Cudabac - November 16, 2011 at 10:38 AM

BC

“ I was a classmate, admirer and friend of Judy's--she and her husband were always one of my favorites to see at class reunions-- what stale and class and great talent. the world has lost a wonderful percon and gift to the arts. En Avant. Judy and God bless your family as they mourn your loss--we will AKLL miss you-God's peace--Brenda

Brenda Dollar caradine - November 16, 2011 at 10:18 AM

MC

“ We are so sorry to hear of Judys passing. Please know you are in our thoughts and prayers.

Myra & Judd Clem - November 16, 2011 at 12:24 AM

MM

“ I am sadden to learn of Judy's death. She was talented colleague and a delight to know. I too retired in 2001 and we lost contact, but Facebook provides continues to link people. I have fond memories of her upbeat presence. My condolences to all her family members.

Martha Musgrove - November 15, 2011 at 10:03 PM

VH

“ Dan Havelly and Family, we wanted to let you know our thoughts and prayers are with you in your loss. Vickie Stroud Hill, Clay, Jennifer and Whitney

Vickie Stroud Hill - November 15, 2011 at 08:06 PM

EH

“ Dan and Bess Ann, Continuing to think of you and your extended family.

Elaine Harris - November 15, 2011 at 07:53 PM

JT

“ My sympathy to Judy's family. I took piano lessons from her mother for several years, in Morristown. I never met Dan or Judy, but Mrs. Havelly spoke of them often. I remember Bess Ann and all those wonderful toys she had in the basement room where lessons were given. May God's comfort surround you in this sad time.

Judi Easley Taylor - November 15, 2011 at 06:10 PM

WM

“ To Dan, Bess Ann and all family: My deepest sympathy. I had only met Judy once years ago. She was a friend of my friend, Wanda Turpen Little from Florence, Alabama. I knew Dan from meeting him through Morristown friends at UT in the summer of 1965. Please know that your family will be in my thoughts and prayers. Fondly, winnie Pat (Johnston) Monsen....Atlanta, GA Lilburn)

Winnie Pat (Johnston) Monsen - November 15, 2011 at 06:01 PM

TH

“ I am so sorry to hear of Judy's death. She was a special person to all that knew her. My thoughts are with her family. Sincerely, Tracy

Tracy Fox Horton - November 15, 2011 at 05:58 PM

MB

“ *This gracious and wonderful lady played the piano at my wedding. She was so precious and so talented! I saw her not too long ago at a store in Athens, she was smiling as usual. She is now with her parents and her husband in Heaven.*

Mary Beth - November 15, 2011 at 03:46 PM

LS

“ *Judy and I became instant best friends in college, and we have remained close ever since. When I think of Judy, I think of a gal in a class all of her own. She had exemplary style, grace, and elegance. Judy and I could babble for hours without a break and share such laughter together. She has touched my life in such a profound and tender way, and will remain in my heart forever. When I count my blessings, Judy will be counted twice. Rest, my dearest friend.*

Leslie (Carp) Stricklen - November 15, 2011 at 02:42 PM

PS

“ *My sincere sympathy to Judy's family and friends - all who loved this beautiful and kind person. May she rest in peace.*

Pattie Stokes - November 15, 2011 at 12:21 PM

FC

“ *I remember Judy very well from High School days. She was a very dear person. I'm sorry to hear of her passing.*

Frankie Corbin - November 15, 2011 at 11:55 AM

VJ

“ Dan and Bess, I am so sorry to hear of Judy's passing. She was a very cool lady, and I'm glad I knew her. She will really be missed. Peace to you both.
-Vicki

Vicki Vessels Johnston - November 15, 2011 at 09:52 AM

BW

“ My wonderful memories of our friendship are a treasure to me! What fun we had in the good 'ol days in Powers Hall! Judy was even a bride's maid in my wedding! She has had a profound effect on my life and I am so proud to have called her my dear friend! Heaven is filled with wonderful music and light from her sweet soul! My love and prayers to Dan and Bess!

Beverly (Ware) Wisner - November 15, 2011 at 09:48 AM

PW

“ Dan,
I was so sorry to hear of Judith's passing. I only knew her from the Bank, but she was always so friendly and pleasant.

Peggy Woodward - November 15, 2011 at 09:32 AM

JS

“ My heart is so sad to hear of Judy's passing. I always loved seeing her come in Limestone Vet with her cats. She was always so gracious & kind. Such a lady! Know my love, thoughts & prayers are with you all. With deepest sympathy, Janet Shireman

Janet Huff Shireman - November 15, 2011 at 08:55 AM

JC

“ Miss Judy was not simply my daughter's piano teacher. She was a mentor, confidant, and friend. Miss Judy sparked a love for music and a passion for playing that will last a lifetime. Annie wants to major in music and be a piano teacher like Miss Judy. When she heard that Miss Judy had passed away, she cried for a long time; then she began working on the last piece Miss Judy assigned her, "I Can Fly."

Jennifer Calatrello - November 15, 2011 at 08:04 AM

JM

“ I went from grammar school through high school with Judy, and she was a special friend. My prayers are with the family.

Joan Marsh - November 14, 2011 at 09:35 PM

JS

“ Judy and I grew up neighbors, went to school together and she will certainly be missed by friends and family alike.

Jackie M (Gilvert) Schulz - November 14, 2011 at 08:51 PM

AS

“ Judy and I were high school classmates and band members at Morristown High School. Judy was a wonderful musician and she always had a smile for everyone. We will miss her greatly.

Allen Munroe, Sr. - November 14, 2011 at 07:02 PM

BC

“ I am so sorry to hear of Judy's passing with great sadness

Bess McCravey Cureton - November 14, 2011 at 05:54 PM

CW

“ *An old high school class mate of Judy's. I remember her well as a very bright, kind, and gracious person.*

Clay ('Butch') Witt - November 14, 2011 at 04:42 PM

PR

“ *Judy was our "Miss MHS" in 1959 and carried that witness of service and personality through the next 50 years. Rest in Peace, Judy.*

Penny Roberts Rose - November 14, 2011 at 04:36 PM

GU

“ *Main Album*

Guest - January 01, 2011 at 12:00 AM