



# **Thelma Gretchen von Gohren Juge**

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**T**helma Gretchen von Gohren Juge, called Gretchen never forgot how much she loved riding horses bareback in Lake Vista in her youth or driving with the top down in her red Volkswagon bug convertible in the late 1960s. She never forgot how she danced the role of Clara in Lelia Haller Ballet Classique's production of the Nutcracker in the 1950s, or won the Camp spirit award at Camp Kohahna in Michigan. A UNO graduate and life-long resident of Lake Vista until Hurricane Katrina, Gretchen was a dedicated teacher of court reporting and helped many students become certified professionals as Director of Education at the former Professional Institute of Court Reporting in Kenner.

Gretchen held a lifelong passion of collecting funky treasures and amazing antiques which she carried with her to her retirement in Robert, LA with her daughter and her family where she enjoyed Dancin' to the Oldies at Francos Gym in Mandeville, caring for her grandchildren and attending the Christian Science Church of Covington.

Gretchen fought a long battle against Parkinsons disease until her death on Tuesday, June 2, 2015.

She is survived by Dr. Anne-Liese Juge Fox & Greg Fox, Jr., Denny Juge and Kettye Voltz Juge, Michael Juge and Marjorie Trace Juge; grandchildren, Jack Juge, Hal Fox III, Conner Fox, Olive Juge, Logan Juge, Genevieve Juge, Leilia Fox and Ivy Juge. She was pre-deceased by her parents Wilmer T. von Gohren and Thelma Parker von Gohren.



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SP

**Sue Pratt** posted:

I remember one day at the school, Gretchen went out to the Dumpster to take out some trash. At least 30 minutes later, she came in with eyes sparkling and full of joy. She had found a four-leaf clover. She was happy for the rest of the day. She was the only person I've ever known who looked for signs from the Universe to the degree that I do. We agreed that they're always there. You have to look for them and expect them, though.

June 8 at 3:47 AM



**Alcena Rogan** posted:

What I remember most about Gretchen is her great big smile and her deep dedication to coffee. She was the "fun" mom of one of my best friends in high school, Denny Juge. She was loved as a mom by another of my best friends from high school, her daughter-in-law Kettye Voltz. I am sorry for the family's loss.

June 6 at 9:58 AM

SE

**Susan Gauthreaux Elsensohn** posted:

Gretchen was an inspiration in my life!! I treasured our friendship every day, even when we lost touch after Katrina. Her smile and sense of humor will stay in my heart forever. And I'll never be able to look at a Stanley Steemer truck and not think of her. My deepest sympathies to her wonderful family.

June 5 at 11:01 AM



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**Theresa Trapani** posted:

Gretchen was a truly wonderful and dedicated court reporting teacher. When I finished school 23 years ago, she wrote me a personal letter of encouragement that I have kept and still appreciate reading. Her words are a constant source of inspiration. I am so grateful to have known her. And that is such a perfect picture of her smiling face! Sincerely, Theresa Trapani

June 5 at 9:00 AM



**Malcolm** June 10 at 10:35 AM

Loving blessings to all of Gretchen's family. In memory of 22 years we spent together. Thanks Gretchen for my wonderful lessons I learned from you. Especially my ability to break my addiction from religion. Love Malcolm



**Bridgett Hurley** June 10 at 6:35 AM

I have so many memories of her I couldn't fit them all. I've known Gretchen for 40 years. Her house was always open to us. I didn't even have to call ahead and was welcomed every time. My memories of her are stripping furniture in the driveway (you can tell all your friends that Anne-liese's mother is a stripper, she'd say), or singing Beatles tunes after she'd pick us up from shopping or the movies. She supported our unnatural obsession with Star Wars and anything that had a Dragon in it. She always had good food and introduced me to yard sales and finding diamonds in the rough. She was a brilliant, fascinating woman who dedicated her life to her children. I was lucky to be friends with one of them and to enjoy her warmth and her light. I will never forget her kindness, generosity or sense of humor.



**Tracey Tell** June 8 at 1:29 PM

I will always remember Gretchen's deep spirituality and her love for life. She often told me, "When you can't think of anything for which to be thankful, be thankful for indoor plumbing." Her sense of humor and kind heart was a blessing to all. When I reach the other side, Gretchen, let's have an adventure! My deepest condolences to her family and to all that knew her. With Love, Tracey Tell



**Sue Pratt** June 7 at 9:25 AM

Gretchen was an integral part of Professional Institute of Court Reporting and totally dedicated to her job as director of education. Her contributions will be remembered by everyone who attended school there and at Franklin College where she taught earlier. She is one of the rare people in this world who could always make me laugh. Although it's too involved to share here, I will never forget the double shoot (chute). God's speed. Sue Pratt



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