Judy A. Gillam (FCAS 1989)

1949-2014

Career and Home

In a picture taken in a kitchen, Judy Gillam wears an apron and smiles for the camera, possessing the confident demeanor of an intellectually curious person. Although she studied math and was an actuary by trade, Gillam also took pleasure in “keeping things up.” She learned by watching TV shows like *This Old House* and applying her new found wisdom to make repairs to her home.

She was born Judy Ann Johnson, in Manchester, New Hampshire on April 4, 1949, the daughter of Ernest and Eva (Merryfield) Johnson. She graduated from high school in Milford, New Hampshire, received her bachelor's degree in mathematics from University of New Hampshire in 1971, and earned her master's degree in mathematics from Rutgers University in 1975. She was a member of the Phi Beta Kappa Society.

In June 1977, she went to work for the Insurance Services Office in New York City and later she worked for the National Council on Compensation Insurance. After her time at NCCI, she was an independent consultant until her retirement in 2012.


Judy A. Gillam died on October 20, 2014, after courageously battling cancer. She was predeceased by her mother, Eva Johnson in 2011. Surviving are her husband, William R. Gillam of Robbinston, Maine and Marietta, Georgia; her son, W. Danny Gillam and his wife Ilke and their son Logan of Istanbul, Turkey; her son, Mark E. Gillam of Boca Raton, Florida; her father Ernest Johnson of Robbinston; and several cousins.