

### **In Memoriam: Judith Cantor** *by Kathe Rauch, 1951*

Judith Cantor was born in 1949 and died in 2009.

Although Judy and Kathe had learned about OLOC at the Atlanta Lesbian Conference in 1991 and wanted to join, Judy had just become eligible for membership this year and planned to attend the Southeast Regional Conference held in Columbia, SC. Kathe did attend with a good friend and found compassionate support among OLOC members.

Judy grew up in Johnson City, TN, and graduated from Interlochen Center for the Arts High School in Michigan. She spent a year in Israel, and then earned her BA in Business. She achieved her CPA, and was always a professional accountant.

In New York City, Judy was an active member of the National Organization for Women and the Salute to Israel, among other groups. In North Carolina, she founded The Computer Lab in the Research Triangle Park area.

With her life partner of 30 years, Kathe Rauch, Judy enabled hundreds of students to earn computer certifications for jobs. Judy earned her Masters in Accounting at NC State University, and taught accounting classes at NCSU. She taught and mentored many students.

Judy had finally achieved one dream: enrollment in a graduate engineering program. She had been barred from architecture and engineering in her college years. She had also just achieved a second dream: a full-time position teaching accounting at Peace College in Raleigh.

Judy loved music and was active in many organizations. Most recently, she played bass clarinet, and was an active supporter of the North Carolina Pride Concert Band and the Lesbian and Gay Bands of America. She marched with the NC Pride Marching Band for many years, once as a fully-uniformed drum major. She was a member of SWOOP (Strong Women Organizing Outrageous Projects) and helped start the Raleigh Business & Professional Network. At NCSU, she was a mentor with the GLBT Student Center.

