



## Juliette "Julia" Ruth Powers Rainero

June 30, 1978 - February 13, 2019

Juliette "Julia" Ruth Powers Rainero, age 40, passed away on the morning of Wednesday, February 13, 2019 at Oakmont at Gordon Park in Bristol, VA surrounded by her family.

She was the oldest of four children born to Jud Powers and Lynn Godsey Powers. She was a native Bristolian, an alumnus of Tennessee High School and Virginia Tech. She was a beloved member of the Bristol community, Emmanuel Episcopal Church, and Sullins Academy.

She is survived by her husband John V. Rainero; son, Joseph 'Judson' Rainero; daughter, Mary Lynn 'Milly' Rainero; parents, Erbie Judson 'Jud' Powers and Lynn G. Powers; sister, Audra Jones and husband, Blair; brothers, Ed Powers and wife, Becca and Nat Powers and wife Leigh; grandfather, Ezra H. Powers; grandmother, Juliette W. Callahan; father and mother-in-law; Charles J. and Mary Beth Rainero; nieces, Adilyn and Emma Ruth Jones and Hattie and Paige Powers, and a large, loving extended family.

A memorial service will be held at 2:30 P.M., Sunday, February 17, 2019 at Emmanuel Episcopal Church with Rev. Joe K. Dunagan officiating.

In lieu of flowers, donations are encouraged to Emmanuel Episcopal Church, 700 Cumberland Ave., Bristol, VA 24202 or to the Preston Robert Tisch Brain Tumor Center at Duke, 20 Duke Medicine Circle, Clinic 3-1, Durham, NC 27701.

Condolences and memories may be left for the family at [akardfuneralhome.com](http://akardfuneralhome.com)

Akard Funeral Home, (423) 989-4800 is serving the Rainero family.

# Events

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Emmanuel Episcopal Church  
700 Cumberland St., Bristol, VA, US, 24201

# Comments

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“ John,

Angie and I are so deeply sorry to have learned of Julia's recent passing. We are praying for you, your beautiful children, all the Powers and the Raineros. You are all in our thoughts and prayers and wishing you God's grace and peace at this most difficult time.

Much love,

Eddie and Angie Link

**Eddie Link** - March 05, 2019 at 09:40 AM

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“ Jud, so sorry to hear of your daughter's passing. Praying for you and your family and asking God to hold you all in His loving arms and grant you peace.

Donna Miller

**Donna Miller** - February 27, 2019 at 11:52 PM

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“ Sorry for your loss. I just found out about her passing. Remarkable woman!  
Diane, her IV nurse

**Diane Cross** - February 22, 2019 at 09:08 PM

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“ To all of Julia's family. We are so very very sorry to learn of the passing away of your beloved Julia. It was a privilege to know Julia. Memories are wonderful and know you have many which will help in the difficult days ahead. Our prayers and blessings are with all of you. Lots of love and hugs, Jim & Charlotte Portz

**Jim & Charlotte Portz** - February 20, 2019 at 11:47 AM

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“ John and Family,

We are deeply saddened and sorry to hear about your loss. It's been a long time since we have seen you, but I always remember Julia's friendly smile and kindness when we were at VT together.

May your family find peace in all your happy memories during this difficult time. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Josh and Carrie Allison

**Josh Allison** - February 19, 2019 at 01:54 PM

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“ My thoughts and prayers are with you, John, and your family. I never had the opportunity to meet your lovely wife, but I know of your devotion to her and your family. God bless you all and bring you comfort.

**Beverly Hess** - February 19, 2019 at 09:58 AM

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“ I never got to meet this beautiful lady, however; I do know some of the Rainero's! My thoughts and prayers are with her husband, her children, his parents, her parents, and all relatives and friends who loved this lovely lady!! Rest in peace Julia!!

**Tami Cooper** - February 18, 2019 at 07:23 PM

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“ John and Family,

So sorry to hear of your tragic loss. Please know, Julia is free of the pain and suffering and will live on in those who knew her.

My family and I will pray for you all to make it through this hard time. Please accept our condolences.

Thanks you,  
Lars & Julia Halvorsen

**Lars Halvorsen** - February 18, 2019 at 04:48 PM

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“ From Jeff & Eloise, Geni & Anthony, Carol, David & Kari;

We lift you all up in prayer for peace and healing. Julia was so sweet and beautiful! I remember at family reunions, which is about the only place we had the opportunity to visit, that we were fast friends and I always wanted to be able to be close to her and Audra. Anthony remembers being with them growing up and having so much fun with the twins. Kari is broken hearted and sends her love and prayers to you all. Life is far too short but her memory will live on forever through our family and friends. What a beautiful and better place that her life made this world. Blessings and ALL our love to each and every one of you.

