



Julia Andrews

June 23, 1924 - April 20, 2024

Julia Lois Folger Andrews, 99, of Milledgeville, Georgia, went home to be with her Lord on April 20, 2024. She was born in Decatur, Georgia on June 23, 1924 to Reverend Julius S. Folger and Lora Brooks Folger. She always said she would live to be 100, but there is no question about it, praise God, she will be spending her 100th birthday dancing with the Lord in her new body. She was the third of four children and spent much of her childhood at “Grandmother’s house” in Decatur. She had many fond memories of that house and shared them often. As a toddler, she pronounced her name, Julia Lois as Dudy Lody. From then on, she was affectionately known by her family and friends as “Lody”.

After graduating from Decatur Girls High School, she attended High Point College in North Carolina. After receiving her degree from Georgia State University, she began her career in social work. She worked in Atlanta for a number of years before accepting a position at Twiggs Co. DFACS and relocating to Jeffersonville, Georgia. In that small community, she was affectionately known as the “welfare lady” by those she helped and served. As a caseworker, she worked with the adoptions and foster care program. She loved her job and had a passion for the children she helped through the program. She was most proud of her work with adoptions and the small part she played in building loving families through adoption.

After retirement, she continued her service to others by volunteering for the Red Cross. She traveled to Florida and Louisiana in the aftermath of

Hurricane Andrew to aid in disaster relief.

Her passion, however, was for Israel and God's chosen people in which she showed unwavering support. That commitment took her to the Holy Land with Volunteers for Israel where she did everything from working on an archaeological dig to volunteering in the nursery at the hospital. She returned nine more times on these transformative journeys. She traveled independently well into her 80s.

Julia was a lifelong learner, teaching herself Hebrew and Arabic. She remained youthful by developing her passion for Israeli dancing and clogging, teaching others along the way.

Surviving breast cancer as a young single mother, she was an inspiration of unwavering courage and resilience. She was boldly adventurous and fiercely independent, admirable traits passed down to her grandchildren.

In the last year of her life, she spoke often of her parents and siblings. It is only fitting that she was welcomed into Heaven by her father, Julius S. Folger, mother, Lora Brooks Folger, two brothers, Alvin G. (Bubba) Folger, James W. (Jim) Folger, and sister, Mary Brooks Folger Tanner. She will be remembered by her daughter, Julie Claxton (Chuck) of Clarkesville, three grandchildren, Jenna Parker of Atlanta, Brent Parker of Athens, and Eryn Parker of Brookhaven, and nine nieces and nephews. She will be laid to rest alongside her parents in her home of Decatur, Georgia. A graveside service will be held at the Decatur City Cemetery on Wednesday, April 24th at 11:00am.

The family extends our heartfelt thanks to the nurses and staff of Lynn Haven Rehabilitation Center who went over and above to provide compassionate care for "Miss" Julia in her time there. Thank you to the nurses and staff of Affinis Hospice for their invaluable support throughout this journey.

Cemetery Details

Decatur City Cemetery

229 Bell Street
Decatur, GA 30030

Previous Events

Graveside Service

APR 24. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

CA

“ I really enjoyed her company.... I served her on meals on wheels.... Attended church with her at NBC for a time Lovely sweet person very interesting to talk too ❤️❤️

carol agee - April 29, 2024 at 04:14 PM

JH

“ Julia was my dear neighbor for a while. She was a pleasure to know. We talked about her life and adventures. She loved the Lord Jesus above all. Her love and devotion to Israel was shared too. She was spunky, sweet and very independent.

A favorite memory is how I would go over during bad weather/tornado watches and we would pray. She was a painter and so was I ..we talked art a lot. She was a one in a million dear lady..



JoAnn Hartley - April 23, 2024 at 05:31 PM

AB

“ To Julie and family,
Ms. Julia lived at least three lives in her lifetime. I had the pleasure of attending several churches with her throughout the years. My favorite memory of her was from a dance conference in Macon where she was in her 70's and out-danced us all. . She changed people and places just by her presence. Her life was a mission and a witness to so many. I'm so thankful for every time I was in her company.

The fragrance of Heaven is sweeter today, because she has arrived. Thank you Julie for sharing her with so many. This tribute is so beautiful and so fitting! She loved you all so much and was so proud of you!

Annette Newton Burgamy ❤️🙏

Annette Newton Burgamy - April 22, 2024 at 11:40 PM

BH

“ Julie & Chuck, we are sorry to hear of your loss. You both took such good care of her.
Prayers for comfort & peace to you, Jenna, Brent, & Eyrn. Love,
Becky & Will

Becky Humphrey - April 22, 2024 at 10:59 PM

MG

“ I do not know Ms Julia, I wish I had from reading her obituary. She sounds like a most angelic person. I wish to extend much prayers and condolences to her family and friends. May God be with y'all. And I believe in my heart she is having a little chat with the man above. And enjoying passed on family and friends. XOXOXO 🙏🙏



Margie Garrison - April 22, 2024 at 04:56 PM

RW

“*Julia was a delightful lady who always made people feel happier when she was around. I loved hearing her stories about her enjoyment of life and people (and dancing).*”

Ruby Werts - April 22, 2024 at 03:24 PM