



## Julene Babbel Updike

March 29, 1948 - January 14, 2025

Julene Babbel Updike passed away peacefully from Alzheimer's on January 14, 2025 surrounded by family, love and music.

She was born in Salt Lake City, UT on March 29, 1948 and grew up in Arlington, VA. Julene began playing the piano at the age of five and went on to study both Piano Performance and Music Theory at Brigham Young University. She was fluent in both German and Japanese and worked for the German and Japanese Embassies in Washington, D.C.

Julene served as a missionary for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Japan from 1969-1971. She was married for time and all eternity to her sweetheart, Lisle Chandler Updike II, on September 8, 1971, in the Salt Lake Temple. She dedicated the next 37 years to raising their ten children in Falls Church, VA.

She is grandmother to 42 grandchildren and 2 (soon-to-be 3) great-grandchildren.

Julene will always be remembered for her extraordinary musical talents that she used to serve her church and community, and for her deep and abiding love of Jesus Christ and His restored gospel.

Julene is survived by her ten children Rebecca (Timothy) Owen, Mary (Matthew) Mohlman, Kathleen (James) Strickler, Lisle Jr. (MaryAnn) Updike, John Updike, Cheryl (Henry) Rimmer, David (Jill) Updike, Laura (Peter) Cannon, Crystal (Dustin) Freckleton, and Julie (Jesse) Heyland.

She is also survived by her siblings Bonnie, Judy, and Joanne and is preceded in death by her parents Fred and June Babbel, husband Lisle, brother David Babbel, and her granddaughter, Allisyn Strickler.

A public viewing will be held from 9:00-10:30am on Saturday, February 1, 2025 at 3900 Howard St, Annandale, VA 22003, followed by a funeral service at 11:00am where those who knew her can come together to celebrate her life and legacy.

# Cemetery Details

## Quantico National Cemetery

18424 Joplin Road  
Triangle, VA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 1. 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints  
3900 Howard Street  
Annandale, VA

## Funeral Service

FEB 1. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Annandale, VA

# Tribute Wall

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“ I was in high school with Julene and her sister Bonnie. We were in orchestra as we all played string instruments. Somehow, I knew that these sisters had something special and lived their lives away from drugs, tobacco, and alcohol. I knew they were members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. They left such a positive memory that about five years after high school graduation I met with two young missionary brothers, and was baptized. Imagine my joy to find out that these sisters were in the Annandale Stake when I saw them at stake conference. I doubt they realized or remember what a positive influence they had on my life. I soon moved to North Carolina where I served in a variety of callings. Spiritual Living teacher, Gospel Doctrine, primary teacher, in service for primary and relief society were some. Recently I served as a temple worker in the Orlando Temple and look forward to returning there once renovations are completed. I also was able to serve a two year service mission. None of this would have been possible if I had not had such wonderful examples to pave the way. Rarely do we know how our actions have changed the lives of those around us and I want the Babbel family members to know what special daughters of our Heavenly Father and what positive examples Bonnie and Julene were to me and others around me. Thank you for providing a wonderful climate in which to learn.

*Kitty Garland*

*Kitty Garland Moore, Class of 1966*

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kitty moore - July 13, 2025 at 03:43 PM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**Bryndi** - February 01, 2025 at 01:50 PM

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“ Aunt Julene was full of sunshine to me. She always seemed to have a pep in her step, and joy in her voice, even when I felt like a current burden she had should the taking away that "pep". One day on the phone we had a conversation that left me praising God. We had talked for over an hour and she shared about the work she was doing in the temple... She mentioned that people wondered if she would get bored or fall asleep by taking the 3rd name through in a day. She testified to me, that she never did get bored and how could she sleep. She was excited for the endowment and she would be engaged in the reality that who she was doing work for--it would be their first time with an Endowment. She took great pride in being present and excited to share her testimony with the other side of the beauty of what was happening in the Endowment. I was deeply touched by her great love for not only temple work, but how sacred she felt her responsibility was to help with the vicarious work. What an incredible woman joined the ranks on the other side of continued service for the Savior. Love you Aunt Julene! Thank you for being an example to me! - Love, Bryndi (Cloward) Clyde

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**Bryndi** - February 01, 2025 at 01:42 PM

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“ Jonathan & Anjenette Pond purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Julene Babbel Updike.



Jonathan & Anjenette Pond - January 31, 2025 at 08:00 AM



“ Peace Eternal Wreath was purchased for the family of Julene Babbel Updike.



January 29, 2025 at 04:28 PM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Julene Babbel Updike.



January 29, 2025 at 03:12 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Julene Babbel Updike.

January 29, 2025 at 03:12 PM

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“ *Julene was the best mother in law a girl could ask for and such an overall beautiful person. She walked into a room and everyone instantly lit up, anyone could not help but smile as her presence brought so much joy, happiness, and light. Her humor and overall positive outlooks on life provided such a calming relief to any situation, words cannot begin to express how greatly she will be missed by all. It comforts me to know she has now been reunited with her husband and the love of her life, Lisle. Heaven has gained an angel!*

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**Jill Updike** - January 23, 2025 at 10:02 AM