



Julie Ann Martin

May 15, 1959 - November 6, 2018

Julie Ann Martin, age 59, of Royal Oak, died suddenly at home on the morning of Tuesday, November 6, of complications from her long experience of Multiple Sclerosis. She leaves behind many grieving friends and family members, most importantly her three children – Sophie, Noah and Ben Gerhard - whom she adored. They have been the light of her life for every day of their lives. She was immensely proud of them and she was buoyed by their love and affection. Being a mother was the most important thing in her life and she loved every moment of it.

Julie grew up in Royal Oak and attended Shrine schools for 12 years. She was the youngest of six children of Robert and Therese Martin. Friends from grade school and high school have been like family for the years ever since. She worked in her high school days at Susie Q Restaurant, where she also made lifelong friends. She attended two years of college (studying nursing) and then worked across a career in medical billing and medical office management.

Julie was diagnosed with MS in 1992. MS led to disability, though, and she stopped working when her twin boys were young. She never stopped moving or cheering on her children. And her humor never failed her. Her smarts and her funniness leave a lasting impact on everyone who loved her or knew her. She loved her life. She was an inspiration to all of us.

In addition to Sophie, Noah and Ben, Julie is survived by four brothers she adored: James Martin (Anne); Robert Martin (Annette Siffin); Thomas Martin (Judi Josiah-Martin); and Bruce Martin (Cathy), and by her beloved sister Maureen Martin (Mike Penskar). She is also survived by eleven nieces and nephews, five of their spouses, and six great-nieces and -nephews. This family is big and boisterous and funny - and Julie has always been a much loved part of it. Holidays, camping trips at Ludington, gatherings to barbecue, and long text conversations about the Tigers (sigh) and the Lions (groan) - these are the times that we held her dearest. These are the memories that will comfort us all.

We are very, very grateful that for the last year, Julie has had the promise and joy of life with her fiancé, Kevin Cavanaugh. He and his family will also miss her dearly.

We will all miss her greatly.

She is predeceased by the children's father, Tim Gerhard, and by both her parents.

There will be a memorial gathering on Saturday, November 10, at 2 pm, until the time of a service at 3 pm, at William Sullivan and Son Funeral Home (705 W. 11 Mile Road, Royal Oak). Donations in Julie's memory may be made to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society or to the Royal Oak Schools Foundation.

Previous Events

Memorial Gathering

NOV **10**. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors-Royal Oak
705 W. Eleven Mile Road
Royal Oak, MI 48067
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Memorial Service

NOV **10**. 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

TH

“ TO all of the Martin family our thoughts & prayers are with all of you. Sorry we could not be with you . Julie was a great person. . give her kids a hug.. Tom & Nancy Hahn.

TOM & NANCY HAHN - November 11, 2018 at 12:11 PM

CP

“ I'm so sorry for your loss, we send our deepest condolences, prayers and hugs to all of Julie's family. May she Rest In Peace.

The Prange Family

Charleen Prange - November 10, 2018 at 03:50 PM

TT

“ Thomas Trevarthen lit a candle in memory of Julie Ann Martin



Thomas Trevarthen - November 10, 2018 at 07:33 AM

BJ

“ Barbara and Jay purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Julie Ann Martin.



Barbara and Jay - November 09, 2018 at 10:03 AM

KR

“ *Kristine lit a candle in memory of Julie Ann Martin*



Kristine - November 09, 2018 at 10:01 AM

KL

“ *Koji Temma (President), Umix Co., Ltd. purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Julie Ann Martin.*



Koji Temma (President), Umix Co., Ltd. - November 09, 2018 at 09:17 AM

PM

“ *My memories of Julie are all fun things we did with our boys! Those of chaperoning field trips with her at Oakland elementary for our sons and watching our sons play summer baseball together and High school baseball together. Ben , Noah and Jay also spent time at the Boys and Girls club together and Julie and i were always talking while picking up our boys from the club. Julie was always her childrens biggest cheerleader and despite her disability she made every effort to attend anything her kids were involved in. I will miss sitting in the bleachers with you, but you can bet i will be cheering your kids on! I will miss you!*

Patti Moyer - November 09, 2018 at 12:04 AM

KK

“ I was Ben and Norah's second grade teacher (Mrs. Kapera). I am so sorry for your loss. I am sending prayers of comfort for you and your sister.



kathy kapera - November 08, 2018 at 09:11 PM

KK

Noah so sorry for the misspelling

kathy kapera - November 08, 2018 at 08:13 PM

DC

“ Donna, Allison, Katie and Christina purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Julie Ann Martin.



Donna, Allison, Katie and Christina - November 08, 2018 at 02:13 PM

DP

“ Don & Kelly Penskar purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Julie Ann Martin.



Don & Kelly Penskar - November 08, 2018 at 10:50 AM

FK

“ *Fiona Sookhai King lit a candle in memory of Julie Ann Martin*



Fiona Sookhai King - November 08, 2018 at 08:08 AM

FK

RIP to a wonderful, caring parent.

Fiona Sookhai King - November 08, 2018 at 08:09 AM

YO

“ *Your friends in Development at U of M in OUD/LSA purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Julie Ann Martin.*



Your friends in Development at U of M in OUD/LSA -
November 07, 2018 at 03:21 PM

SG

“ *Julie worked many jobs at the SusieQ back in the day. She worked on the fountain before I did and taught me how to make all the different desserts and sodas and shakes and malts and other customer delights. Always smiling and helpful. I was so glad to reconnect on fb with her . I am devastated for her children, her family and Kevin. I am so sorry for this great loss.*

Sue Guilbault - November 07, 2018 at 12:49 PM

LH

“ Leigh Beith, Kathleen Smith and Liz Hurley purchased the Serene Reflections Bouquet for the family of Julie Ann Martin.



Leigh Beith, Kathleen Smith and Liz Hurley - November 07, 2018 at 11:53 AM

KC

“ There are so many memories I have and will keep forever of my friend Julie❤️ We have raised our children together , sat outside in some pretty poor weather conditions together watching those children play baseball and soccer , had many conversations together ...we even Shared the same May 15th birthday together ❤️🎂 I will miss you my friend💔 wait for me in heaven and we will have the girls wine party we never seemed to have time for..for now , on earth, your kids will continue to be my kids❤️❤️

kerri crane - November 07, 2018 at 10:32 AM