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## Women Writing the West – In Memoriam 2021

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### Judith Anne Grout (Morrissette)

December 9, 1944 - November 23, 2021

Age 76 of Glendale, AZ, formerly Arden Hills, MN, passed away on Tuesday, Nov 23<sup>rd</sup> while gardening in her beautiful back yard.

Judith was preceded in death by her parents, Earl and Theresa. Survived by her husband of 56 years, Dan; her daughter, Kare (Pat); her loving grandchildren, Megan and Ben; and brother Royce (Marge).

She graduated from the University of Minnesota in Clinical Laboratory Science and worked in healthcare while she attended creative writing classes and published a fictional account of her Mother-in-law's hitchhiking journey across America in 1939 after retirement. Chasing the Strawberry Moon (Hitchhiking for Girls).

Judy was a wife, mom, grandma, animal lover, author, and friend. Judy had a long and successful career as a microbiologist and hospital lab director. She was a member of the West Valley Genealogical Society, Story Circle Network where she received recognition for her "outstanding blog" in their SCN national e-letter receiving the Star Blogger badge which she proudly displayed on her website. Judith recently had an article on writer's block published in Women Fiction Writers of America, another of her membership organizations. Judith joined Women Writing the West as a member in 2014 and attended several conferences with her husband. She will be missed.

