



Julie Ann MacDonald

October 28, 2007

Julie Ann MacDonald RN (nee: Sciantarelli) age 58 wife of Gary (37 years), mother of Jennifer (David) McConahay and Katie (Joshua) MacDonald; sister of Stephen (Marilyn) Sciantarelli and Joan (Mark) Anderson; Nonni to Emma (15), Evan (13), Maggie (11), Anna (8),

Jack (3), Gabby (8) and auntie to many more. Julie was the Senior Vice President for Patient Care Services and the Chief Operating Officer at Saint Joseph Mercy Hospital System in Ann Arbor Michigan. She graduated from Providence Hospital School of Nursing, Madonna College, Winona State University, and is a University of Pennsylvania Wharton Fellow. She is a past Trustee and member of the executive committee of the American Hospital Association, past President of The American Association of Nurse Executives, and past President of The Wisconsin Association of Nurse Executives. She also served as adjunct faculty member at a dozen schools of nursing and as advisor to the Deans of American Schools of Nursing, the Governor of Wisconsin, The Pew Trusts, the Bush Foundation and more. In 2004 Julie was selected as one of America's top 12 nursing leaders.

In lieu of flowers, the family is asking that donations be made to the Julie MacDonald, RN, Nursing Scholarship Fund at Saint Joseph Mercy Health System. Visitation will be on Wednesday from 2-9 PM at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 West Ann Arbor Rd (btwn Sheldon and Beck) Plymouth MI

48170. Mass of Christian Burial ♦ Thursday 12 Noon ♦ at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, 47650 North Territorial (at Beck) ♦ in Plymouth. In state at church 11:30 AM. Interment to follow in LaCrosse, Wisconsin.

To leave a message of condolence, please visit vermeulenfuneralhome.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Julie Ann MacDonald*

December 07, 2023 at 05:11 AM



“ *She once offered to shared an ice scrapper in the executive lot at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital with me, when we both were leaving work late in the dark one night. The car I had borrowed to drive to work that day did'nt have one in it and the snow was heavy and deep on own only two cars left in the lot on that cold 2001-2002 winter. I thought it was kind of her to offer a stranger a helping hand. There are so few kind turns made these days.*

Rayma L. Bilicki, MS DABR, Former Radiation Safety - December 12, 2014 at 10:28 AM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss. Julie was one of the kindest and sincere people that I have ever known and it makes me so sad that she has left us so soon. Thank you for sharing her with us. God Bless you all*

William Bradfield MD - December 12, 2014 at 10:28 AM



“ *I knew julie from high school.We graduated from St. Francis De Sales (class of 1967)She was such a wonderful person.Very outgoing,kind to everyone she knew,treated everyone with respect.I knew back,then, that she had that leadership ability,that would take her many places in her lifes journey.You will be truly missed by all that knew you in your 58 years on earth.May god be with you and by your side on next journey into his kingdom.My thoughts and prayers are with your family at this time.*

Bob Turner - December 12, 2014 at 10:28 AM

SH

“ We are truly sorry to hear about Julie. What a fine, caring person she was. She made great contributions to Gundersen Lutheran and I'm sure in Michigan as well.

Susan Hessel, Dick Mial and Maggie and Michael Hes - December 12, 2014 at 10:28 AM

MC

“ Julie was a very dear friend in high school who I loved and admired so much. May the wonderful person she was console you and may time bring you peace.

Maureen (Cairns) Campeau - December 12, 2014 at 10:28 AM

MM

“ Deepest sympathy at this time of great loss. It was my privledge to know and work with Julie over the last few years as a member of the staff of St. Joseph Mercy Hospital as well as in her capacity on the Arbor Hospice Board of Directors. We both came to St. Joe the same year and I was always impressed by Julie's committment and compassion. She was an advocate for health care professionals and a passionate advocate for patients. I have enormous respect for Julie, her work, her passion, her life. Deepest Sympathy. Mary Wisely

Mary P. Wisely, MD - December 12, 2014 at 10:28 AM

TN

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the MacDonald Family and the Saint Joseph Mercy Family. A real leader in nursing Julie MacDonald will certainly be missed.

Teresa Thompson - Madonna University - Nursing - December 12, 2014 at 10:28 AM

MB

“ Gary and Family, Julie and I were roommates in nursing school and although we lost touch over the years, I was deeply saddened to read of her passing. Julie was a beautiful person who lit up a room with her smile and warmth. We spent many wonderful hours together and I feel very fortunate for having had her as a roomie and friend. My prayers are with you all. God bless you.

Marilyn Nothaft Brazelton - December 12, 2014 at 10:28 AM

MK

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you as we share your sadness along with a profound belief that Julie is with us in a new way....we know Julie through our friends, Joan and Mark. Although we met her briefly on one occasion, her exceptional gifts were very evident. We remember Julie's family lovingly!

