



Julia Brooks LaRue Orwig

September 13, 2008

Julia Brooks LaRue Orwig, beloved wife of Kenneth Orwig, Jr. Entered the Kingdom of Heaven at 12:53 p.m. On Saturday, September 13, 2008. Her husband, two sons, two grandchildren and daughter-in-law were at her side. ? Julia was born and raised in Hodgenville, LaRue County, Kentucky. After graduation from Agnes Scott College, Decatur, Georgia, she moved to Toledo to become Ken's wife. ? She was a partner to her husband in every way including professionally. Julia provided marketing, public relations, and government affairs counseling to their clients, which include local non-profits, businesses and government agencies as well as the world's largest retail corporation. Julia held the APR accreditation of the Public Relations Society of America, a certification achieved by fewer than five percent of public relations professionals in the United States. ? Julia Orwig was also a devoted mother and grandmother. She and her husband cared for their granddaughter for 18 months when Julia's oldest son was deployed to the Middle East for the first time in 2004. Then in 2007, Julia was the Lamaze partner to her daughter-in-law during his second deployment and participated in the birth of her first grandson, Kenny, IV. ? She had a longtime commitment to her adopted home of Toledo and was a graduate of both Leadership Toledo and Leadership Ohio. ? Julia was president of the Junior League of Toledo in 1992-93. She also chaired the League's Town Hall Lecture Series and Toledo After Hours event. Julia continued to be very active in the League and had just completed a second term as the Sustainer Representative to the Board of Directors at

the time of her death. ? Her involvement in community leadership ran deep. At various times, Julia served on the boards of the Medical University of Ohio Foundation; the University of Toledo Foundation; The Valentine Theatre; Historic Woodlawn Cemetery; Toledo Botanical Garden; Sunset House; the YWCA; and the Toledo Chapter, Public Relations Society of America of which she was also a past president. ? A strong proponent of voluntarism, she never shied from hands-on community service. During the course of her career, she worked on the Toledo Symphony Orchestra Fund Drive; was a United Way Team Captain; a 15-year volunteer to the Mothers' Support Group of Ottawa Hills Schools; and a volunteer at Ronald McDonald House. She served on the United Way Voluntary Action Center Advisory Committee; the CARES Advisory Committee and the "Success By 6" Steering Committee. ? In 1993, she co-chaired the Diamonds in the Snow fundraiser for the Toledo Chapter, American Red Cross with her husband, Ken. Julia and Ken also co-chaired the public relations committee for the 1988 ToledoFest. She was a co-chair of Special Events for the 2007 Jamie Farr Owens Corning Classic. ? At the state level, Julia served on the board of Leadership Ohio and the board of the Ohio Division of the American Association of University Women. She founded the Detroit/Toledo Agnes Scott College Alumnae Club. ? Although not active with the organization, she was inducted into the Daughters of the American Revolution in 1970. In 1977, she was named an Outstanding Young Woman of America. ? Julia Orwig is survived by her husband of 35 years, Kenneth Ray Orwig, Jr.; sons, Kenneth Ray (Ginger) Orwig, III of Woodville, OH and Philip LaRue Orwig of Dallas TX; grandchildren, Kenneth Ray Orwig, IV and Natalya Cameran Orwig; father James D. LaRue, Jr.; brothers John (Eva) LaRue, Alex (Iris) LaRue, Will Larue, Philip (Debbie) LaRue, Ben (Laura) LaRue, and Steve LaRue; and sister, Paula (John) Varney and many nieces, nephews and cousins. ? Visitation will be at the Ansberg West Funeral Home, 3000 Sylvania Avenue on Wednesday, September 17 from 3:00 p.m. Until 8:00 p.m. A service will be held in St. Michael's in the Hills Episcopal Church, 4718 Brittany Road in Ottawa Hills on Thursday, September 18 at 11:00 a.m.

Julia will be placed to rest in the Memorial Garden at St. Michael's. The interment service will be private. ? The family is grateful to the oncology unit of the University of Toledo Medical Center and both the in-patient and out-patient staff of Hospice of Northwest Ohio for their kind and loving care. ? Memorial Donations may be made to the Junior League of Toledo Endowment Fund. ?
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Tribute Wall

KF

“ Ken, I am so sorry to read of Julia's death. My sincere condolences to you and your family at this difficult time.

