



Julie Ann Cerulli

June 30, 1964 - September 5, 2018

Julie Ann Cerulli, 54, passed away September 5, 2018 at her home in Gainesville, VA.

She is survived by two sons; Jake and Dominic Cerulli of Gainesville, Virginia; parents John and Ann Sullivan of South Weymouth, MA; brother, Scott Sullivan (Jill) of Swampscott, MA; sister, Maureen Cederland (Dave) of Duxbury, MA; her beloved dog “Wagz” and many nieces, nephews and beloved friends.

Julie was a longtime psych nurse at Children’s Hospital in Washington, DC. She touched many lives through her work, especially children in need. She was a wonderful neighbor always willing to lend a helping hand. Julie was very supportive of her family and always saw the best in people. She will be greatly missed.

The family will receive friends from 3:00PM-4:00PM, Monday, September 10, 2018 at Pierce Funeral Home & Cremation Services, 9609 Center Street, Manassas, VA 20110. A funeral service will begin at 4:00PM in the funeral home chapel. Burial will take place Saturday, September 15, 2018 at Mayflower Cemetery, Duxbury, MA.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **10**. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Pierce Funeral Home
9609 Center St.
Manassas, VA 20110
(703) 257-6028
pfh@piercefh.com
<https://www.piercefh.com>

Service

SEP **10**. 4:00 PM (ET)

Pierce Funeral Home
9609 Center St.
Manassas, VA 20110
(703) 257-6028
pfh@piercefh.com
<https://www.piercefh.com>

Tribute Wall



“ I just learned of Julie’s passing today. She was such a wonderful neighbor during the 8 years we lived in Gainesville (2003-2011). She fiercely loved her two sons (Nick and Jake) and was always friendly to all! My deepest condolences to her family- especially her boys!

Phyllis Markley - November 02, 2018 at 04:12 PM



“ To Julie’s parents, sons and siblings,
Words cannot express the sadness felt in the sudden loss of Julie.

We met Julie at college, attended each other’s weddings and met her boys while they lived in MA. We were truly shocked when one of the fraternity brethren sent us the email on Julie’s passing.

May God comfort you all during this time of sadness.

In deepest sympathy,
Cathi & John Niejadlik
Savage, MN

Cathi Niejadlik - September 19, 2018 at 12:27 PM

CL

“ Dear Jake and Nikki the Lucy's just heard of the passing of your mom. I am so sorry to hear this news. I smile and laugh of my memories of your mom. My memory of her is with a smile on her face. Whenever we saw each other or ran into each other after not seeing each other after some time, we would spend hours talking and catching up!! Even though we met as adults she was someone I felt like I had known all of my life. She was a personable person and very easy to talk with and to be around. Mr. Lucy said, "whenever I saw Julie, I always felt homesick (for MA.)" She was a devoted mom and she LOVED you both deeply!! We are thinking of you both and will say a prayer for you all. We Love You and take care. You know where we live, please get in touch whenever. Connie and Paul, Gordie, Will and Harry Lucy

Connie Lucy - September 12, 2018 at 10:09 PM

PW

“ Sending our condolences to Nick and Jake, Julie's beloved sons. How she loved you both! We are so sorry and shocked to hear about your loss. Julie was the last person I said goodbye to before moving to Hawaii. We had such a nice chat with Wagz. Love, Peggy and Rick Wagner



Peggy Wagner - September 12, 2018 at 01:38 PM

CG

“ Cathy Gardner lit a candle in memory of Julie Ann Cerulli



Cathy Gardner - September 12, 2018 at 09:05 AM

CG

Jack & Ann, Our deepest sympathies are with and your entire family. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.

