



Julie Elaine Epley

None - Dec. 25, 2024

Julie Elaine Epley of Morganton, NC, went home to be with Jesus on Wednesday, December 25, 2024.

Born in Avery County, NC, she was the daughter of the late Ray Pagan and Sarah Isaacs Johnson.

Although a private person, Julie stated that if anyone asked how she wanted to be remembered, it would be "I give Jesus credit for everything good in my life. I love my husband and sister forever. I was crazy about animals and loved Snickers."

Julie is survived by her husband, Dean Epley; and a sister, Lisa Welch.

The family will receive friends from 1 to 2 p.m., Sunday, January 5, 2024 at Sossoman Funeral Home. The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. in the Colonial Chapel of the funeral home with Rev. Don Bledsoe officiating. Burial will follow at Forest Hill Cemetery.

Sossoman Funeral Home and Crematory Center is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Tribute Wall



Lisa I am so sorry. I just found out. I always thought Julie was absolutely beautiful. I love you

—Barbara Staton



Dear Dean and Lisa, I was shocked when I came across Julie's obituary. I loved Julie. She was a wonderful sweet Christian woman and friend. I enjoyed working with her and hanging out with her in our younger days. I remember being with her when she met you, Dean, and she fell head over heels! She also loved Jesus, her sister and little mama so much. When her mama died, we talked to each other a lot on Facebook and she was broken hearted, but she knew that her mama was with Jesus. Now, she's with her Jesus and her sweet mama. We can take comfort in knowing that we will see her again one day.

—Leslie Tudor

—Denise Rector Lowry



I am so sorry to hear of Julie's passing. I remember Julie as a little freckle-faced girl who was always smiling and a joy



to be around. I am sending my most sincere condolences to you, Dean and Lisa. Amanda J Keck

—Amanda J Keck

Dean & Lisa, I've known Julie for many years; we were 12-14 yo when we were best friends. I lived up the road from her so we'd walk to each others houses. I've always thought very highly of Julie & her mama. Although we haven't stayed close over the yrs, we were fb friends. I always enjoyed her little dogs! I know you both will sorely miss her and you never get over your loss. But may the prayers of many help you to persevere through the pain of her loss. Sincerely. Beth L Dorenbusch

—Beth Lowdermilk Dorenbusch



We are so sad to hear about Julie. I remember her when we were younger. She's always been so beautiful with her long blonde hair and big blue eyes! A real life Barbie! Every memory I have of her, she's always smiling! Mom got her Christmas card this year! We're all thinking about you Dean and Lisa. Sending prayers for healing and peace! Much love from, Aunt Mona Clark and Kelly Clark Ellis

—Kelly Ellis



Sorry to hear of Julie's passing. I worked with her at Grace Hospital for many years. She was a pretty girl and always so kind. I loved working with Julie. Dean she loved you and her family and friend's with all her heart and you could see all the love in your heart for her to. She is with her Mom and they are walking on the streets of gold. Prayers for you and Family. From : Rachel Morgan

—Rachel Morgan

Dean, we are so sorry for your loss. Julie was a beautiful, precious friend and neighbor. Keep your memories that mean the most to you close in your heart. With sincere sympathy,

—Dean & Lib

Beautiful lady inside out and was real with Jesus

—Jennifer Ann Tallent



I knew Julie through her mother Ann. Such a pretty woman who loved God.

—Carla Gay Dellinger Lane



Julie you know they say only the good die young. An we have lost the best im so glad you came into Deans life an loved him with all your heart your were well loved an youll be missed. I love you julie. An Dean your stronge youll get threw it. I love you..

—Brenda hanna



Very sorry to hear of Julies passing. I believe she is with the Lord. May that bring you comfort.

—Amanda Surratt



Sorry for your loss. She was one of a kind. Our hearts go out



to you during this time. Sending prayers.

—David and Joann Smith



Julie was one of the most precious caring people that I've ever known in my life I loved her personalty, her smil! she was beautiful inside and out! I'm gonna miss her for a little while, but I'll see her soon! I'm praying for you, Dean. I know this is a hard time of the year for you. My daughter died December 28.. It's been four years but finally, I can celebrate that she's in heaven and no longer has to endure the hardships of this life. I will be thinking about you. Love and hugs

—Linda Morton

I'm so sorry for your loss Dean. You and your family are in our prayers friend.

—Brandin Rogers



Will be missed by so many!!!! She was great woman. Until we meet again my friend. Fly High.

—Chad Greene



Dean and Lisa, There really are no words of comfort at a time like this, One thing I know for sure is Heaven gained a beautiful Angel! Julie was one of the most selfless people I have ever known. I learned and grew so much from her Godly wisdom. She was a great friend and confidant. The only real Peace is knowing we will soon see her again.

~Much love & Prayers, Crystal Pritchard (Jesse)

–Crystal Pritchard

Dean, I am so sorry to hear of Julie's passing. I know she is with Ann today praising Jesus. Your family will always have a special place in my heart. Praying for you and Lisa each day.

–Shelly Sinker

Dean, I am so sorry for your loss. Julie I know is with Ann today and praising Jesus . They were both special to me. I am praying for you and Lisa.

–Shelly Sinker

Hey Dean we are so sorry to hear about Julie praying for you and Lisa. Julie was as beautiful outside as she was inside

–Nancy webb



Richard Branch

–Richard Branch



–Anonymous





—Vanya McElrath



So very sorry for the lost of your loved one. Keeping your family in my prayers

—Krista Dye



—Susan Moses



Julie, was one of the finest Christian Ladies that Helen & I, have ever known or met. She was a beautiful person. We appreciate our Friendship & Fellowship for over “40 Years”. We send our most sincere Condolences, along with our Prayers of Comfort & Strength to her Husband, “Dean” and Sister, “Lisa”. With Deepest Sympathy & Love, Bishop Don & Helen Bledsoe

—Bishop Don W. Bledsoe



Dean...so sorry for your loss. I did not know that she was possibly sick. We worked together for so many years and



became good friends. I will cherish that.

—Brenda L Costner