



Julie Berard Meier

May 31, 1960 - April 1, 2014

JULIE BERARD MEIER, 53, of Manassas, Virginia, passed away on Tuesday, April 1, 2014, after a three year battle with ovarian cancer.

Julie was born on May, 31, 1960, in Worcester, MA. She is the daughter of the late Roland Berard and Clara (Pescosolido) Berard. She attended Venerini Academy and was a graduate of Saint Peter Marian High School, Worcester, MA. Julie received a bachelor's degree from Providence College, Providence, RI, and a Masters in International Business from the Thunderbird School of Global Management, Glendale, AZ.

Julie lived her life to the fullest and was greatly loved by her family and friends. Julie loved music and studied opera. She performed many weddings and funerals growing up in Worcester. During college, she spent a year abroad studying French at the University of Fribourg in Switzerland. After graduating from Thunderbird, she spent three years living in Taiwan and Hong Kong, where she taught herself to speak Mandarin Chinese. Upon her marriage to Michael, Julie worked in a variety of jobs, but was primarily focused on taking care of her family and devoting her time to her daughter, Isabella. She loved to travel around the world, talk politics, and read, but her greatest love was horses, which she shared with Isabella. She was thrilled in her later life to be able to finally own and care for her own horse, Rocky, who she rescued from certain death in Colorado. Together, they went on a six year

journey of loving and caring for each other.

She is survived by her husband, Michael Wayne Meier, and her daughter, Isabella Maria Meier, who also reside in Manassas. Julie is also survived by her sister, Donna Berard Peacott, of Worcester, MA, and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends 2:00 PM – 5:00 PM Sunday, April 6, 2014 at Pierce Funeral Home, 9609 Center Street, Manassas, VA. A Mass of Christian Burial will be 5:00PM Monday, April 7, 2014 at All Saints Catholic Church, 9300 Stonewall Road, Manassas, VA with Father Juan Puigbo officiating. Interment will be private.

In lieu of flowers, Julie would ask you make a donation to her favorite charity, Gentle Giants Draft Horse Rescue, Mount Airy MD 21771. <http://www.gentlegiantsdrafthorserescue.com/>

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 6. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Pierce Funeral Home
9609 Center St.
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<https://www.piercefh.com>

Tribute Wall

TB

“ *Theresa Benevides Blahato lit a candle in memory of Julie Berard Meier*



Theresa Benevides Blahato - February 04, 2019 at 02:48 PM

KE

“ *I met Julie when we were first out of college. She was an amazing woman, one of the most special souls I have ever met. The world is truly a darker place without her light. Heaven is blessed to have her among the angels.*

*Ken Carodine
Rear Admiral, USN(Ret.)*

Ken - July 14, 2017 at 08:52 PM

RA

“ *Julie, you were one of the best friends we could have ever had. I was always amazed at your deep education and good sense, and knew you could be counted on to be there when we needed you. Mike was blessed to have you as his wife, and Izzy as your mother. We first met in mid-June 2002 in Puerto Rico, and were Giuliana's very first friend in a new assignment. For the next 12 years you, Mike, and Izzy were almost as much a part of our family as our own parents and children are.*

Russell Allen - April 07, 2014 at 12:52 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Julie Berard Meier.



April 07, 2014 at 12:28 PM



“ The Venerini Sisters wish to offer our prayers and condolences to Julie's family. (Worcester, MA Venerini Academy)



Venerini Sisters - April 07, 2014 at 10:59 AM



“ RJ lit a candle in memory of Julie Berard Meier



RJ - April 07, 2014 at 07:42 AM



“ Christine, RJ And Briana lit a candle in memory of Julie Berard Meier



Christine, RJ and Briana - April 07, 2014 at 07:41 AM

KV

“ *My deepest condolence, to mrs. meier's entire family may the lord heal you all in this time.*

kheshia vaughn - April 06, 2014 at 07:52 PM

“ To Donna, Michael, Isabela, and Rocky,

It is difficult to express the sorrow we all feel when we lose a precious member of our family. Tears help to alleviate the profound feeling of loss for only a little while; the pain of losing a sister, a wife, a mother, a caregiver and in my case, a former student turned friend will always remain with us. It is my hope that my memories of “Jewels” as I tended to call her, bring a momentary smile to all of your faces.

Jewels was the best Foreign Language student I have ever had in all of my years of teaching. Together with Joey Cancelmo, Jewels helped make the life of this first year teacher a breeze. She didn't really need me to teach her to see the value of acquiring a second or third language. Both she and Joey already knew this. The funny thing was that as classmates they were always squabbling...to the point where one day Jewels threatened to slap Joey if he “bothered her just once more.” As I tried to ignore her warning and teach class I heard a loud slap and then saw her index “finger” pointing at Joey telling him that he had been warned. Joey was shocked because he didn't think that she had it in her to carry out that threat...I knew differently. I followed her academic career through her years at PC and then Thunderbird. She had a gift for languages and I was not surprised at all when she decided to go to China to learn Mandarin. I had the tearful honor of chauffeuring her and the Berard family to Logan Airport to start that phase of her life. We cried all the way to Boston and all the way back to Worcester because we knew we were not going to see her for a long while. As a result, my family and Julie's family became good friends. We kept tabs on Julie's Chinese adventures with weekly phone calls and family get-togethers. When she did return, she was fluent in Mandarin and to prove it to me she conversed with the owner and the waiters of the Ho Toy Restaurant during one of many of our dining experiences together. All I could do was smile because I couldn't understand a word they were saying. Julie loved to go out dancing and so did I. We were both single and frequented many nightclubs in New Port, RI. On one such occasion Julie had just bought a new” button up

the front silk dress.” She looked amazing in it. The only thing was that the tiny pearl buttons gave way as she danced on the dance floor to reveal...well you can just imagine! We rushed into the ladies room to fix the wardrobe malfunction with safety pins. It took us a while because we were laughing so hard. Julie loved to sunbathe. The deck on our pool provided her with that opportunity. The only thing was that when she arrived at my home so did the clouds...repeatedly! In our many conversations, Julie always told me that she wanted to marry a “man in uniform”. I beat her to the altar in 1990: two of my attendants were my best students: Julie and Joey. They re-enacted the “classroom slap incident” on my wedding video: a memory that I will always treasure. As fate would have it, Julie did meet and marry the military man of her dreams: Mike Meier. I had never seen her so happy! She had the Cinderella Military wedding that she had always dreamed of and gave me the privilege of performing one of the readings. Over the years we remained close in spirit. We shared many sorrows: the loss of parents and for Julie... the great joy of having a beautiful daughter, Isabella. I was happy to learn that when the Meier Family settled after many years of traveling that Julie’s big heart opened even wider to love and to care for one lucky rescue horse named Rocky, appropriately named because of the rough road that they both had to travel.

The loss of such a great lady is difficult for all of us to endure. One of our greatest sorrows stems from the fact that we can no longer make new memories that include her. May we all find solace in sharing the cherished memories that we do have of our precious “Jewels”.

Marylou Luukko - April 06, 2014 at 08:05 AM

JC

That sums it up like nobody's business - from her red Hyundai to her Green Jeep Sahara - never mind working together at Marshalls on the service desk - we were like an old bickering couple - many many laughs - Marylou you really know how to write a

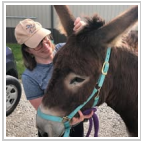
Joey Cancelmo - April 08, 2014 at 03:55 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Julie Berard Meier.



April 04, 2014 at 11:40 AM



“ Julie welcomed me with open arms to our neighborhood and made me feel a part of things at once. She introduced me to her barn and I made some wonderful memories with her there, too. A more generous and open-hearted person I could never wish to meet. The cul-de-sac won't be the same without her...we lost a great lady. We will love you and miss you forever.

Jennifer Whipple - April 03, 2014 at 02:39 PM



“ I went to school with Julie, sharing the row with Claire and her - we had good laughs and even worked together years later. She was one focused woman, and many a laugh was shared in her moms kitchen - Julie you will be missed but not forgotten.
Joey Cancelmo - Worcester,MA

Joseph Cancelmo - April 03, 2014 at 10:15 AM



“ Julie will be greatly missed! She was the most caring and giving person I have ever met. There wasn't a day that she came to the farm that she didn't have something in her hands for someone, whether it was coffee for the guys, snacks for the boarders or treats for the horses, she was always giving. We are all so lucky to have gotten to know and love her. Christine Rosenfeld

Christine Rosenfeld - April 03, 2014 at 07:09 AM

EA

“ *Just wanted to send my condolences to Mr Mike. I have no idea what you are going thru but I know this isn't the end. Ms Julie wouldn't want everyone stopping their life for her. That being said I will remember the memories we had together in Puerto Rico and when you all visited Naples. I'm sure right now everything looks bleak but remember the joy Ms Julie gave everyone. Remember her smile and always keep it with you.*

Edward Allen - April 02, 2014 at 09:39 PM

SM

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Sandy Meyerhofer - April 02, 2014 at 08:11 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Julie Berard Meier.*



April 02, 2014 at 08:07 PM

SU

“ *Susan lit a candle in memory of Julie Berard Meier*



Susan - April 02, 2014 at 05:29 PM