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AUGUSTINE, FL -- Dr. Judith Elise LoeserEdsall died Friday, March 17, at her home following a battle with cancer. She was born Jan. 21, 1935, in South Bend, IN, to Milton and Mildred Loeser. A life-long student who loved learning, she received her bachelor's degree from Goshen College in 1963; her master's degree from the University of Notre Dame in 1969; and her doctoral degree from the University of Florida in 1986. Much of her professional life was devoted to education as a public school teacher in Indiana and North Carolina. She remained in contact with legions of former students throughout her life, many describing her as a "life-changing teacher." She later became a licensed clinical psychologist, practicing in Asheville, NC, and northern Florida. She was married to the late Rev. Hugh C. Edsall, who died in 2013. She is survived by their six children: Terry Langdon (John) of Indianapolis, IN; Noel McLaughlin (Mike) of Raleigh, NC; Beth Chamberlain (George) of Lookout Mountain, TN; John Todd of St. Joseph, MI; Margaret Krantz (John) of Hanover, IN; and Jim Edsall (Robyn) of Banner Elk, NC; 14 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. She also leaves behind many special friends, including George Hill of St. Augustine. Dr. Edsall's funeral mass will be celebrated on Thursday, March 23, at 9 a.m. in St. Anastasia Catholic Church in St. Augustine. The Rev. Timothy Lindenfelser will officiate. Fr. Seamus O'Flynn will assist. Internment will be in the Cloisters of St. Anastasia. The

family will greet friends both before and immediately following the services in the church narthex. Donations in Dr. Edsall's memory may be made to the St. Anastasia Catholic Church music ministry, which was an important part of her own personal ministry. Donations also may be made to Community Hospice of NE Florida. The family would like to thank Dr. Edsall's Hospice team for their care, particularly during her last weeks. St. Johns Family Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Tribute Wall

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“ I love Mrs. Todd, as I knew her! She was my English teach at Ligonier High School and was also my advisor as co-editor of the school newspaper. After she moved, I was cornered by a group of male teachers in Ligonier who were chastising me for an editorial I had written regarding the state of teaching in the United States. They clearly took it personally. As they had me cornered, Mrs. Todd (then), who was visiting, happened to walk down the stairs into the large foyer where they had me cornered. She approached the group wondering what was happening. When explained to her what was happening, she informed the men that she had already read it and thought it was a great editorial.

That evening, as I was having dinner with my family at home, one of the men knocked on our door to apologize to my father (not to me?) for their bad behavior. Only one.

A wonderful woman. I was honored to have her as a teacher and a mentor!!

Cynthia Rex-Kafoure, class of 1967

Cynthia Rex-Kafoure - October 19, 2021 at 06:55 PM

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“ Ms. Edsall was a great teacher and a great story teller. She made advanced English fun and very memorable. God has received an angel. Prayers for the family

Karen Williamson - March 22, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ Judy and I were in school from grade school through high school, where we had many adventures. We renewed our friendship later and became fast friends again. It was so special that she and George came to see me recently. I will miss her.

Shirley Henry Oldham - March 22, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ Thoughts and prayers for Beth and Noel and all the family. May God bring you all the comfort and peace that only He can give.

Teresa Smith-Engelen - March 22, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ I NEVER MET HER. BUT HER GRANDDAUGHTER EMILY IS MY DAUGHTER. FROM EMILY'S LOOKS SHE SEEMS TO HAVE GONE AFTER HER. NOW I KNOW EMILY'S BRAVERY IS GENETIC. I WISH I COULD HAVE MET THE DEPARTED SOUL IN LIFE. SHE DEFINITELY WAS GREAT SOUL AND DESERVE REST IN BEST PART OF HEAVEN. AMEN.

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