



## Julia Boyle

October 2, 1928 - January 12, 2020

Life is fleeting and should be embraced. Few do as Julia Boyle did. She was born to parents who had fled the ravages of WWI, arriving with little English. Her father died when she was three, forcing her mother, Anna, to work two jobs to support Julia and brother Peter. Anna enlisted her sister's help in their care, but they had to amuse themselves. Together, they found magic in their childhood days. Fairmont Park became their playground and the Philadelphia Art Museum a second home that fostered their imagination and talent. Both grew into gifted artists.

All things beautiful animated our mother. When we were children, she would drive us out into nature where she would paint and we would explore. She won many a Delaware award for her paintings. She sewed our clothes, cooked like a chef, and loved to garden. Socially she was a bright star at bridge and joined a modern dance group under the renowned Bea Bell.

She gave us a full childhood, open to discovery. Who but she would allow us a Bunsen burner to blow glass, to climb atop our roof to admire a view, or to take sheets into the garden on rainy days for a makeshift tent. If there was snow on the ground there was bound to be an igloo with eskimo-style meals inside.

She convinced our father to take us to the shore in August, although he hated

sand. We followed her along the beach, collecting shells and admiring sandpipers. She showed us the wonder of sliding her hand into tidal sand to present a wiggling crab. On our boat she taught us to catch the soft shelled ones that would become our dinner.

Julia took up being a grandmother as seamlessly as being a daughter and mother. One of her daughters once bemoaned the fact that she could not get Julia's grandson to ride a bike without training wheels. That afternoon, she was surprised to see him riding unaided, he and Julia singing, "I'm Looking Over a Four-Leaf Clover." Julia could devise a way inspire confidence or distract from apprehension with something as simple as teaching a new song.

In closing the chapter on Julia's life we would be remiss not to mention her special bond with our furry friends. Animals sensed her sensitive spirit and embraced her as she did them. She might not remember the name of a new acquaintance, but she never forgot the name of a dog. She embodied the good, she was generous, talented, happy and above all kind.

Julia is survived by her daughters Julianne Hunter, Patrice Masri, and Cynthia Filoon, and grandchildren Jenny, James, Alex, Caroline and Freddy, and sons-in-law Jim and Stephen.

The family will receive guests from 9:30-10:15 AM on Sat. Jan. 18th. at St. Katharine of Siena Church, 104 S. Aberdeen Rd., Wayne, PA, followed by her Funeral Mass at 10:30 AM. Int. Calvary Cem.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Humane Society of US ([www.humanesociety.org/site/Donation2?24225.donation=form1&df\\_id=24225](http://www.humanesociety.org/site/Donation2?24225.donation=form1&df_id=24225))

# Cemetery Details

## Calvary Cemetery

235 Matsonford Road  
West Conshohocken, PA 19428

# Previous Events

## The family will receive guests

JAN 18. 9:30 AM - 10:15 AM (ET)

St. Katharine of Siena  
104 S. Aberdeen Avenue  
Wayne, PA 19087  
(610) 688-4584

## Funeral Mass

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# Tribute Wall

JD

“ *Julia was a loving and caring lady. I will always remember the fun and crazy times we had together. I will miss your laugh and conversations. Love you, Julia. Sincerely, Julia Dorwart.* ”

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**Julia Dorwart** - January 17, 2020 at 02:38 PM

JH

*Thank you Julie - we have such great memories together! Love you Julianne and Boyle family.*

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**Julianne Hunter** - January 25, 2020 at 01:36 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Julia Boyle.* ”



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January 17, 2020 at 12:01 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Julia Boyle.* ”



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January 16, 2020 at 12:49 PM

BV

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Baiba Vasys - January 16, 2020 at 09:35 AM

JH

*Aww - such a beautiful picture of the besties!*

Julianne Hunter - January 17, 2020 at 08:29 AM

BV

“ 3 files added to the album Memories Album



Baiba Vasys - January 15, 2020 at 09:33 PM

JH

*Thank you for sharing these pictures - just love them. But most of all Baiba - thank you for including my mom in your weekly travels! You are so kind and dear and added so much happiness to my moms later years! Love you and your beautiful mom, Vera!*

Julianne Hunter - January 17, 2020 at 08:34 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Julia Boyle.*



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January 15, 2020 at 05:15 PM



“ *Julia Boyle,  
Good-bye to great Lady whom has produced a wonderful family  
now  
and years to come.  
May you rest in peace!  
Dorothy Hunter*

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**Dorothy Hunter** - January 15, 2020 at 10:25 AM



*Thank you for kind and comforting words to my other mother (Jim's mother)! Lots of love!*

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**Julianne Hunter** - January 17, 2020 at 08:37 AM

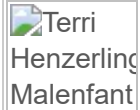


“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Julia Boyle.*



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January 14, 2020 at 11:12 PM



“ I met Julie through her daughter Julianne and thought she was incredibly delightful. Funny sense of humor and so lighthearted. Then there’s the fact that I have always liked people named Julie ! My favorite story is where Julies family holds up their fingers to show how many times the speaker has already told the story! Thoughts and prayers to Julie and her family at this sad time.

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**Terri Henzerling Malenfant** - January 14, 2020 at 10:00 PM

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*Beautiful eulogy for a wonderful soul. Julia will be missed greatly by not only me and my family but also by my two furry family members who cannot walk by yr home without pulling me to the bench on yr front lawn where she loved to sit and greet the neighbors. How fortunate you were to have been blessed with such a loving and adventurous mother. May your wonderful memories comfort you during your saddest days.  
xoxo Michelle Cooper*

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**Michelle Cooper** - January 14, 2020 at 11:26 PM

BV

*There are those special people who radiate warmth, kindness, and a zest for living, and whose presence uplifts all around them. That was Julie in a nutshell!*

*She was Mom's first friend when my mother came to live with us here from Florida in 2012. They met at the Wayne Senior Center after exercise class, and soon were sharing stories about their own mothers' lives (both from Europe) and favorite foods they liked to prepare.*

*We discovered that Julie lived just a few miles from us, so it became part of our routine to pick her up for a trip to the Senior Center, an outing to a park, a lunch out, or some other adventure. We often spent sunny afternoons on her patio and colder days in her dining room playing cards, all the while keeping an eye on those rascal kittens. One day we were playing bridge outdoors with another dear friend, Bea, and started laughing so hard that Caroline, Julie's granddaughter, heard us from the second floor windows. I believe we brought a smile to her heart as well!*

*During the past 8 years my mother and I experienced friendship, love and loyalty from an amazing and talented lady. We thank the Lord for the gift of her life in our lives. She has touched so many people with her gentle spirit, her kindness and her beauty. Her friendship was a precious gift.*

*Good-bye dearest Friend. We miss you, but we know that you are with Jesus now and at peace. We love you!*

*Baiba Vasys and Vera Strazdins*

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**Baiba Vasys** - January 15, 2020 at 09:21 PM

JH

*These are all beautiful tributes to our dear mom! Thank you all for caring so much and contributing so dearly to mom's happiness! So much love and good will coming your way! Love Julianne and mom's family!*

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**Julianne Hunter** - January 17, 2020 at 08:44 AM