

# 'HEARTBROKEN': GEORGETOWN REALTOR DIES FROM COVID-19

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A Georgetown real estate agent who lost her life to COVID-19 is being remembered as a devoted mother and loving wife who would give the shirt off her back to make someone's day a little brighter.

Judi LePage, 58, passed away in the ICU at Oakville Trafalgar Memorial Hospital on Jan. 3 after contracting COVID-19 mid-December.

While her husband Jamie and 19-year-old son Connor also had COVID-19, they have now recovered.

"It attacked Judi's lungs and she just couldn't fight it off," said Jamie. "We really had high hopes that she would make it through and come back home. It's just such heartache for us.

We're devastated."

The family's grief is being compounded by intense financial hardship as Jamie, a contractor who works on residential homes, has been unable to work due to the pandemic and a recent knee surgery.

Now, the community is rallying around the LePages in their hour of need. A GoFundMe page started to help the father and son keep their home raised \$11,000 in one day toward its \$100,000 goal.

"We're so grateful for any financial help to get us on our feet," said Jamie. "Even strangers are stepping up. It's just so heartwarming for us."

Judi — who Jamie said was in good health before COVID-19 and lived with Type 2 diabetes — began having breathing issues around Dec. 23.

Two days later, she was

gasping for air and admitted to the ICU unit in Oakville, where she was placed on a ventilator.

"They got her stable for a week or so, but then she started to get a really high fever of 104 to 105 and some kind of bacterial infection," said Jamie.

On Jan. 3, Jamie got a call from the hospital asking for the family to come as Judi was taking a turn for the worse. She went into cardiac arrest and passed away before they could get there.

"It's just so tragic and unnecessary. We're all heartbroken," he said. "Anybody who thinks this virus isn't serious or is overblown should visit a COVID-19 ICU unit — I promise they would change their minds immediately. If you get sick, it could be a death sentence."

Now, Jamie said, there's



LePage family photo

Judi LePage, who lost her battle with COVID-19, with son Connor and husband Jamie.

a huge void in their household that was once filled by Judi's "big heart, big laugh and big smile."

"She was quite a ray of sunshine, that's for sure," he said. "We were together

for 38 years. She loved life and she loved people. She had just started a career in real estate because she really liked to help people, and now she's been taken away."

Judi was also Connor's No. 1 cheerleader, with a passion for helping out any sports teams he joined.

"She was just the most selfless and generous person I've ever known, and she was like that with everybody," said Connor. "She always encouraged the kids on my teams and made sure everyone was happy."

The teen fondly recalled that his mom never thought twice about sacrificing things for him, both big and small.

"If she had a pillow and I said I liked it, the next day it would be in my room," he said. "We were always so close. She was the best mom that I could ever ask for."

Details for the LePage GoFundMe campaign can be found at [gofundme.com](https://gofundme.com) by searching "Judi LePage."





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