



Julia E. Donahue

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Julia Eileen Donahue, age 80, passed away in Muskegon, MI, on Thursday, July 25, 2024. Julia was born on January 22, 1944, in Penticton, B.C., Canada, to Alec and Eileen (Light) Pawluk. On March 17, 1975, she married Pat Donahue, and the two of them spent many happy years together. Julie became a part-time Muskegon resident in 1997, one year before proudly becoming an American citizen. After four years in Toronto and eight years in Tokyo, Japan, she returned to Muskegon in 2009 as a full-time resident. She came to love her adopted hometown and was committed to making it a better community in any way she could. She adamantly believed that everyone has an obligation to give back to their community in any way that they can.

In addition to her family, Julie had many passions. She loved to travel, having visited 86 countries and 7 continents. In 2015 she achieved her goal of visiting all 50 U.S. States. She was an avid bridge player and loved to read. Wherever she lived she always gave her time and energy generously in support of numerous non-profit organizations, primarily those focused on helping kids. She was particularly fond of supporting Kids' Food Basket Muskegon.

Julie will be lovingly remembered by her husband, Pat Donahue; daughter, Jane Rickerby of Toronto, Ontario; sons, Conan Donahue of Yellowknife, N.W. Territories, and Brendan Donahue of Invermere, B.C.; and her children's families. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Julie was blessed with many friends in Muskegon and around the world. In her last days she often expressed her regret that she would not be able to say goodbye to them all. Per Julie's wishes no funeral is being held, but in lieu of flowers please consider making memorial contributions to Kids' Food Basket Muskegon. Arrangements by The Sytsema Chapel of Sytsema Funeral & Cremation Services, 737 E. Apple Ave, Muskegon, MI, 49442.



Tribute Wall

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John B. planted a grove of 3 Memorial Trees in honor of Julia.



August 16 at 5:36 AM



Harada sent a Basket of Memories to the Donahue family.



August 8 at 2:17 PM



Harada planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Julia.



August 8 at 2:17 PM



Al Hollett posted:

To Pat and family. Condolences on Julie's passing. Julie was such a classy lady and made the world a better place. We all had such a lovely evening at your place in Palm Springs last December. She will be sorely missed. Al and Penny Hollett

August 1 at 10:53 AM



Michael Prasse shared 2 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Dearest Pat, Jane, Conan, Brendan and all of Julie's many many friends. It was a very sad day to hear the news of Julie's passing. Julie was a beacon of warmth and kindness in every life she touched. Such an incredible person that lived life to the fullest. Her smile could brighten the darkest day, and her laughter was a melody that brought joy to all around her. Her generosity extended far beyond her words; it was in the countless small acts of kindness she performed daily. She had a way of turning ordinary moments into cherished memories, creating a legacy of love and grace that will forever remain in the hearts of those who knew her. So many great memories created with Julie, Pat and Jane all over the world. I am so lucky to have shared these experiences. Julie will be missed by so many, we already miss you so much. Sincere condolence to you all, from all the Prasse's.



July 25 at 12:28 PM



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KH

Kathy Hoogstra posted:

Dear Pat and Donahue Family, Tears well up as I contemplate expressing my sorrow and condolences for Julie's passing. She was my friend and I'm going to miss her. Julie was also a wise confident. She was boldly compassionate, loved nature, loved beauty, appreciated wonderful music, art, and especially a great conversation. Julie had a keen awareness of her "lot in life" and she used her time, talent and treasure to work against the injustices she saw. Of course! she has designated Kid's Food Basket for memorial donations. Most people have no idea of the incredible impact this program has on our children, right here in Muskegon, on an almost daily basis by providing a nutritional meal to bring home. Julie knew this, because she cared deeply about the children in this community. She was gracious, inclusive, and "Canadian" kind. Well done good and faithful servant. Judge Kathy Hoogstra

July 27 at 1:59 PM

DH

Dustin Heyborne posted:

Julie was such a kind person and so easy to talk to. She was generous with her time and even when she was ill she volunteered whenever she could at our Thrift Store in Rancho Mirage. Our hearts are with the family and hope they know how much Julie meant to us at Collectors Corner. Rest in peace Julie.

July 27 at 10:19 AM

SP

Sharon Pyrvis posted:

My sincere condolence to you Pat and family. Julie was a true friend to us all and I truly loved our friendship. May you enjoy your memories. Sharon Purvis

July 27 at 7:19 AM

JM

Jackie McClelland posted:

So sorry for your loss Julie was always a happy person!! Jackie McClelland

July 27 at 5:08 AM

RF

Roberta S. Fleischmann posted:

My deepest condolences to the family. I did not know Julia well but we loved trading travel stories while Lexie cut our hair. The world has lost a beautiful person. Sincerely, Roberta S. Fleischmann

July 27 at 3:10 AM



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Kim Franklin posted:

Julie inspired me with her joy and care for others even in the face of significant suffering, her incredible hospitality and friendliness, and her desire to care for her community by giving back. I am deeply saddened by her loss and will miss her smile and our morning walks in the desert so much.