Donald & Cathy Gardner

Cathy Gardner - September 12, 2018 at 09:08 AM

AY

“ *Passing on sympathies and condolences to Julie’s family. Sorry for your loss.*

The Young Family

Andrew Young - September 11, 2018 at 08:18 AM

AF

“ *I had the privilege of working with Julie at Children's about ten years ago. She was incredibly caring for all of our patients, and was a wonderful nurse. Always was able to see humor in a challenging situation and gave folks the benefit of the doubt. Even during stressful or difficult days, Julie was able to keep calm and patient. She encouraged me to go back to school to become a nurse, and for that I'm so grateful. She was SO, SO, SO proud of her sons and just adored them. Her face lit up any time she was talking about them. She loved being their mama! I'm sorry to hear that she has passed.*

Ashley (Rubinstein) Fore

Ashley Fore - September 10, 2018 at 08:08 PM

RR

“ I feel so blessed that I had the opportunity to work with Julie during my time at Children’s from 2008-2015. She was such a bright light during some difficult times. She always brought such a positive attitude and laughter to my day.

I am so grateful that I had the opportunity to see her and catch up a bit just a few weeks ago. She gave me the biggest hug and was eager to help me with seeing a patient. I was truly shocked to hear of her passing and am still in disbelief.

I hope that her family, friends and colleagues find comfort in knowing that heaven gained an angel to watch over them. I will continue to pray for her family, particularly her sons whom she always spoke so highly of! Julie, you will be missed more than words can express!

Rebecca Rebstock - September 10, 2018 at 03:12 PM

RJ

“ Roxanne & Dave Jenkins lit a candle in memory of Julie Ann Cerulli



Roxanne & Dave Jenkins - September 10, 2018 at 03:03 PM



“ I only worked with Julie for a year and some change. When I say she was one of my favorite nurses...I mean Lord she was. Her drive and her passion at Children’s touched my heart in many ways. She even inspired me to go forward with going back to school to get my Masters in Nursing. I am still trying to process her passing. I’m truly going to miss her voice. She always used to tell me “You’re the BOMB Kris” even when I felt like I wasn’t doing much. I love you Julie and you’ll forever be in my heart. To the family & friends I know that after the tears have dried and the goodbyes have been said, all we have to hold onto are the happy memories that we’ve shared with our Sweet Julie, this is what will keep her alive in our hearts and in our minds, and she will continue to live on, through us. My condolences. ❤️

Love,

Kristine Ugbaja

Kristine Ugbaja - September 10, 2018 at 12:44 PM



“ Julie was much more than a Psych Nurse, she was an Angel of light for so many patients in need. She made a real impression of love that affected them in the best of ways. I've known her for several years and in that time our chats were so moving. They gave me insight on just how special she truly was. Although I'd never met Nick and Jake, I felt like I did because she spoke so highly of her boys. I could tell they meant the world to her. She will be missed. Her ability to bring her energy of light to the unit was incredibly needed. Her passing was truly a shock to so many as the days after, so many staff members from other units came in disbelief. RIP Julie. You were a rare Diamond. I'm playing a song for you. Diamond by Laura Mvula.



Andrea Austin - September 10, 2018 at 12:29 PM

KF

“ Julie was one of the first people I met during my orientation to the unit. She made me feel welcomed and supported and that support and camaraderie continued throughout my time at Children’s. Julie was kind and genuine to everyone she met. She was funny, straight forward, and called it like she saw it, which I might add was always accurate. Julie was the definition of a compassionate nurse. She always went the extra mile for her patients to ensure they were comfortable on an unfamiliar unit and received the best possible care. She saw to it that their needs were met and their concerns were always addressed. She made sure patients and families were informed about their treatment and empowered patients to embrace their strengths and keep pushing through. Julie always advocated on behalf of her patients. She also always advocated on behalf of her team and always had everyone’s backs. The doctors often looked to her for her clinical expertise on managing a patient or trying a new intervention. Julie always spoke about her family and how proud she was of her boys. You could tell they are amazing young men because they came from her. I am forever privileged to have met and worked with Julie and I will never forget the many lessons she taught me about being a good nurse and doing what is right, always.

