



Mary Julia Keadle-Van Horn

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Surrounded by family, Mary Julia Keadle-Van Horn (82) passed away peacefully in her home on December 7, 2016. She was preceded in death by her daughter, Mary Elizabeth Johnson, her first husband, James R. Keadle, her second husband, Allen Van Horn, and her brother, Frank J. Costantini. She is survived by her brother Edward Costantini (Diane), her grandson, John K. Johnson II, and four nieces: Teresa Smalls, Janet Brown, Marion Costantini, and Marie Broling.

Julia was born on May 4, 1934 to Sante Costantini and Rosa Martin of Crumpler, West Virginia. She was the oldest of three children. She graduated from Northfork High School, then earned a B.S. degree in Music Education, and a Masters in Reading and Elementary Education from West Virginia College of Graduate Studies. While in West Virginia, she taught at the Federal Reformatory for Women in Alderson, the institution now known as “Camp Cupcake” due to its most notable inmate, Martha Stewart.

Julia played violin from the age of eight, and had a lifelong love of music. She was a former member of the Music Educators National Conference and the Bluefield Symphony Orchestra, was Band Director at Greenbriar High School, was Choir Director at Lewisburg Methodist Church, and most recently, played for nine years with the Pinellas Park Community Orchestra.

She came to St. Petersburg in 1958 by way of Sarasota with her first husband, James R. Keadle. A former member of the Alpha Phi Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma, a women’s educational honor society, Julia taught reading in the Pinellas County School System from 1959-1990. Even in retirement, she continued her passion for education, volunteering at Westgate Elementary, where her daughter taught second grade, and working as an aide in the Pinellas County School System for six years. She also volunteered for the St. Petersburg Police Department for 15 years.

She spent the last several years of her life in Carrollwood with her second husband, Allen Van Horn. Blessed with many friends, Julia led an active social life, travelled, and was a member of Northdale Lutheran Church.



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She is in our hearts forever, and will be fondly remembered for her fortitude, intellect, musical passion, commitment to education and service, and her laughter.

We would like to thank her wonderful neighbors, Visiting Angels, and LifePath Hospice for their care and compassion during her final days, thereby fulfilling her desire to remain at home in comfort.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, December 17, 2016 at 10 a.m. at Northdale Lutheran Church, 15709 Mapledale Blvd, Tampa. Following the memorial, there will be a committal service at 12 p.m. at Memorial Park, 5750 49th St. N., St. Petersburg. Those wishing to send flowers should send them to the church.



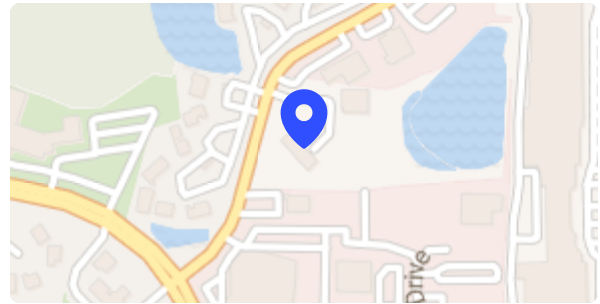
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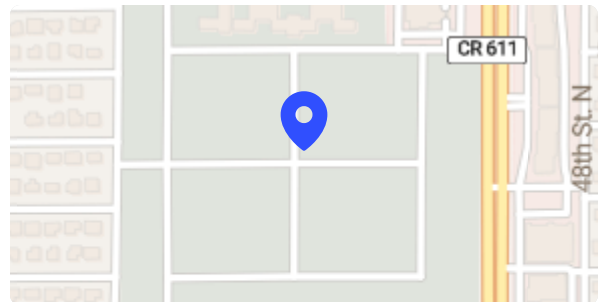
Memorial Service

- Saturday**, December 17, 2016
- 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM ET
- Northdale Lutheran Church**
15709 Mapledale Blvd,, Tampa FL



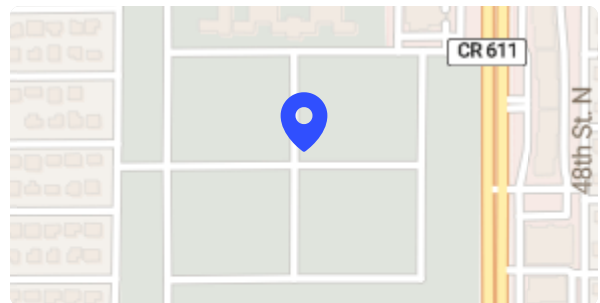
Interment

- Saturday**, December 17, 2016
- 12:00 PM ET
- Memorial Park Cemetery**
5750 49th Street North, St. Petersburg FL 33709



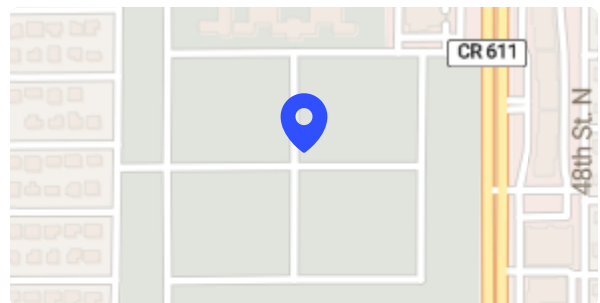
Reception

- Saturday**, December 17, 2016
- 12:30 PM ET
- Memorial Park Funeral Home and Crematory**
5750 49th Street North, St. Petersburg FL 33709



Cemetery Details

- Memorial Park Cemetery**
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- (727) 369-8228**





Tribute Wall

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AC

Anthony Cumbo posted:

Julia was the best Cousin a person could have. Her and her Brothers were there when you needed to talk to in the time of need. Julia I could talk to for hours and wish I could have helped her more then I did. I Loved her family for being there for my Mother and Julia's Mother. God Bless Cousin Julia

December 17 at 12:54 AM



Heidi Anthony posted:

It was truly an honor to know Julia. Her sweet smile, slight southern accent, and gentle spirit made her such a pleasure to be around. Julia took me under her wing in the pinellas park civic orchestra as a mentor. I think they put me next to Julia so she could keep me on track in the music and point out measures when I was lost, but our relationship grew to mean much more than that. Our Monday nights spent making music together will be a memory I hold onto. Julia will be missed very much, but I know everyone she knew will be left with fond memories to remember her by, that's just the kind of person she was. Rest In peace Julia.

December 16 at 8:33 AM

MB

Marianna Bortner posted:

Keeping the family of Julia in our thoughts and prayers. She was special. With love and sympathy, Marianna and Bob Bortner

December 16 at 7:54 AM



Anonymous sent a Country Basket Blooms to the Keadle-Van Horn family.



December 15 at 6:47 PM



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Petal Keadle posted:

I learned so much from Julie by watching her. I will always be grateful for her showing me a strong, bright, independent, non-aggressive, caring woman. I still don't know how she managed the pain of losing Liz. She was quite a LADY. .

December 15 at 12:20 PM



Kristy Carr December 17 at 5:38 AM

How well said! A role model for many!



Judy Kennedy posted:

I met Julia in 1980. I was a new Reading Specialist and Julia knew everything. I would go to her house, park my car and Julia would drive. She was sooo kind to me and always explained everything I needed to know to do my job at Bardmoor. We called ourselves Lewis and Clark because sometimes we would get lost getting to a meeting. The loss of Liz was heartbreaking and we would meet at Bob Evans just to talk about Liz and John. Julia was kind, sweet, generous with her time and talents. I could call her anytime and we just picked up the conversation even though time had past between calls. They say a friend is a present you give yourself and I was blest to call Julia my friend. I know you are "Safely Home" reunited with Liz, Jim and Alan. God bless and may He keep you safely in His care.

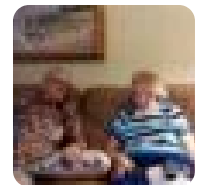
December 15 at 11:41 AM



Kristy Carr shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

So happy I got to come down from Ohio and catch up with her! We had a few wonderful visits. I'll cherish those memories forever xoxo

December 14 at 4:04 PM



Petal Keadle Shanaberger sent a Pink Tribute Spray to the Keadle-Van Horn family.

December 14 at 12:24 PM





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Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Keadle-Van Horn family.



December 14 at 12:13 PM



Carol sent a Fairest of All to the Keadle-Van Horn family.



December 14 at 11:20 AM



Kristy Carr lit a candle in honor of Mary.

I'll always remember her as one of the kindest people I've known. She, and Jim, kept a watchful eye on me as a toddler living with my mom and dad in their little house next door. Her kindness knew no limits. And I can't remember a time in my 38 yrs of life that she wasn't supportive and unconditionally loving. I spent time in the library with her at Fuguit Elementary when my Papa (Charlie Carr) brought me for summer visits to school with him. My favorite holiday memories involve hers and my own family enjoying Thanksgiving together. Our cookouts around her pool are most definitely the good ol' days and a very special time for me. Melinda and I spent hours in that pool. The good memories are abundant! As an adult she was always supportive and loving in her feedback. I came down to visit this August with my youngest child. And like my Papa, Julia just lit up when Oliver was there. She told me how wonderful he is and smart, and how I'm doing an amazing job as their mother (which is priceless). I'm going to miss her tremendously. And make a point to laugh more, love more, and live more to honor her and my Mama (Goldie Carr) who must be sharing all of these wonderful stories at home in heaven. They were both angels sent here to remind us about the power of love and leaving a legacy of kindness for us to follow. Peace be with you dear friend XOXO With love, Kristy Carr & Family (Daniel, Ella, Emily, and Oliver)



December 14 at 4:03 AM



Melinda Behrens posted:

Oh the fun we had with Julia and her family, making xmas cookies, swimming in pool, excellent dinners! The Carr family will miss her. We all love her! Sincerely, Melinda (Carr) Behrens.

December 14 at 4:03 AM



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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Mary by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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