-Geni

**Genevieve Shivell Byrd** - February 18, 2019 at 02:45 PM

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“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you, John and family.

Richard and Allison Myers

**Richard Myers** - February 18, 2019 at 09:23 AM

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“ John and family, I just wanted to let you know that you are in my prayers and thoughts during this very difficult time for all of you. I was so saddened to hear about Julia's passing. I hope you can cling to the wonderful memories and the blessing of knowing her for the time you did, and that you will someday be reunited for eternity in heaven. God bless you all.

Alan Siebenthaler

**Alan Siebenthaler** - February 18, 2019 at 07:26 AM

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“ Sending thoughts and prayers to all of Julia's family. May the sweet times and the precious family memories one day alleviate the terrible heartbreak you all must be feeling now. May God's peace and comfort carry you through this time. Lee Caldwell Coffman

**Lee Caldwell Coffman** - February 17, 2019 at 10:11 PM



“ Dear Lynn and Jud, I was so sorry to hear about Julia. You know how much I love you and Jud both. My heart aches for you. I am keeping you both and your family in my prayers.

Ruth Nida

Ruth Nida - February 17, 2019 at 10:09 PM

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“ Dear Lynn and family, I'm so sorry for your great loss. I pray for you and hope you find comfort in knowing you all are loved by many.

Cathy McConnell

cathy mcconnell - February 17, 2019 at 07:19 PM

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“ I am so sorry for your profound loss. I have heard often what a beautiful soul Julia was. My prayers are with you for your comfort and peace.

Jan Felty - February 17, 2019 at 05:32 PM

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“ My parents and I were very saddened to hear of Julia's passing. Julia was a wonderful person to know over the years.

Our thoughts and prayers are with John, the Powers family, and Mary Beth and Charlie Joe and family.

Sincerely,

Wayne Bell, Jr.

Wayne Bell, Jr. - February 17, 2019 at 04:10 PM

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“ To John and the entire Powers and Rainero family Our loss heavens gain- One of the sweetest people you will ever meet. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all of you from the bottom of our hearts God Bless- Brad & Jeff Sparger and the entire crew at Sparger Transfer

**Brad Sparger** - February 17, 2019 at 09:46 AM

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“ Lynn and Jud. I am praying for that peace that passes all understanding for both of you and your entire family during this time of loss. Remember this is a brief separation in God's time, until you are reunited in Heaven.

**Terry Moretz** - February 17, 2019 at 12:31 AM

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“ Julia was an amazing woman who I also felt a connection with growing up in the church. She always made me feel like she saw something in me that no one else did. I will continue to pray for The Powers and Rainero family. God gained a special angel.

**Lana Everett Arnold** - February 16, 2019 at 10:51 PM

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“ Julia presence and beautiful voice will be missed in the atrium each Sunday morning. We were blessed to have shared this time with her. The Good Shepard has called her by her name and she has followed. Our prayers are with you John and your family, Chad and Lynn Couch.

**Lynn Couch** - February 16, 2019 at 10:35 PM

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“ Julia truly radiated joy everywhere she went and her beauty outshined the sun. The Stollings family sends their love and prayers to you John and your beautiful children.... your extended family and to the Powers family! We are thankful for the years she graced us with her presence!!!

**linda stollings** - February 16, 2019 at 08:02 PM

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“ John, Judson and Milly  
Carol and I are so very sad for you and all of the Rainero and Powers family. Julia was a shining star for everyone and we all shall miss her.  
Don and Carol Shumaker  
Bonita Springs Florida

**Don Shumaker** - February 16, 2019 at 06:52 PM

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“ deeply regret the loss of sweet Julia. She was a wonderful cousin to me. I enjoyed many times working for her. Her family was very special. My heart goes out to those left behind...John, Judson, Milly, and the rest of the family.  
Wayne Cross

**brian del dotto** - February 16, 2019 at 04:57 PM

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“ Lynn and Jud. I am so sorry the loss of your lovely daughter. I doubt that anything can be as difficult as losing a child. I am praying that your whole family will experience the love and comfort of God in Christ through this time. And that His mercy will be sufficient for you. While I did not know your children, I remember Lynn from growing up at Emmanuel Episcopal and at THS. Praying for you now as I write this. Tom Moore ('74).

