



Mrs. Julia Annette Dean

May 30, 1948 - December 10, 2022

Julia Dean was born on May 30, 1945, to Mittie Nero Truly and Oscar Truly in Chicago, IL. Julie's family moved to Milwaukee, WI in the early 50's to be closer to family, and start a new life with more opportunities. Julia accepted Christ as her Savior at an early age. Her family was Methodist and she attended St. James United Methodist for many years. On Julia's journey in life, in the 5th grade, she met Louis at Hopkins St. Elementary School, and they became friends. They also attended North Division High School together, where they began dating. After Louis' four-year military stint, he returned to Milwaukee and married Julia on March 18, 1972. They were married for 50 years and celebrated this special time with their close friends, Dianne and Marvin Pratt. The special union they shared brought two daughters, Dominique and Simone. Louis and Julia started Truly's Marinade in their kitchen back in the late 80's, It took off in the late 90's and they were featured in multiple news articles, participated in Farmer's Markets, won a contest at the State Fair, and even had their marinade sold in

stores

(Bunzel's Meat Market, Sentry, Jewel Osco, Walmart. and Bill the Butcher).

Julia worked

that business for many years. She was also the face of the marinade. When the business

dissolved, she and Louis would still make the marinade ("the juice") for close friends and

family. Julia and Louis traveled the world, Virgin Islands, and sailed the Norwegian Pearl

amongst several cities in the United States.

Julia was an avid reader and loved school. She graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1972, with an undergraduate degree in behavioral studies/

discipline. She obtained her first position at Pleasant View, and worked there for 20 years in

special education. In the early 80's, she earned her master's degree from Lesley College

in educational administration. She went on to work at various elementary schools in the

metro Milwaukee area as an Assistant Principal for 11 years. She retired in the summer of 2004.

Julia had always loved and adored children, which is why she went into the field

of teaching. She taught all of her grandchildren how to read at early ages, and always

expressed the importance of education, especially reading.

Julia enjoyed traveling, shopping, going to her family reunions every other year, sister

trips, exercising, spending time with her grandchildren, and working on her business. Julia

stayed very active, dancing, walking, yoga, riding her bike, or working on one of her many fitness machines. Julia was an advocate for healthy eating and staying fit. Her motto was, "Eat healthy, look healthy, and feel healthy". She walked daily, did Hatha (pronounced Ha-they) Yoga for many years, always watched what she would eat, and even rode her bike until she was 67 years old.

Julia enjoyed dancing and partying, up until her last days. She even taught some of her caregivers how to shimmy and shake a tail feather. She would light up the room.

Julia was the life of the party and best dressed, elegant and classy all the time.

In the early hours of December 10, 2022, Julia "Truly" Dean passed away from a long-time illness at age 74 in a care home. She would not want anyone to cry for her, but instead celebrate the life she lived.

She is survived by: spouse, Louis Dean Jr.; two daughters, Dominique Owens and Simone Yates; one goddaughter, Chartese Benton; eight siblings and their spouses; and numerous nieces, nephews, and friends.

Cemetery Details

Wisconsin Memorial Park

13235 W. Capitol Dr.
Brookfield, WI

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **22**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Northside Church of God
4858 N. 19th Street
Milwaukee, WI

Funeral Service

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Milwaukee, WI

Tribute Wall

PH

“ Chuck and I are so sad to hear of Julia 's passing. She was a good friend and kept the classmates updated. We just had his brother, Allen 's funeral on the 30th and only found out about Julia then. God bless
Pat and Charles Hardrick

Patricia A Hardrick - January 01, 2023 at 07:52 AM

RP

“ Julia was one of the most loving, caring , bubbly and outgoing personalities I have known. I met her at Saint James and had an instant connection. One of my fondest memories is going to her home trying her marinade and barbecue sauce which was Awesome. I moved away from Milwaukee and haven't seen her in years but her spirit was always so kind to me and I am honored to say she was my friend. My prayers are with her family God-bless you. Rebecca Harrell-Patton.

Rebecca Patton - December 25, 2022 at 09:02 AM

DG

“ Julia - What a smile

*I had the honor of working with Ms. Dean at Pleasant View School. She always had the most beautiful smile. I remember when we asked her to watch our daughters so my wife and I could go on a movie date. Julie and daughters were the best. Our daughters wanted to stay. Thoughts and prayers go out to the entire family. God Bless
Dale, Wendy, Daughters Leah and Rachel
The Garman Family*

Dale J Garman - December 23, 2022 at 06:00 PM

MS

“ I'll always remember Julia's vibrant personality and jest for life. I worked with her at Pleasant View and also in our weekend classes at Lesley where I got to know her more. We also shared May birthdays. Rest in peace Julia you were a very special person.

Mary Sevcik - December 23, 2022 at 10:20 AM

BN

“ I worked with Julia at PV. What a privilege. As her sauce was named “Truly's” she truly was a special person. She was straightforward and telling it like it is. Saw her walking many times by my parents condo, 88th and Lisbon. Like the obit said she loved to walk. Don't RIP Julia, keep on dancing!!
Betty Novak

Betty Novak - December 22, 2022 at 05:29 PM

CF

“ Enjoyed working with Julia for many years at Pleasant View. Her smile and attitude as well as her classy clothes helped us all enjoy the good days and get through the tough ones.
Carol Frank

carol Frank - December 22, 2022 at 03:57 PM

JH

“ We offer prayers and condolences for the family of Mrs. Julia Dean. She enjoyed educating children and she will be sorely missed. Peace and Blessings, Jim & Mary Henry

Jim & Mary Henry - December 21, 2022 at 10:12 PM

NS

“ My heartfelt condolences to Louie and family on the loss of your beloved Julia. She was one "classy sister". Rest in Heavenly Peace. Praying for all of you.

Nettie Sims - December 21, 2022 at 07:06 PM

MM

“ I am sending you a hug and my love through this note. I will miss my special friend.
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Love,

Mamie, Henry, Andrae Morris

Mamie Morris - December 20, 2022 at 07:56 PM

LK

“ So sorry for your loss. Julia was such a beautiful spirit. She will be missed.

Leon/ Linda Kendricks - December 19, 2022 at 06:51 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Julia Annette Dean.



December 18, 2022 at 07:15 PM

MC

“ *My prayers are with the Dean Family and Friends during this difficult time. May Julia Rest In Peace!* ”

Michelle Crockett - December 18, 2022 at 03:16 AM

WY

“ *Julia was Classy Lady, may she rest in The peace of God.* ”



william Y - December 17, 2022 at 11:47 PM