Kathy Turley - Destin, Florida - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ I'm very sorry for your loss. Thoughts and prayers are with your family.

Jeff Van Hooser - jrvanhooser@gmail.com jrvanhooser@gmail.com - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ I am so sorry to hear about Julia. I was Executive Director when Julia participated in Leadership Toledo. She was an active participant, questioning presenters with thoughtful questions and willing to accept whatever challenge we put before her. I know your personal loss is difficult to bear, and the community has also lost a very good friend. Julia's work will live on and benefit the community for many many years. My prayers are with you as you travel this very difficult journey

Karen Landis - herbkarenlandis@verizon.net herbkarenlandis@verizon.net - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ Phil, I am so so sorry to hear about your Mom. My thoughts are with you and your family at this very sad time. Sending you hugs and just know that I am thinking about you. Love, Mrs. Mitch

February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ Dear Ken and Family, I loved her too. My deepest sympathy to you all. She was very special and will be greatly missed.

Lois Churchill - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ Dear Orwig family--we extend our deepest sympathies at the loss of your mother and wife. We knew Juia as a devoted mom and grandmother and thought she was quite a wonderful lady. Our prayers are with you at this most difficult time.

debby (ascher)sampson and john sampson - dsusansamp50@hotmail.com
dsusansamp50@hotmail.com - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ I graduated from High School with Julia. She was a great friend. She loved to have a good laugh, yet you could always depend on Julia to get a job done. I am saddened by her loss. I am thankful that she had such a loving family, and lived to see two grandchildren. You will be in my prayers. Linda French

Linda Brookshire French - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“ Hi Ken and Family; I'd like to convey my condolences to you and your family for the loss of Julia. I know she will be missed greatly. You have my deepest sympathy, and if there is anything I can do please let me know. Sincerely, Dave Mangold

- dman@bex.net dman@bex.net - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“*Phil, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. My sincere thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Take care of yourself and eachother. xoxo Lindsay*

- lbakies@gmail.com lbakies@gmail.com - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“*I met Julia through the Junior League. We had so much fun together inside and outside the League. From antiquing, to testing flights of bourbon, to just laughing, laughing, laughing, she was just THE BEST. So funny. So smart. So much love and kindness. What a stunning loss for the universe. Ken and all, I am so so sorry. Love, Julie Funk*

Julie Funk - juliefunk@bex.net juliefunk@bex.net - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JD

“*Julia was a Toledo treasure. My interactions with Julia were always a pleasure. I am saddened at the community's loss, and can only imagine how challenging this time is for her closest friends and loving family. Please accept my heartfelt condolences.*

Janet Schroeder - director@toledogarden.org director@toledogarden.org - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Dear members of Julia's family, Like so very many people I was really shocked and saddened to learn of Julia's too-soon parting from this world. I was in the Junior League and in the business of communications and while we didn't know each other extremely well, I think there was always an aura around Julia - an aura of excellence, of being someone special, of bright potential, possibilities, and solid accomplishment. When she came in a room, people knew she was there, and were happier for her mere presence. I attended the league's holiday event last December in heryour home and thought its beauty, charm and energy was so reflective of her. I'm sincerely sorry for your loss and wish your family all the best as you cope with the big change in your lives.

Jane Bruss - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ Phil, We just heard of your loss and are so very sorry. Julia was a wonderful woman and partner in every sense of the word. Our deepest symapthy to you and your entire family.

Michael and Ellen Fruchtman - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ My name is John Larimer, i did not know Julia vey well, but i remember whenever i would meet her it would follow, with a slight forhead kiss and a hug. What a tremendous person. I have been freinds with her son Kenn III for a very many years. And i was attempting locate him on the internet i came unpon this tradegy. My sincere condolences, my thoughts are now with the family tonight. My thoughts of Julia, is she was always always a trong person of character, and a person in which whom you wanted to please. She brought out the best in me in every job i performed for her. You shall be in my prayers tonight...

John Larimer - john.larimer@stageitproductions.com
john.larimer@stageitproductions.com - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM