



Julie Anne Murnan

August 20, 1939 - September 29, 2024

Julie A. (O'Brien) Murnan, 85, formerly of Bloomington, MN, passed away on September 29, 2024, surrounded by her loving family.

Born on August 20, 1939, in Superior, Wisconsin, to Francis and Elsie O'Brien, Julie was the third of seven children. She attended Cathedral Grade School and High School, where, at just nine years old, she discovered her passion for poetry—a pursuit that would last a lifetime.

Julie earned a teaching degree from the University of Wisconsin-Superior. During her college years, she worked at Bridgeman's Ice Cream Parlor, often humorously saying that she "scooped her way through college." She taught in Milwaukee, WI, and the Robbinsdale, MN school district until her marriage to Thomas Murnan on July 16, 1966. While raising their five children, she founded Murnan Enterprises, where she wrote and sold her "Poemettes" line of greeting cards. Julie's poetry beautifully reflected her Christian faith and her love for her husband, family, and friends, capturing both the poignant and humorous moments of everyday life.

Together with Tom, she cherished traveling, attending plays and concerts, supporting her children's—and later her grandchildren's—sporting events, and hosting gatherings for family and friends. They transformed their Bloomington home into a welcoming space filled with love. Julie will be remembered for her

deep faith, her joy in celebrating both small and significant moments, and her talent for hosting memorable celebrations, including birthdays, Easter, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Eve.

Her ten grandchildren grew up visiting Grandma Julie and eagerly participating in her festivities, with building gingerbread houses every Christmas season among their fondest memories. She was the best "Rara" to her grandchildren.

Though Alzheimer's gradually affected her memory, Julie's spirit remained alive through her poetry and the cherished memories of those who loved her. Until the very end, she held onto her faith, subtle wit, and love for Edy's Caramel Delight ice cream.

The family extends heartfelt gratitude to Julie's sister, Teresa, for praying the rosary daily with Julie, as well as to the staff at Synergy Home Health Care, Methodist Hospital, Park Nicollet Hospice, and Eden Prairie Senior Living for their compassionate care.

Julie is preceded in death by her parents, sisters Joan and Jackie, sister-in-law Grace Joan Schrantz, and brother-in-law Joseph Murnan. She is survived by her husband of 58 years, Tom; children Blake (Joan), Karrie (Tom), Kellie (Bill), Shawn (Amy), and Ryan (Jennifer); grandchildren Ellie, Katie, Jake, Rory, Maggie, Joey, Kevin, Kieran, Maura, and Molly; siblings Mary, Patrick, Gregory, and Teresa; sister-in-law Elizabeth Murnan; and many nieces and nephews.

A funeral service will be held at 11 AM on Thursday, October 10, at The Church of St. Edward at 9401 Nesbitt Ave S. in Bloomington (livestream: www.stedwardschurch.org/funerals). Visitation will take place on Wednesday, October 9, from 5-7 PM at Washburn-McReavy 2300 W. Old Shakopee Road

in Bloomington, and one hour prior to the service. Interment and a luncheon will follow at St. Edward's.

In Julie's honor, the family invites all attendees to wear vibrant colors.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **9**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Bloomington Chapel
2300 W. Old Shakopee Road
Bloomington, MN 55431
(952) 884-8145
info@washburn-mcreavy.com

Visitation

OCT **10**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Edward's Catholic Church
9401 Nesbitt Avenue South
Bloomington, MN 55437

Memorial Service

OCT **10**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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www.stedwardschurch.org/funerals

Tribute Wall



“ *The Slalom M&A Team purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Julie Anne Murnan.*



The Slalom M&A Team - October 09, 2024 at 07:02 PM



“ *The Slalom M&A Team planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Julie Anne Murnan.*

The Slalom M&A Team - October 09, 2024 at 07:02 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Julie Anne Murnan.*



October 09, 2024 at 01:25 PM



“ *Chuck and Julie Flower planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Julie Anne Murnan.*

Chuck and Julie Flower - October 09, 2024 at 01:25 PM



“ , purchased the *Pretty Please* for the family of Julie Anne Murnan.



, - October 09, 2024 at 01:29 AM



“ *Pretty Please* was purchased for the family of Julie Anne Murnan.



October 08, 2024 at 10:35 PM



“ Shannon, Karen, Jennifer, Julie, Michele purchased the *Beautiful in Blue* for the family of Julie Anne Murnan.



Shannon, Karen, Jennifer, Julie, Michele - October 08, 2024 at 09:18 PM



“ Brian & Erin Allingham purchased the *Enchanted Cottage* for the family of Julie Anne Murnan.



Brian & Erin Allingham - October 08, 2024 at 09:59 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Julie Anne Murnan.



October 08, 2024 at 08:52 AM



“ Your Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Julie Anne Murnan.

Your Family - October 08, 2024 at 08:52 AM



“ Lyle, Ann, Daniel, Joyce, John, Faye, Mark, Pao, Logan, Anne, Lolah, Paul, Sherrie, Audrey, Lillyann & Natalie purchased the Gracious Laven der Basket for the family of Julie Anne Murnan.



Lyle, Ann, Daniel, Joyce, John, Faye, Mark, Pao, Logan, Anne, Lolah, Paul, Sherrie, Audrey, Lillyann & Natalie - October 07, 2024 at 04:55 PM



“ Lyle, Ann, Daniel, Joyce, John, Faye, Mark, Pao, Logan, Anne, Lolah, Paul, Sherrie, Audrey, Lillyann & Natalie planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Julie Anne Murnan.

Lyle, Ann, Daniel, Joyce, John, Faye, Mark, Pao, Logan, Anne, Lolah, Paul, Sherrie, Audrey, Lillyann & Natalie - October 07, 2024 at 04:55 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Julie Anne Murnan.*



October 07, 2024 at 04:55 PM



“ *Beth and Mark Weinberger purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Julie Anne Murnan.*



Beth and Mark Weinberger - October 07, 2024 at 11:32 AM



“ *Dear Tom, Children, Siblings, ALL who know and love Julie ~ believe with me she is with each of us, Spirit to Spirit, cheering us ALL on with LOVE beyond words! Rosemary McKinnon Sheridan*

Rosemary Sheridan - October 04, 2024 at 05:12 PM



“ *Bountiful Rose Basket was purchased for the family of Julie Anne Murnan.*



October 04, 2024 at 04:38 PM

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“ *Hermesdorf and Koehn family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Julie Anne Murnan.*

Hermesdorf and Koehn family - October 04, 2024 at 04:38 PM

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“ *Greg O. purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Julie Anne Murnan.*



Greg O. - October 04, 2024 at 04:08 PM