July 26 at 12:21 PM



Anonymous sent a Mouthwatering Meat and Cheese Gift Tower to the Donahue family.



July 26 at 12:14 PM



With Love Dave And Kim planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Julia.



July 26 at 12:14 PM



Kathy Norman posted:

Although she was a fierce competitor at the bridge table, she was kind and loving to all her friends. She was great at entertaining and was a consummate hostess. She admirably supported many non-profit groups. May she rest in peace in English gardens in heaven. Maury and Kathy norman

July 26 at 9:57 AM



Craig Leonard posted:

We were so blessed to have known Julie and to all of her kindness that she shared with us for the last twenty years. We will miss her dearly but be rejoiced by the memories that we will keep forever. The angels are better off today with her addition. Craig & Debbie Leonard

July 26 at 7:16 AM



Ken Murar posted:

Pat and family, in the short time I knew Julie she was always a wonderful and beautiful person. I always enjoyed our little chats while I was working at you home. Ken Murar

July 26 at 6:44 AM



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Joe Guzzo shared 2 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

What a great lady, always smiling, always there for you. Julie will be missed.

July 26 at 6:30 AM



Mary Anne Drummond posted:

Dear Pat & family, Julie will always be remembered w a smile on her face and big welcome to anyone she was introduced to. She is an inspiration and the world needs more Julie's. Live to you Pat! ❤️

July 25 at 1:05 PM



Louie Mele posted:

Deepest sympathies and Condolences to the family.....Truly Louie Mele

July 25 at 12:59 PM



Anonymous sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Donahue family.

July 25 at 12:28 PM



Linda Muller planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Julia.

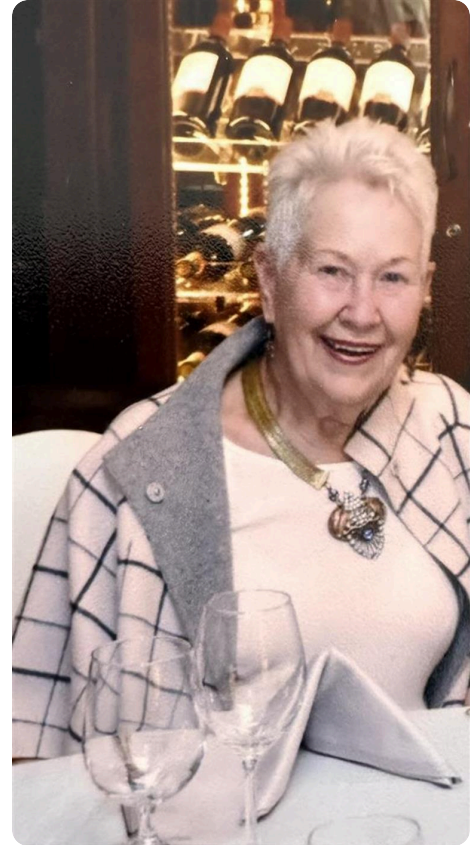
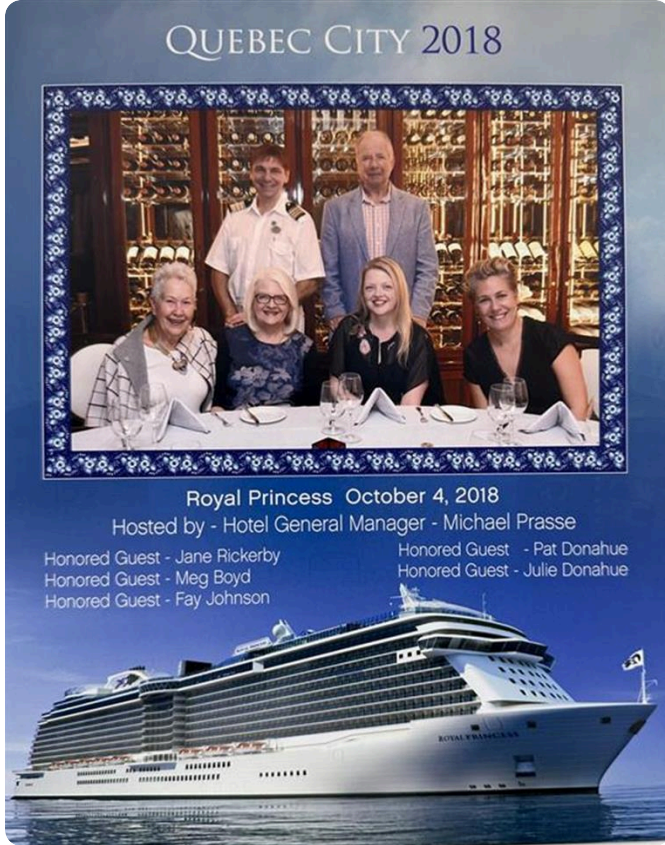
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July 28 at 5:10 PM





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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Julia by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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