**T Moore** - February 16, 2019 at 03:48 PM

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“ Jud and Lynn,  
Joan and I are very saddened to learn of the passing of your beautiful daughter. Our deepest sympathy to the entire family as the pain must be unimageable. Be comforted knowing that she is in a better place now and you will be reunited in the future. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Remember the good times.

Joan and Monk

**Phillip Barbe** - February 16, 2019 at 02:57 PM

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“ Lynn and Jud, please know my heart goes out to you, your family and all those touched by Julia’s grace and kindness. Sending love in this time of sadness —  
Suzanne

Suzanne Douglas - February 16, 2019 at 01:38 PM

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“ Jud and Lynn,  
I am at a loss for words. My heart goes out to you and your family.

David Hyde - February 16, 2019 at 08:20 AM

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“ Phil & Ann Gilbert lit a candle in memory of Juliette "Julia" Ruth Powers Rainero



Phil & Ann Gilbert - February 16, 2019 at 07:27 AM

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“ I am so saddened to hear of Julia’s passing. She was so sweet, kind, and stunningly beautiful. My prayers go out for your family throughout this time of heartbreak.

Sabrina Morton - February 16, 2019 at 07:02 AM

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“ Julia was such a ray of sunshine in our sorority at Virginia tech. I fell in love with her kind and genuine personality instantly and cherish the time I did spend with her. My love and prayers are with her family.

alanna doczi deal - February 15, 2019 at 10:13 PM

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“ Jud and Lynn- Our hearts ache for you and your family. Even though we are so far away, remember that we love you and weep with you. Prayers for strength and healing during this trying time. Love The Blevins and DeHarts.

**Jody Blevins** - February 15, 2019 at 09:32 PM

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“ Jud and Lynn—I was so saddened to hear of the passing of your beautiful daughter. The pain is unimaginable and I pray for God’s comfort upon you folks during this time. May great memories carry you through. Prayers going up for you.

**david hicks** - February 15, 2019 at 08:20 PM



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**Jody Blevins** - February 15, 2019 at 09:19 PM

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“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Juliette "Julia" Ruth Powers Rainero.



February 15, 2019 at 06:57 PM

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“ Our prayers and our thoughts are with you. Everybody who knew her will miss that beautiful smile and her genuine friendliness. Please feel our love for all of you.  
Marj and Prent Hallenbeck

**Prentiss Hallenbeck** - February 15, 2019 at 05:16 PM

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“ Dear Jud and Lynn,  
Our hearts break for you and your extended family in the tragic loss of your beautiful daughter. May the Lord comfort you and give you strength in the days ahead! Our thoughts and prayers are with you! Denise and Bill

**Denise Christenson** - February 15, 2019 at 04:55 PM

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“ John & family,  
  
My thoughts & prayers are with you now and in the months and years to come.  
  
Greg Lilly

**Greg Lilly** - February 15, 2019 at 04:54 PM

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“ John and Family,  
My thoughts and prayers are with all. If there is anyway I can be of assistance please do not hesitate to contact me.  
  
Sincerely,  
  
Ed Harvey

**Ed Harvey** - February 15, 2019 at 03:17 PM

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“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Juliette "Julia" Ruth Powers Rainero.



February 15, 2019 at 01:38 PM

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“ I am truly sorry to hear of your loss. Julia and I were close friends in high school and cheered and ran track together. Although we lost touch over the years, I will always remember what a beautiful person she was from the inside out, how kind she was, and how much fun to be around. Holding your families close in thought and prayer.  
Marie (Schroder) Barker

Marie Barker - February 15, 2019 at 01:05 PM

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“ We are so very sorry for your loss. Julia was a kind, sweet soul with such class and grace. Such an amazing mom. Always present and always smiling. You're family is in our prayers. Yolanda and Pierre Istfan

yolanda istfan - February 15, 2019 at 11:37 AM

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“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.  
Garbarino family

judson garbarino - February 15, 2019 at 11:11 AM

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“ Dearest Lynn, Jud, Audra, Ed, and Nat,

You have been a second family to us for 40 plus years, before Julia was born and in all the years after. We love you and are heartbroken by your loss. Julia was a beautiful soul, a bright light in a too-often dark world. You and Julia's husband and children are in our hearts and prayers, and we will all be here for you in the days and months ahead.