Karly Funk - September 10, 2018 at 12:25 PM

JP

“ I had the honor to know Julie while working at Children's National from 2014-2016. What I recall the most consistently through our interactions is her positivity, warmth, and uncanny humor. No matter how bleak a shift was going, the team could always count on Julie, both professionally and personally. She had the ability to lift the spirits of those around and was always our stout defender from the powers that be. Her ability to command and lead others (both the patients and staff) was something to be admired, and easy to rally behind. She had the respect from those who worked with her and always listened to any problem I had. With that famous humor, she was able to get me to laugh about it and make me forget for a few moments. Julie evoked excitement and jovial feelings when you saw her listed on your shift. Julie, I didn't know you as long as others, but it is still hard to believe you're gone. I want to thank you for your time and making me feel better than I deserved. Fa'afetai tele lava Julie ma o le a misia e/Thank you Julie and you will be missed. Alofa atu.

John Pruett - September 10, 2018 at 11:49 AM

ER

“ I worked with Julie Cerulli at Children’s National from 2011-2016. A lot can be said for 5 years of working full time with this amazing woman. She brought unparalleled warmth, energy, and spirit to her work, touching the lives of hundreds of children in the DMV. I will always remember her bright smile greeting me at 7AM and the way she sang my name three times every time she saw me “Erika, Erika, Erikaaa”. She always showed genuine concern for everyone she met and brought humor and laughter into their lives. She went above and beyond to help her family, coworkers and her patients. I want to thank her for the time she was in my life, the days she made so much happier with her sharp sense of humor and her classic Massachusetts accent. I shared so many tender moments with her and she always lent an ear when I needed it. She always encouraged me to strive for more. I pray for her family and especially for her two boys, of whom she spoke so well. She is greatly missed and loved by her colleagues. Heaven has gained one hilarious angel. Love, Erika Pobee-Mensah

Erika - September 10, 2018 at 11:24 AM

BR

“ I worked at Children's with Julie for several years before I left five years ago. She was always a bright light on the unit, nothing riled her up, nothing made her lose her sense of humor or her warmth. I know she will be deeply missed by anyone who ever shared an hour with her. My deepest condolences to her family, in the broadest sense of that word.

Barbara Robertson



Barbara Robertson - September 10, 2018 at 08:29 AM

JU

“ I have had Julie and her family in my thoughts ever since I heard the news of her passing. I worked with Julie Cerulli from 2012 to 2014 and I have never met anyone as caring or hard working. Julie always made me laugh and I will never forget her sense of humor. She used to make me laugh so hard I would tear up. What a great nurse and human being. I am so thankful that I got to know her and that our lives overlapped during the time I worked at Children's National. My thoughts and prayers are with Julie's family and all of the CNMC staff who knew and had the priedge of working with her. Sending lots of love from the west coast. Love, Julia Britt/Borst

Julia - September 09, 2018 at 11:32 PM

MS

“ I have tried to wrap my mind around my dear friend's passing and I just cannot. Julie and I shared so many moments as neighbors and friends, watching her boys Nicky and Jake grow up, my many many nieces and nephews at my house, our very long dog walks as Julie had to stop and chat with everyone, our bike rides (that didn't last long). My coffee, her tea breaks.. my making fun of her obsessive cleaning of the garage...our trying to figure out which house Adara and Wagz were at mine or hers...

We chatted so much on our walks and I loved to hear stories of her parents, siblings and grandparents...we would share hospital stories, and catch up on all the boys antics and accomplishments. She was always proud of you two and the men you have become! Her dedication to all and strength thru adversity was something to emulate!

Too many memories to share but ones I will never forget!!! Life next door to Julie was wicked good!!!

Mary

mary smith - September 09, 2018 at 10:43 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Julie Ann Cerulli.*



September 09, 2018 at 10:25 PM



“ *John, Ann, Scott and Maureen - my heart breaks for all of you. Know that all of you and Julie's sons are in our prayers. I hope you are surrounded by family and friends who can comfort you.*

Elaine Leighton - September 09, 2018 at 05:36 PM

DG

“ *My dear sweet friend Julie ... I cannot believe you are gone.*

I am so devastated by the loss of my spirited and courageous friend, I don't know where to begin. Your friendship was a gift and a beacon of hope in the midst of so many storms. Your courage and words of wisdom inspired me weekly (oftentimes daily).

