



## Judy Sanders

June 19, 2014

Judy Sanders, age 63, of Albany, NY, and Lenox, MA, whose life in broadcasting began as a freelance reporter covering the Berkshires and who went on to an Emmy Award-winning career at WRGB Ch. 6 in Albany, died on Thursday, June 19, 2014, of ovarian cancer.

In recent years, she moved from in front of the camera to behind it as the official photographer for three New York governors, Eliot Spitzer, David Patterson, and Andrew Cuomo. She brought to the task the political acumen acquired from years as WRGB's Albany bureau chief, her sharp journalistic instincts and keen sense of timing

Ms. Sanders had earned her Emmy for locating an abducted baby, having figured out before police did, where the child was likely to be.

She got that story by chasing the perpetrator down a Troy, NY, street in high-heel shoes, a wardrobe accessory for which she became famous.

"It seems the higher the heels, the faster she went," freelance videographer Sonja Stark told the Albany Times Union in a recent article. "I can remember many times her clicking down the hallway with some legislator trying to dodge her questions and she'd be right there with a microphone in his face and I'd be struggling to catch up with the camera on my shoulder."

Judy Carter Sanders was born in Sarasota, FL, in 1951, to Beverlee, a one-time actress who later became a real estate broker in Lenox, and Omar Sanders, who sold books for Random House. When her parents split up in the mid-1950s, she moved with her adventurous mother and three siblings to

Delaware County, New York. They went to live in Hollywood, CA, for a year and later moved to Tyringham, MA.

Ms. Sanders is a graduate of Skidmore College and, while there, studied art at Pratt and the New School as part of the University without Walls program. She loved making art, but when she discovered the excitement of telling stories through moving pictures, she dropped her paints and brushes and made the camera her medium.

She herself was a woman in perpetual motion and was never happier than when she was moving—the faster the better. She raced sailboats on Lake George, jumped from an airplane for a story on skydiving, took herself and her nephew for driving lessons at Lime Rock Park raceway, and hung out the window of a helicopter to take pictures of the Grand Canyon. She also loved the social whirl of Saratoga in the summer.

Judy Sanders is survived by her sisters, Deborah and her husband Bill Winslow of Lenox, and Vicki Sanders and her husband Christopher Burke of Boston; her brother, Clark Sanders and his wife Andrea, of East Meredith, NY; and her nieces and nephew Tiffany Wilding-White and her husband Carter and daughter, Lily, of Lee, and Jessamy, Shawnee and Sita Sanders of East Meredith.

Services will be private.

Messages of condolence may be sent to Roche Funeral Home, P.O. 152, Lenox, MA 01240, or [rochefuneralhome.com](http://rochefuneralhome.com).

# Tribute Wall

GA

“ *My memories of Judy extend back to the halcyon days of the big parties with Marylou Whitney. She was often with Liz Bishop and we spent time together at these wonderful gatherings. She was such fun and so sweet... never seemed to be 'working,' even if she was. She genuinely enjoyed what she was doing. I moved out of the area some 15 years ago, but I still can see her at those festivities. She was very special always, and will be terribly missed. Have a wonderful journey onwards! Hugs, Gary*

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**Gary Aldrich** - December 03, 2015 at 02:40 PM

CC

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you during your time of sadness.*

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**Claudette Callahan** - December 03, 2015 at 02:39 PM

JG

“ *Dear Vicki,  
Your sister seemed like a amazing person. I can only imagine how difficult losing her must have been for you all. Just know that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.  
Jane*

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**Jane Gionfriddo** - December 03, 2015 at 02:39 PM

GS

“ Dear Vicki and family,

*Please accept my sincere condolences as you mourn Judy's passing. Be assured of my prayers during these difficult days.*

*Sincerely,  
Greg Kalscheur, S.J.*

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**Gregory Kalscheur, S.J.** - December 03, 2015 at 02:39 PM

MS

“ Thanks for being a joy to watch on TV your enthusaism and spirit can never be replaced.

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**Michael Stannard** - December 03, 2015 at 02:39 PM

LS

“ Dear Debbie, Bill, and Tiffany,

*I have followed Judy's illness with a heavy heart knowing how this would be affecting you. Chris and I will never forget "The Real Judy Sanders" coming to Chris's birthday party just to make a little boy happy. She was clearly an amazing lady in so many ways. I have, and will always, keep you all in my thoughts and prayers.*

*Love,*

*Lynn Shaker*

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**Lynn Shaker** - December 03, 2015 at 02:39 PM

CR

“ Your loved one was a joy to know  
and a shining example  
of Christ's love.

*My deepest sympathy for your great loss.*

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**Carol Radtke** - December 03, 2015 at 02:39 PM

CH

“ to her family may god be with you in these trying times.rest in  
peace.

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**chris** - December 03, 2015 at 02:39 PM

JC

“ Judy ... We do remember you as beautiful ...

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**John Chestara** - December 03, 2015 at 02:39 PM

GG

“ May Judy rest in peace. May you be comforted in the memory of her  
life well lived. My thoughts & prayers are with you. With sympathy,  
Gerard Golden

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**Gerard Golden** - June 25, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SL

'Sistine', she said,"VOLUMINOUS! IT'S BY L'OREAL. GET THE ONE  
THAT SAYS NOIR AND MAKE SURE IT'S THE ONE THAT SAYS  
WATERPROOF!" You're right Sanders, it doesn't ever run.

Godspeed my friend. And tell Kenny, if he ever wants to come over to  
the dark side, I'll be there.

Always,  
Sistine

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**Sistine Lezon** - February 19, 2023 at 01:24 PM