



Mrs. Julia M. Dever

February 12, 1946 - January 31, 2021

Julia Marie McLean Dever, 74, of Columbia, went to be with her Lord and Savior Sunday, January 31, 2021 at Lexington Medical Center, West Columbia, SC. Born February 12, 1946, in Springfield, Ohio, she was the daughter of the late Francis “Frank” James McLean and Dorothy Jane Churco McLean.

Julie graduated from Springfield Catholic Central High School, and later attended University of South Carolina. She had a varied career that included cosmetology, real estate, and had a successful wallcovering business. Prior to her retirement, Julie was employed for many years at First Presbyterian Church in Columbia as the pastoral care secretary. In her spare time, she loved to be with her family, especially her precious grandchildren. She also enjoyed gardening, sewing, and baking.

Julie was a committed follower of Christ, and her faith informed all that she did. When her parents were killed in a car accident in 1969, Julie and her husband Mark, at the age of 23, took in her five youngest siblings, ages 8 to 18. After they were raised, she and her husband relocated to South Carolina in 1979. There she was instrumental in forming Tough Love, a parenting group, in her area. Julie also volunteered with Right-to-Life and attended many “March for Life” events in Washington DC. She held positions with her county Republican Party, and worked the polls for many years. She was a devoted member of Saint Andrews Presbyterian Church in Irmo SC, where she sang in the choir and was involved in various church activities, including a weekly bible study share group.

Survivors include her husband of 54 years, Mark Jeffery Dever; son, Kurt Jeffery Dever (Jamie Marie) and daughter Cathleen Dever Collins, both of Lexington SC; grandchildren, Ashley Marie Dever, Haley Cathleen Swett, Rachel Michelle Dever, Heather Nicole Dever, and Ethan Elihu Collins. Julie is also survived by her siblings, Peggie Sims (Ron) and Donna Young (Robb) of Springfield OH, Marilyn Spragg of New Bremen OH, James McLean (Diane) of Le Roy NY, and Joanne McLean of London OH; sisters-in-law, Lisa McLean of Sealy TX and Marcia Dever Osmon (Aaron) of Lake Placid FL; brother-in-law, Allen Dever (Rose) of Spokane WA; many nieces, nephews and cousins, as well as her

two dogs, Ella and Howie. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her brother, Fred McLean and her son-in-law, John Loren Collins.

There will be a private memorial service for the family at Saint Andrews Presbyterian Church. Inurnment will be at Fort Jackson National Cemetery. Shives Funeral Home, Trenholm Road Chapel, 7600 Trenholm Road Ext., Columbia, SC is assisting the family.

A livestream of Mrs. Dever's service will be available at 1 o'clock, Tuesday, February 9th by visiting her tribute page at ShivesFuneralHome.com.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in Julie's name to <http://www.sclife.org> and familyhonor.org.

Comments



“ A tribute video has been added.



Shives Funeral Home - February 08 at 03:29 PM



“ I didn't know Julie well, and this is certainly the first time I have seen all of these pictures, but I declare, I think she got more lovely with time. She will be missed by so many. Many condolences to her sweet family!

Victoria - February 08 at 04:15 PM



“ My sweet oldest sister Julie. Will miss you till we meet again. This video was filled with many photos I do not remember and sweet memories. Thank you for the many blessings. Joanne McLean love and prayers family!

Joanne - February 08 at 04:58 PM



“ This video was a wonderful reminder of the great person Julie, my sister-in-law was to all that she ever met. Julie will be highly missed by my wife Rose and Me, Allen Dever. Her giggle laughs will be missed, but always remembered. Her hospitality, her caring for my mother during her health issues can never be more appreciated enough. Julie will be missed but never ever forgotten. Bless you Julie and now enjoy the love that God will give you in the after life. LOVE YOU JULIE . Rosemary and Allen Dever.

warren allen dever - February 10 at 02:19 PM



“ Over the years I lost touch with Julie, even though she lived not far from me in South Carolina. I remember as kids how close our parents were, and the many days of playing together as a family from two brothers who set the standard for true family experiences. Mark and Julie stepped up after the tragedy of losing both of her parents and raised her siblings as her own family. I reconnected with her in recent years and found the true spirit that resided in her once again.

With admiration for her life that was filled with family and God, I thank her for being part of my life. I will always remember those childhood days but more important who she became . I look forward to seeing her again soon. Her loss is temporary, and she and Mark will reunite to continue their path in the light.

