



Julie Christine Long

December 21, 1963 - February 1, 2020

Julie passed away peacefully in her home in the early morning hours on February 1, 2020 after a 2-year battle with brain cancer. Julie was born December 21, 1963 in Bellefonte, PA to David Eugene “Gino” Hoy and Betty Marie Bingham. Her father was in the US Airforce, and when she was five, he was stationed at Goodfellow AFB and they moved to San Angelo, TX. This is where the family settled after Gino left the Airforce. She met and married Randall Long in San Angelo in 1980 and they were married for 17 years and had two daughters. Randall and Julie remained friends after their divorce.

Julie began working at an early age. She worked in her grandparent’s restaurant in San Angelo and had several food service jobs before she was 16. Julie worked in Restaurant and Retail Management for most of her adult life.

Julie met Ruth Ruzicka in Lubbock, TX in 1997. They were life partners for 23 years and were eventually able to marry in 2013 in a beautiful private ceremony surrounded by family and close friends. Julie and Ruth settled in Allentown, PA in 2002 where they built a tremendous circle of friends. In recent years, they opened their beautiful home through AirBnb and enjoyed meeting the people who rented rooms from them.

Julie enjoyed life through food and fellowship. She loved to entertain friends

and relatives at her home and she was well known for her culinary abilities. She was often noted for making the best brisket and ribs in Pennsylvania – a talent she brought back to Pennsylvania from her life in Texas. She enjoyed dining at Henry’s Salt of the Sea in Allentown, and it was the “go-to” destination for entertaining family and friends who came to visit. She also loved music and concerts and she and Ruth would frequently attend music festivals at the Bethlehem Steel Stacks. She also enjoyed traveling. She and Ruth traveled the country together and even did a Diners, Drive-ins, and Dives road trip through the Great Lakes region.

Julie infused flare and sass in every aspect of her life while displaying deep love and loyalty to her family and friends. She built meaningful relationships and was often a source of comfort and advice to those around her. Her cancer diagnosis in late 2017 was devastating, but like she handled every adversity life threw at her, she fought head on with a strength and determination that most could never accomplish. She and Ruth decided to leave their beautiful home in Allentown and move back to Lubbock in September 2019 so Julie could be near her children and grandchildren as the end of her life neared. She will be dearly missed.

Julie was preceded in death by her parents, David Eugene Hoy and Betty Marie Bingham. She is survived by her wife Ruth Ruzicka of Lubbock, her daughter Camille Patterson and her children Zakery Warfel and Mary Warfel of Lubbock, her daughter Ashley Gordon and her children Harrison Gordon, Hunter Gordon, and Holly Gordon of Mangum, OK, and her brother Blaine Hoy of Ft. Worth, TX, as well as numerous extended relatives in various parts of Texas and Long Island, NY.

Memorial services will be held at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, February 8, 2020 in Sanders Memorial Chapel. Her family will receive friends before and after the service.

Cemetery Details

Miller Crematory

202 Avenue Q
Lubbock, TX 79415

Previous Events

Memorial Service

FEB 8. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Sanders Memorial Chapel
1420 Main Street
Lubbock, TX 79401

Tribute Wall



“ Sanders Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Julie Christine Long



Sanders Funeral Home - February 08, 2020 at 01:14 PM

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“ I will always remember the times we shared along with special moments and conversations. I will keep my memories of Julie tucked away in my heart. I will remember her sarcasm that only some got and that little smile. She cracked me up when she asked questions she already knew the answer to just to see what you would say lol. Never a dull moment for sure she definitely kept me guessing and on my toes while making me laugh. Im glad we got to spent good times together when we did and I have memories and moments I will never forget. I will miss you my sister my friend much love❤️❤️. Rest Easy the battle is over.

Priscilla B. PA Peeps - February 08, 2020 at 11:59 PM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Julie Christine Long.



February 06, 2020 at 03:54 PM

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“ You will be sadly missed my friend. You fought a tough battle. Now you are my angel. Peace and love always.

Marie Miller - February 06, 2020 at 04:46 AM

DD

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Julie was such a sweet person and fought the fight to live as long as she could. We will always remember Julie.

*Our sympathy,
Darlene & Dennis*

Darlene & Dennis - February 04, 2020 at 04:14 PM

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“ I am so extremely saddened by this news. I will always remember pet sitting for Ruth and Julie. And how the guinea pigs would purr and I didnt know they did that we laughed about that! Ruth I know how overwhelming this pain is, I am so so terribly sorry for your loss. Julie's warmth and loving personality will never be forgotten. I extend my deepest sympathies to all family and friends of Julie and Rutth. She will be greatly missed and she will always be remembered.

*Love and Hugs,
Audrey*

Audrey - February 04, 2020 at 03:16 PM

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“ *Dearest Ruth and extended family,
We are sooo saddened to hear of Julie’s early departure from the
friends and family that she loved so dearly. We will always
remember you being the new neighbors near us and Audrey pet
sitting for you. Our prayers for you all during this difficult time. Her
smile will forever be in our hearts and memories. Sending our love,
Cindy, Brian & Audrey Caputo
Allentown, Pa*

cindy caputo - February 04, 2020 at 02:51 PM