Mary Jo and Robert Keiper - December 12, 2014 at 10:28 AM

BD

“ My family and I extend our sincere condolences to the entire Macdonald family. The loss of a loved one causes a great void in our lives but we can find strength from our Heavenly Father's promise to reunite us with our loved ones who have fallen asleep in death by means of a resurrection on a paradise earth. - John 5:28,29; Psalm 37:11,29,34 May this precious hope that awaits us and your cherished memories of Julie bring you a measure of comfort in this difficult time.

Bethanie Duncan - December 12, 2014 at 10:28 AM

RS

“ Dear Gary, Jenny and Katie, We have such wonderful memories of Julie. She was a vibrant, caring, energetic, beautiful person. I know Scott enjoyed car pooling to LaCrosse with Julie. We as a family enjoyed our many get togethers with your family. We particularly enjoyed our many dinner parties together. Julie accomplished so much in her lifetime, personally and professionally. I am sure you are very proud of her. She loved her family and I am sure you will all miss her terribly. Our love and hearts go out to all of you and your family.

Ruth, Mark, & William Streater - December 12, 2014 at 10:28 AM

JH

“ Julie made an important contribution to quality and patient safety at St. Joe's and for all of Trinity Health. She always kept the patient uppermost in mind, and supported the health care staff in their mission of caring. We will miss her leadership.

Judy Pelham, President Emeritus, Trinity Health - December 12, 2014 at 10:28 AM

SK

“ Mac, Steve and I were so sorry to hear of Julie's passing. Please know that we have you and your family in our hearts and prayers.

Steve & Stephanie (Shepardson) Kabelowsky - December 12, 2014 at 10:28 AM

D'

“ Gary, My deepest sympathy to and your family on your loss. You are in my prayers.

David Dicke (WSUMC '87) - December 12, 2014 at 10:28 AM

KE

“ Mac our hearts hurt for you and your family. We both pray for angels to send you support and strength. We send our love . Kathy and Joel

Kathy and Joel Elgin - December 12, 2014 at 10:28 AM

JW

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to Julie's family. I worked with Julie at SJMH and found her to be one of the most kind and gentle people I ever had the pleasure of working with. She will be missed by everyone who knew her. Her passion for life was contagious.

JoAnn Weirich - December 12, 2014 at 10:28 AM

ME

“ Jen and family, so sorry for your loss. I never saw Julie without a smile on her face and pleasant conversation.....a true gift. Mary

Mary Eggen - December 12, 2014 at 10:28 AM

J&

“ Words can't express how much we feel for your family. It was a pleasure to be around Julie. She was such a dynamic person. Our hearts go out to all of you. With Love, The Heys

Jillayn, Ken,Sawyer, Forrest, Mitchell &Maya - December 12, 2014 at 10:28 AM

CR

“ Sympathy to the family for this amazing woman whom had an impact on my nursing career. She was an excellent role model and leader. I worked wtih Julie at Gunderson Luthern Hospital on the rehab unit. Sorry for your loss and loss to the nursing community.

cathy herricks rn - December 12, 2014 at 10:28 AM

DP

“ Gary, I just want you to know how sorry I am and that you and your family are in our prayers. If there is anything you need, please don't hesitate to ask. Take care of yourself...Dan and Lisa Powers.

Dan Powers - December 12, 2014 at 10:28 AM

DP

“ Gary, Jen, Katie & family - My thoughts are with you during this difficult time. Jen, I'll never forget your mother's thoughtfulness. She was always so kind and genuine.

Dan Poehling - December 12, 2014 at 10:28 AM

JF

“ Jenny, Katie and Mac, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. I have had a lump in my throat ever since I heard the news today. Your family opened their door to me when I had no place to spend the holidays. Julie always made sure that I felt comfortable and like one of the family. I remember Jenny and I coming home late at night and making eggs under the Pasta J neon. She would always come and tell us to keep it down but never got really mad even though it was 2:00am. Her kindness to me will never be forgotten. All of my thoughts are with you. Love John, Teresa, Jonah and Carter Greensboro, NC

John Uhls and family - December 12, 2014 at 10:28 AM

NS

“ Please accept my deepest sympathies during this time of sorrow.

Ned Simpson - December 12, 2014 at 10:28 AM

MC

“ On behalf of the nursing community at the University of Michigan Health System, I want to express our deepest sympathies to your family. Julie's compassion and leadership will always be remembered. Her spirit, dedication, and strength will be greatly missed. Marge Calarco (Chief of Nursing - UMHS)

Marge Calarco - December 12, 2014 at 10:28 AM

KA

“ Jen and family, I am so saddened to hear of your loss. My prayers and thoughts are with you all during this difficult time.

Kristy Abraham - December 12, 2014 at 10:28 AM

MG

“ To Gary and family. I taught with Julie at Carnegie the first year it opened at Troy. Oh how we could laugh! I will remember her for her humor. She could light up a room with her personality. She truly was a wonderful person. Even though we lost touch after we both left Carnegie, I will never forget her.