Suzanne Nida and the entire Nida family

Suzanne Nida - February 15, 2019 at 11:09 AM



“ Our heartfelt sympathy to the Powers and Rainero families. May God hold you tight in his arms as He welcomes Julia home. The Rickard Family

Carla Rickard - February 15, 2019 at 12:49 PM



“ Jud and Lynn,  
We pray that God gives you peace and healing in the loss of Julia.  
Jim and Connie Bureson

Jim-Connie - February 16, 2019 at 08:22 AM



“ Lynn and Jud, I am so sorry to hear of your beautiful daughters passing. No words are sufficient. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your whole family.

**Gloria Rowley** - February 15, 2019 at 10:37 AM

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“ We are heartbroken by this sad tragedy. Please know that all of you are in our loving thoughts and prayers.

**The George Warren Family** - February 15, 2019 at 10:22 AM

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“ I am devastated by the loss of such a beautiful soul and human being. We weren't at Emmanuel long but you were one of Marshall's favorite teachers and you always had such a bright and warm smile when welcoming the kids to church. John, Judson and Milly, my prayers and love are with you as you try to navigate life. Love to all at Emmanuel as you mourn the loss of such a warm and wonderful friend.

**Barbara Simpson** - February 15, 2019 at 10:20 AM

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“ Devastated by the loss of this beautiful soul. Know that all of the Mennell's—Miles, Matt and Mollie—are sending prayers and lots of love to all who knew Julia. She will be deeply missed.

**miles mennell** - February 15, 2019 at 10:15 AM

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“ Dear Rainero Family,

I'm so sorry to hear about the loss of Julia. I remember her from years ago and how kind she was. Please know that I'm praying for you all during this time.

Sincerely,

Brian Dellinger and family

**Brian K Dellinger** - February 15, 2019 at 09:55 AM

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“ Lynn, and Judd, so sorry for the loss of your beautiful daughter. I can't even imagine the pain and loss. May the beautiful memories life gave all of you to share be comforting during this time. Prayers for the family.

**Debbie Foster** - February 15, 2019 at 09:32 AM

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“ John, Judson, Milly, all of the Rainero and Powers family, we are so saddened by your tragic loss. You are all in our thoughts and prayers. Fletcher Family

**fletcher family** - February 15, 2019 at 09:05 AM

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“ Lyn and Jud. I am just so sorry and saddened for the loss of your precious daughter.

Pam Taylor

**Pamela G Taylor** - February 15, 2019 at 08:55 AM

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“ My prayers to Lyn, Jud and family. I can only imagine your pain. Know you are all loved and feel our arms around you from your friends scattered across the country! God's peace

**Karen Henderson** - February 15, 2019 at 08:22 AM

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“ Mary Beth and John and children,  
My deepest condolences on the passing of your wife, mother and daughter-in-law.  
May the Holy Angels be with you in this time of grief. It is too sad that one so young  
goes so soon. I will be keeping you in my prayers at this most difficult time.  
Jim Yencha

**Jim Yencha** - February 15, 2019 at 07:56 AM

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“ Julia was a wonderful kind friend to Lindsay! They shared lots of giggles together cheering  
& playing soccer together. They always spent the night before the 1st day of school  
together because they they had butterflies in their stomach the 1st day if school. Julia spent  
time with our family & our family all loved her. Her special smile & sweet ways will always  
be in our hearts. Sending prayers for her family! Love Renny & Linda King

**Linda King** - February 15, 2019 at 10:07 AM

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“ To the Rainero Family  
My Thoughts and Prayers goes out to the Rainero family and the Power's  
family . My heart is so saddens for your loss. John and family you are in our prayers.

**Jess Norman** - February 15, 2019 at 07:49 AM

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“ John and family. So very sorry for your loss. Praying for you all.

**Robert Green** - February 15, 2019 at 07:39 AM

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“ Keeping Lynn, Jud and the entire family in my heart and in my prayers.  
Those we love and lose, are no longer where they were, they are now wherever we  
are.  
Love and prayers, Parker

**parker minchin** - February 15, 2019 at 06:10 AM

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“ Julia was one of the sweetest and kindest people I have ever met. Such a wonderful person and an amazing mother. I am blessed to have gotten to know Julia through Sullins. Praying for peace and comfort for the family during this time. Brianna is sending extra prayers for her friend Milly and wants to express her love and support as well. Julia will be deeply missed. See you later, sweet lady.