You leave behind a shining legacy. I will forever be inspired by your exemplary work ethic, your encouragement of others, and your dedication to your profession. Most of all, I believe you will best be remembered for your love and devotion towards family. You loved your wonderful boys more than life itself, always putting them first. And you adored your amazing parents as well. My heart goes out to Nick and Jake, and, to Jack and Ann.

Gone so young, so soon, and so tragically.... I am shocked and profoundly grieved at the untimely loss of such a beautiful, sassy, strong, and brilliant woman. Her light will shine forevermore in our hearts and minds.

Nick and Jake, if there's anything I can do, I am at your service.

*With sincere love and sympathy,
Diane Goguen*

(Julie, you ended every conversation with "love you to pieces" -- back at you -- my gorgeous friend.)

Diane Goguen - September 09, 2018 at 02:33 PM

DG

“ *Diane Goguen lit a candle in memory of Julie Ann Cerulli*



Diane Goguen - September 09, 2018 at 02:07 PM

JB

“ *She left us too soon. There was no time to say good bye.*

Julie was my friend and sister nurse for the many years she worked at Children's Hospital. I had looked forward to working with her this weekend. We had so much to catch up on. I always enjoyed hearing about her sons. She loves them so much. I hope that they will always feel her love for them throughout their lives.

When Julie was leaving the unit for her long drive home, I would say, "Get home safely Julie."

When Julie sent me a text message, she would end it with, " May God bless you."

Now I pray:

"Heavenly Father, Please bless Julie and bring her safely home. Amen."

Jean Boone - September 09, 2018 at 10:45 AM

KW

“ Kimberly A Warcholik purchased the Healing & Hope Sympathy Basket for the family of Julie Ann Cerulli.



Kimberly A Warcholik - September 09, 2018 at 10:15 AM

KW

“ Kimberly A Warcholik purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Julie Ann Cerulli.



Kimberly A Warcholik - September 09, 2018 at 09:48 AM

BE

“ I worked with Julie at Children's when we were both brand new to the unit. She was always so upbeat and I loved working with her. Although I left Children's many years ago, I still fondly think about all of my coworkers from my first "real" job. That was a very dark time in my life and I am incredibly grateful for Julie's love and support during that time. I'll always giggle when I think about her saying she would "smack Jake's fanny." Rest peacefully, dear Julie. I am still in shock. Much love.

Beth - September 08, 2018 at 11:12 PM

CI

“ My sweetest Julie and Family, My heart is so heavy and my soul is so broken.

I will forever cherish my irreplaceable friendship with Julie for my lifetime. We shared so many emotions of the past 18 years but especially cherished our uncontrollable laughter and the moments that frequently brought us to tears.

Thank you JC for being the brightest light on the darkest day so many times. Jules was one of the most beautiful souls I have sincerely ever met with such immense compassion, selflessness, and kindness who put the entire world above herself. Such strength beyond words.

It has been beyond an honor and a privilege to have a friendship we often described as close as sisters and I will continue to pray that your journey to heaven will bring you the most peaceful and beautiful life ever.

If anyone in life is the one who deserves peace and tranquility , it is you. I will carry our friendship and memories in my heart and soul forever and ever.

Rest in the truest of peace sweet JC. I love you my friend.

Prayers and immense strength to Nick and Jake and to your family. Your momma truly loved you more than anything in this world and would share lovely moments with all of you with her Children's family over the many years. She will always be a heartfelt treasure beyond words. I extend my heart and hand for whatever you may need during this unbearable time. I will miss her dearly. Hugs, Cindy

Cindy - September 08, 2018 at 04:23 PM



“ *Cindy lit a candle in memory of Julie Ann Cerulli*



Cindy - September 08, 2018 at 03:54 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Julie Ann Cerulli.*



September 08, 2018 at 10:15 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Julie Ann Cerulli.*



September 07, 2018 at 09:01 PM



“ *From her Nursing colleagues at Children's National purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Julie Ann Cerulli.*



From her Nursing colleagues at Children's National -
September 07, 2018 at 06:18 PM