Mary Goerke - December 12, 2014 at 10:28 AM

BH

“ We've called Julie friend since 1980. Our "Katies" played together. We all worked together for Lutheran and Gundersen. She was a true advocate for patients, families and for nurses. I, Barb, will always treasure sharing the midwifing of Joan & Mark's babies with Julie. And who can forget the wonderful Italian supper events for Nurses Day celebration. I, Bud, will always remember working with Julie, as recent as last month advocating for patients quality end of life care. Our hearts go out to Gary, Katie, Jenni, Joan and Stephen, and family as we share the sadness of missing her. Thank you for sharing her with so many of us these past years.

Barb & Bud Hammes - December 12, 2014 at 10:28 AM

KL

“ My deepest sympathy to the family of Julie. She has touched my life, as I am sure many others. She was an inspiration helping myself to be proud of being a nurse and to show compassion to all people I meet. She has taught the world gentleness and kindness by her words and actions. She continues to be missed at the Gundersen Medical Center in LaCrosse. My prayers will include the family and friends as I know many hearts ache at this difficulty time for the family. God Bless Julie's family.

Kathy Brudos RN-Gundersen Lutheran - December 12, 2014 at 10:28 AM

DA

“ Dear Jen and Family, We are so saddened today to hear of your loss. We know this has been a long, difficult journey - Please know our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.

Donna, Sandy, Deb, Lori, Josie, Katie, JoAnn, and - December 12, 2014 at 10:28 AM

CU

“ Gary, my thoughts are with you. I never had the pleasure of meeting Julie, but I know from what you said that she was a wonderful woman. You and the family have my deepest condolences.

Charles Marx, UWL - December 12, 2014 at 10:28 AM

TO

“ To the family of Julie Macdonald: My sincerest condolences. I knew Julie way back when in high school, and was very saddened to hear of her passing away. She accomplished so much in her 58 years. Cherish the memories.

Tom - December 12, 2014 at 10:28 AM

JC

“ *Julie will be missed by all who knew and loved her. She was truly an inspiration to the many lives she touched. Rest in peace, my dear friend...*

Jane (Kuptz) Cooper - December 12, 2014 at 10:28 AM

LU

“ *Gary...I am thinking of you during this difficult time. Please accept my heartfelt sympathy. Linda*

Linda Hudson, UWL - December 12, 2014 at 10:28 AM

HD

“ *Mac, I'm very sorry for your loss. My thoughts are with you and your family.*

Heather Dreisbach - December 12, 2014 at 10:28 AM

JD

“ *Gary, and all of your family: our thoughts and prayers are with you. This is far too early for someone who touched so many lives. Take care.*

Jeff Davis - December 12, 2014 at 10:28 AM

PH

“ Dear Family, Please accept my deepest sympathy. Julie's influence as a nursing leader reaches much farther than I think she ever knew. I worked at Gunderson Lutheran from 1988-1993 as a Patient Care Coordinator and she not only taught me to see mistakes as opportunities for learning, but also that as a leader you have to have the vision plus be passionate about it. She continues to inspire me every day of my career and through her influence has then touched many lives in Virginia and North Carolina. God Bless your family during this time of loss. Sincerely Pam Hagley

Pam Hagley - December 12, 2014 at 10:28 AM

SS

“ Sincerest of condolences to you all; Julie was THE spirit of our class. We missed her at the reunion Saturday and those of us who knew of her disease felt so bad, knowing where our friend was. You, her family, have to be devastated at this huge hole her absence will leave in your hearts. The only comfort to be found is knowing that she is no longer hurting and if ever God planted an angel in our midst, it was Julie. Please know that I will be with you in thought and prayer. Sincerely, Suzanne

Suzanne (Johnson) Seacord - December 12, 2014 at 10:28 AM

PU

“ Gary...My deepest sympathy in your loss.

Patti Parker - UWL - December 12, 2014 at 10:28 AM

MB

“ Julie was an amazing person and an inspiration to all. She was a nursing advocate who never lost sight of her goals both personal and professional. My deepest sympathy to her family and to the whole nursing profession. She will be missed.

Mary Bissen - December 12, 2014 at 10:28 AM

CB

“ Our deepest sympathies. Please know your "family" in La Crosse is thinking of you. You are all in our thoughts and prayers. Love you!

Christen and Zach Barnes - December 12, 2014 at 10:28 AM

BM

“ Dear Gary, My heart is with and your family at this time. Much love, Betsy

Betsy Morgan - December 12, 2014 at 10:28 AM

KW

“ Please accept our deepest sympathies during this time of sorrow. Although I only knew Julie on a business level, I saw how she fought her battles with nothing less than a positive attitude! Again, I am very sorry for your loss.

Kitty @ Allstate Insurance in La Crosse, WI - December 12, 2014 at 10:28 AM

SR

“ Please accept my deepest sympathy Gary and family. My prayers are with you at this very difficult time. God be with all of you.

Stan Rieder - December 12, 2014 at 10:28 AM

JR

“ I remember Julie from her time at Gundersen Lutheran. She was a wonderful nurse, advocate and person. She will be missed. My thoughts and prayers to her family.

Jessica, RN - December 12, 2014 at 10:28 AM