



Julia Marie Saffell

May 31, 1945 - January 16, 2025

Julia Marie Flournoy Saffell passed from this life on January 16, 2025, after complications from Parkinson's Disease. She was born in Nacogdoches to Julian Cecil Flournoy and Helen Iry Perry Flournoy. She had two sisters, Lou Ann Flournoy Barnhart of Canyon and Sue Jan Flournoy, who died in infancy. She was married for 53 years to Ted Allan Saffell and had two sons, Cameron L. Saffell of Lubbock and Justin A. Saffell, with his wife Mary and children Isabelle and Andrew, who all live in Fort Worth. She grew up in the Crosbyton community and graduated from Crosbyton High School and Texas Tech University.

After college she taught at Ralls and at the Iran-America Society in Tehran, Iran. She was a lifelong genealogist. While her sons were in school she was a substitute teacher and librarian in Lubbock and Wolfforth. She later worked at the Southwest Collection/Special Collections Library at Texas Tech. In addition to her undergraduate work, she earned master's degrees from Texas Tech University and from North Texas State University.

A funeral service will be held 2 p.m., Tuesday, January 21, 2025 at Sanders Memorial Chapel in Lubbock. Visitation will be from 3:30-5:00 p.m., Monday, January 20, 2025 at Sanders Funeral Home. Burial will follow at the Crosbyton Cemetery. Service webcast www.sandersfuneralhome.com

In lieu of flowers the family suggests donations to the Southwest Collection for the preservation of historical books and documents.

Cemetery Details

Crosbyton Cemetery

Crosbyton, TX 79322

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **20**. 3:30 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Sanders Memorial Chapel
1420 Main Street
Lubbock, TX 79401

Funeral Service

JAN **21**. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

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1420 Main Street
Lubbock, TX 79401

Tribute Wall



“ Sanders Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Julia Marie Saffell



Sanders Funeral Home - January 21, 2025 at 11:59 AM

CP

“ I had the pleasure of working with Julia in the early 2000's at Southwest Collections. She was always so kind and had a warm greeting and lovely smile for me when I would make my trips over to SWC from the Main Library to shelve periodicals. She, Marleta, and Mary Ruth and I would chat and laugh together and she would often show me new and exciting additions to the collection. She taught me so much about archival preservation and special collections cataloging and helped me to further develop my lifelong love for the Library and the many treasures the collection holds. Now, 25 years into my work at the Library, I have thought of Julia often and fondly over the years and treasure the time I spent with her and her colleagues at SWC. She spoke often of her beloved sons who are all now grown as well. My deepest condolences and prayers to her loving family. She will always hold a special place in my heart.

Christina Perez - January 22, 2025 at 12:51 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Julia Marie Saffell.

January 20, 2025 at 09:18 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Julia Marie Saffell.



January 20, 2025 at 09:18 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Julia Marie Saffell.

January 18, 2025 at 11:32 AM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Julia Marie Saffell.



January 18, 2025 at 11:32 AM



“ Judy Allen lit a candle in memory of Julia Marie Saffell



Judy Allen - January 18, 2025 at 10:54 AM

JC

“ Jeff, Marci, Kayla, Halee and Carson purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Julia Marie Saffell.



Jeff, Marci, Kayla, Halee and Carson - January 18, 2025 at 09:35 AM

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“ Jeff, Marci, Kayla, Halee and Carson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Julia Marie Saffell.

Jeff, Marci, Kayla, Halee and Carson - January 18, 2025 at 09:35 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Julia Marie Saffell.

January 17, 2025 at 09:19 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Julia Marie Saffell.



January 17, 2025 at 09:19 PM