



Julia "Judy" Wanzer Roberts

August 17, 1941 - December 30, 2023

Julia "Judy" Wanzer Roberts
1941-2023

Julia Wanzer Roberts joined her heavenly family in the early morning of December 30th, 2023, after suffering from multiple age-related illnesses.

Judy was born and raised in Baytown Texas to Perry and Elma Lea Wanzer. After graduating from Robert E. Lee High School in 1959, she attended Sam Houston State University for three years before earning her undergraduate degrees in both English and Education at the University of Houston. Julia completed her formal education by earning her master's degree in education at Sam Houston State University.

Judy married the love of her life, Clark Roberts in 1962, and they remained married for more than 58 years until he passed in January 2020. They moved to Alvin Texas in 1962, and Judy began her career in education as an elementary school teacher. After eight years, their only son, Stephen, was born in 1971 and Julia's professional path took a new direction.

Julia found her true passion working at Alvin Community College helping adults obtain their GED or high school equivalency diploma. Judy both taught and directed an adult education program which offered English classes as a

second language, literacy improvement, and GED instruction to countless students over the years. While there were many highlights during her career, perhaps Julia's highest professional honor was being named the Teacher of the Year for the state of Texas by the Texas Association of Literacy and Adult Education. While she was honored to receive the recognition, Judy would be quick to tell you that her biggest reward was watching her students succeed in both their education and lives. Julia's love for her students was genuine, and it certainly seemed reciprocated by her former students too. There was a time in Alvin Texas where you couldn't go anywhere with Judy without running into at least one of them eager to spend 5-10 minutes catching up!

Judy retired from ACC in 2000. She and Clark moved to a small home on a little lake in Huntsville Texas to be closer to family. While certainly not rich in dollars, Judy was always on the go, she made a ton of wonderful friends, laughed often, and truly had a blessed life. Judy's attitude for her life could be best described by a sign she kept in her kitchen that simply read, "The best things in life aren't things." Always the teacher...

Julia is survived by her son Steve, his wife Tracy, and her grandchildren Emily, Jack, and Sarah. She just missed getting to meet her first great grandson "Clark" who is due to arrive in March 2024. For those wishing to do so, the family of Mrs. Roberts respectfully requests in lieu of flowers, memorial donations be directed to: Houston Hospice, 190 S. Holcombe Blvd, Houston, TX 77030.

Visitation will be held on Thursday January 4, 2024, at 1:00 PM and services will begin at 2:00 PM, both at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home, 1700 Normal Park Dr., Huntsville, Texas 77340. She will be laid to rest at Oakwood Cemetery following the service.

You may view the service live at the following link: <https://client.tribucast.com/t>

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Cemetery Details

Oakwood Cemetery Huntsville

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 4. 1:00 PM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Huntsville
1700 Normal Park Dr.
Huntsville, TX 77340

Funeral Service

JAN 4. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Graveside Service

JAN 4. 3:30 PM.

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Tribute Wall

RC

“ Julia and I have been friends since elementary school. We have shared many good times together. High School was a time of continuing friendships in the Lee Brigadiers, which then followed us as roommates and sisters in Alpha Chi Omega at Sam Houston. No matter the distance or time, when we got together it was like old times. Even though I don't live close to Houston/Baytown area I am able to meet periodically with the Babes for lunch. True friendships that we all share are priceless. Julia will always hold a special place in my heart. Love, Rayma Bird Causey

Rayma Bird Causey - January 04, 2024 at 07:23 PM

RD

“ love and prayers go out to julia family and frieinds who had the honor to be her friend. i myself met her in high school and able to continue our friendship after school threw a group of ladies who were in the class of 59 and had lunch once a month,always praying for one another thew the years. we all will meet again. love, ronna hunter dandl

ronna dandl - January 04, 2024 at 10:25 AM

KF

“ Kyle Kelley & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Julia "Judy" Wanzer Roberts.

Kyle Kelley & Family - January 03, 2024 at 10:28 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Julia "Judy" Wanzer Roberts.



January 03, 2024 at 10:28 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage* was purchased for the family of Julia "Judy" Wanzer Roberts.



January 03, 2024 at 08:50 AM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of Julia "Judy" Wanzer Roberts.



January 02, 2024 at 06:05 PM



“ *Rose Remembrance* was purchased for the family of Julia "Judy" Wanzer Roberts.



January 02, 2024 at 05:55 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Julia "Judy" Wanzer Roberts.*



January 02, 2024 at 04:49 PM



“ *It was always fun to introduce our dear friend Julia Roberts to others. You could be sure they would remember her name. I was fortunate to meet Julia a few years after moving to Huntsville from Pasadena. We were members of a canasta group of six who have formed a lasting friendship. Though she was not able to attend our meetings often in the last two or three years, we always held her place for when she could return. Julia was a dear friend, a very genuine lady who could entertain us and left us feeling better just by being with her. There is not another like her and she will be missed.*

Joyce Patterson - January 02, 2024 at 04:01 PM



“ *Dolores A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Julia "Judy" Wanzer Roberts.*

Dolores A. - January 02, 2024 at 12:21 PM



“ *Dolores A. purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Julia "Judy" Wanzer Roberts.*



Dolores A. - January 02, 2024 at 12:21 PM

DE

“ Julia and I grew up blocks apart and have been friends for 76 years. Some best memories were high school and her playing that huge drum that kept us together as we marched in Brigadiers. Later in life, she and Clark became our traveling buddies and best of friends, spending wonderful times at the lake home enjoying our times together. Julia was one amazing woman of wonder. She never met a stranger, smart as a whip, funny and humorous, compassionate, caring, and generous beyond measure. Jerry loved her as a sister and Clark as a brother. She remains in my heart as an adopted sister and forevermore friend. So grateful for their friendship over the years. Dodie

Dolores "Dodie" Everard - January 02, 2024 at 12:12 PM

RR

“ Julia will be greatly missed. She was one of the funniest ladies I have ever known. She told the best stories.

Robin Rodriquez - January 02, 2024 at 12:08 PM

LB

“ I have the most wonderful memories of my dearest and most beloved friend: sharing laughter and a love of nature on her lake house porch, shopping at our favorite decorative and antique stores, happily spending over an hour at one silver jewelry table, enjoying meals that included the most genuine and heartfelt conversations, sharing our favorite decorating tips, discussing Bible Study Fellowship, getting some of the best life advice...

However, what I hold in my heart about Julia, was her ability to listen to others with her whole heart, lift others up no matter how she may have been feeling, and inspire others through living her own life with faith, grace, strength, compassion, joy, and love.

The world has lost another truly great earthly angel while heaven has gained another faithful servant.

I love you always and will see you again,
Lucy

Lucy Bevil - January 02, 2024 at 12:06 PM

MH

“ Marvin Hyvl lit a candle in memory of Julia
"Judy" Wanzer Roberts



Marvin Hyvl - January 02, 2024 at 10:49 AM