1st Cousin - Mickey McLean

Mike "Mickey" McLean - February 13 at 07:42 AM



“ Fort Jackson National Cemetery



Jamie Dever - February 09 at 08:36 PM



“ Mark it's Carolyn Church sorry for your temporary separation from such a sweet precious lady . We had some good and trying times on the trail against abortion . It was so good knowing you those years . Gods peace love you two . It's been a while . Fred Kerr, Ray McPhail , and Julie they are having a blast I'm sure . Prayer for your complete recovery . Love Carolyn

carolyn Church - February 10 at 07:24 PM



“ Mark, thanks for sharing Julie with us. She was such a beautiful child of the Lord. The love she has for our Savior and for you shined in her beautiful smile which she always had. Praying for you and your family.

Sheila Middleton - February 11 at 07:54 AM



“ Short video from Fort Jackson National Cemetery

Jamie Dever - February 09 at 06:45 PM



“ In memory of Julie Dever

A Group of 10 Memorial Trees will be planted by the Arbor Day Foundation in a forest in Michigan.

This memorial was given by Children of Bill & Mary McLean

In memory of Julie from Family of Bill & Mary McLean, Maria & Karl in KY, Bill & Marsha in Springfield, John & Terry in Australia, Marty & Jeanne in Allentown, and Ann & Daryl in Columbus.

We remember Julie with fondness from McLean summer picnics and reunions. Our deepest sympathies to the many branches of the Julie McLean and Mark Dever families.

The link below shows where the trees will be planted. A copy of the certificate is being mailed to you.

<https://link.edgepilot.com/s/7ab30d0d/oY8j0iV0C064DHv546yxrw?u=https://documentcloud.adobe.com/link/track?uri=urn:aaid:scds:US:f86645c8-faf6-41c4-bff8-caf88e68b238%23pageNum=1>

Maria McLean - February 09 at 12:53 PM



“ I send my condolences to you Mark and the whole family. I remember when you all came to Texas in 2018 to see us. It was very special. Fred, Lillian and I were so thrilled to have you and spend time. Julie was so sweet with her beautiful smile and strong ,caring presence. I feel proud to have had Julie for my sister in law. You are all in my thoughts and prayers and I send you warm hugs.

Lisa McLean - February 09 at 09:47 AM



“ Our prayers are with Mark and Julie's family. Julie and I were friends from St. Joseph class of 1960. We will all miss her. God bless you all.

Tom Hannon - February 08 at 10:18 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Julia M. Dever.



February 08 at 09:17 AM



“ Karen Caulder Swett sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Julia M. Dever



Karen Caulder Swett - February 07 at 01:32 PM



“ I met Julie about 25 years ago. Though we lost touch, I always remembered her as a kind and encouraging woman. I was so very sad to hear of her passing. I send my heartfelt condolences to the Dever family and loved ones in their time of grief. May her rest be peaceful and her entrance to Glory be eternally magnificent.

Linda Nunez - February 07 at 12:10 PM



“ Condolences to your family Jeff. I have a few vague memories of your mom from back at St. Teresa's School here in Springfield OH. So long ago! Rest In Peace Mrs. Dever.

Matt Luther - February 07 at 09:47 AM



“ Julie was always encouraging to me when I was inquiring about being a beautician ! She was such an inspiration to me. I admired her for taking on raising her siblings when her parents were killed in that tragic car accident . She was a beautiful person not only on the outside but especially on the inside . Really sad for an early end to her journey on earth but God must have felt she had earned her crown ! Rest in peace Julie !

AlfredaA Hagan 'Fritzie' Calabrese - February 04 at 09:19 AM



“ Julie was our cool older cousin. Not too old, just old enough to babysit and be a cool high school girl. Her Aunt Flo, our mom, talked her into teaching us to dance, as I was going to a real dance! We followed instruction pretty much the same as we did in school. Poorly, but big fun. Everyone will miss her. Our families prayers are for Julie, Mark and all the kids. Bill Gibson

Bill Gibson - February 03 at 10:45 PM



“ I'll never forget how kind Julie was to me when my mother was in the hospital right before she died. Julie was a special friend.

Nora Fowles - February 03 at 07:12 PM



“ Kim Barnes lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Julia M. Dever



Kim Barnes - February 03 at 06:13 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Jamie Dever - February 03 at 02:49 PM



“ Thank you Julie for taking such good care of us, and telling me about Jesus.

Joanne - February 03 at 07:51 PM



“ Julie, Peg, Donna, Marilyn, Jim, Fred, Joanne.

Joanne - February 03 at 07:55 PM



“ 11 files added to the album Memories Album



Jamie Dever - February 03 at 01:28 PM



“ Julia was a very special, kind and godly woman. She was a special friend to me and all who knew her. Thank you for all the hard work and kindness you showed to everyone at First Presbyterian Church. I will miss you, but glory in the fact that now you are at the throne of the Lord Jesus Christ. Patty Mellen

patty mellen - February 03 at 05:40 AM