Love and Prayers,  
Tara, Matt, Brianna, and Alexa Davenport

**Tara Davenport** - February 15, 2019 at 12:26 AM

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“ Our Thoughts & Prayers go out to John, Jud, Lynn siblings and children. May God ease your pain during these times of trouble.

Ann, John & Betty McDaniel

**John McDaniel** - February 14, 2019 at 11:33 PM

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“ Lynn and Jud, our hearts are breaking for you. We love you so much and are keeping you in our prayers.

**Jeanie and David Cape** - February 14, 2019 at 11:10 PM

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“ I will miss her so much. Let Judson and Milly Vanilly know I love them. Jesus is close to the brokenhearted.

**Lindsay King** - February 14, 2019 at 10:40 PM

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“ Julia was one of the first people I met when we moved to the area and started at Sullins. She was incredibly kind, always cheerful, and helpful. My heart hurts for the grief her family must feel. Especially her children, whom she gushed about often. Praying for peace for you all.

The Rogers Family  
Brad, Amanda, Preston, & Elizabeth

**Amanda Rogers** - February 14, 2019 at 10:30 PM



“ So very sorry to the entire family for your great loss. Our hearts are broken with you and we extend our deepest sympathy and prayers.  
Sam and Amy Shuttle

**Amy Shuttle** - February 14, 2019 at 10:06 PM

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“ An amazing woman whose kindness was infectious. Courageous and beautiful from the inside out and I feel so blessed to have gotten to know Julia through Sullins Academy. Prayers of peace for the entire Rainero family. Rest In Peace sweet friend, until we meet again.  
Much love  
Jaime Simmons

**jaime simmons** - February 14, 2019 at 09:52 PM

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“ I'm so sorry for your loss. Julia was a wonderful person and always had a smile on her face. You all are in my thoughts and prayers.

Chris, Sonya, Macie, Brodie & Jace Ratliff

**Sonya Ratliff** - February 14, 2019 at 09:16 PM

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“ So sorry for your loss. Julia was such a beautiful person inside and out, she will be deeply missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Lindi, Blaine, Benjamin and Grayson

**Lindi Scharfstein** - February 14, 2019 at 08:55 PM

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“ We are so sad to hear of your loss, keeping you in our hearts and prayers.

Blake & Laura Bassett

**laura bassett** - February 14, 2019 at 08:41 PM

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“ To Julia's family,

I didn't have the pleasure of meeting Julia, but I know some of you on both sides of the family. I am the son of Martha Jean and George Bundy.

My thoughts and prayers are with each of you as you deal with her passing.

Bill Bundy

**Bill Bundy** - February 14, 2019 at 08:41 PM

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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Juliette "Julia" Ruth Powers Rainero.



February 14, 2019 at 08:19 PM

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“ I'm so sorry for your loss. You all will be in my thoughts and prayers.

**Christy Mumpower** - February 14, 2019 at 07:48 PM

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“ I am so very sorry and will pray for peace and comfort for all the family.

**Vera Vandeventer** - February 14, 2019 at 07:04 PM

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Juliette "Julia" Ruth Powers Rainero.



February 14, 2019 at 06:25 PM

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“ So very sorry for your loss. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

**Carter Miles** - February 14, 2019 at 06:20 PM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. Prayers for the family for peace and help in the days ahead.

**Nina Jessee** - February 14, 2019 at 07:11 PM



“ To the Powers family and Rainero family, so very sorry for your loss. Will keep you in my thoughts. May you find peace in the arms of our Lord and Savior.

Elizabeth Boggs

**Elizabeth Boggs** - February 14, 2019 at 11:40 PM

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“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Juliette "Julia" Ruth Powers Rainero.



February 14, 2019 at 05:55 PM

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“ I am reminded of a sadly apt quote from Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet, "Death lies on her like an untimely frost upon the sweetest flower of all the field." I am so sorry for your loss. I did not know her well, but she was a beautiful lady inside and out. All of the wonderful memories and the love and support of family and friends will help on this sad journey.

Another quote that helped me in our family's losses over the past few years: "How lucky am I to have had something that makes it so hard to say goodbye." Truly, grief is the price of love.

**Barbara Bullock Niemczak** - February 14, 2019 at 04:58 PM

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“ GONE TOO SOON !! Prayers and Condolences for the Family !! Wes Taylor and Joe Hicks !!

**Wes Taylor & Joe Hicks** - February 14, 2019 at 04:44 PM

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“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Julienne "Julia" Ruth Powers Rainero.



February 14, 2019 at 04:26 PM