



Julia Ann McGuire Happe

March 15, 1928 - December 8, 2016

Julia, fondly known as Julie, died peacefully at home on Thursday, December 8, 2016. She was 88 years old. She is predeceased by her parents, James McGuire and Elizabeth Cullen McGuire, both of County Longford, Ireland. She is survived by her beloved husband of 62 years, Greg, and their four daughters, Anne-Marie Happe of Decatur, Georgia; Ellen Phillips (Terry) of Houston, Texas; Deirdre Workman (Tom) of Windsor, Colorado; Monica Happe of Austin, Texas, and three grandsons, Che Elkeilani, Darius Mohebi, Cyrus Mohebi all of Austin Texas.

An only child, Julie was born of Irish immigrant parents in Woodside, NY. After graduating from Blessed Sacrament High School in New York City, she went to work for the Advertising Department of American Tobacco Company in New York City in 1948. She met a handsome sailor on January 9, 1953 and after his discharge, they were married at Resurrection Ascension Church in Rego Park, New York on October 9, 1954. The family moved from Queens Village, New York to Houston, Texas in 1970 where they became parishioners at Saint Cecilia Catholic Church. For over 20 years, Julie worked as the secretary to the Principal at the Spring Branch Career Center. Her life was guided by her devout Catholic faith and her greatest joy was singing – anywhere at any time – but most notably in the Saint Cecilia Choir where she lifted her beautiful alto voice to praise God for over 25 years. She will be remembered and loved for her sharp intellect, her sharp wit and her laugh that sounded like a chicken

cackle.

The family would especially like to thank Jenifer Cramer, RN, Jackie Carter, Ann Van Sant, RN, and Erin Goddard, LMSW and all the staff of Vantage Hospice and evening care taker, Nathalie Yeka, for the loving care they gave Julie these past two years.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Saint Cecilia Catholic Church Music Ministry or to Angela House.

The Happe family will receive friends Thursday, December 15, 2016 from 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM with a Vigil Service beginning at 7:00 PM at Dettling Funeral Home, 14094 Memorial Dr., Houston, TX 77079. The Funeral Mass will commence Friday, December 16, 2016 at 10:30 AM at St. Cecilia Catholic Church, 11720 Joan of Arc Dr., Houston, TX 77024. A reception will follow Holy Mass in the Community Center on the church campus. Mrs. Happe will be laid to rest at VA Houston National Cemetery following the reception via motorized cortege.

“She who sings, prays twice” St. Augustine

Cemetery Details

VA Houston National Cemetery

10410 Veterans Memorial Drive
Houston, TX 77038-1502
[http://www.cem.va.gov/cems/nchp/houston.as
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Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 15. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Dettling Funeral Home
14094 Memorial Drive
Houston, TX 77079
(281) 497-2121
david@dettlingfuneral.com

Vigil Service

DEC 15. 7:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Mass

DEC 16. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Cecilia Catholic Church
11720 Joan Of Arc Drive
Houston, TX 77024

Reception

DEC 16. 11:30 AM (CT)

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Houston, TX 77024

Graveside Service

DEC 16. 1:30 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Julia Ann McGuire Happe*

October 08, 2023 at 10:52 AM



“ *Julia Ann McGuire Happe*

October 06, 2023 at 01:12 AM



“ *Julia Ann McGuire Happe*

October 05, 2023 at 09:45 AM



“ *Julia Ann McGuire Happe*

October 05, 2023 at 01:54 AM



“ *Julie was always special.....we enjoyed many happy lunches, dinners, ball games, and tours of special places. I'll never forget seeing the sights of New York with a gal who knew all the sights to see.....and closing the hotel bar singing along with Julie is a special memory for me. The whole family is special to Don and I, and we offer our sincere condolences to all of you who loved her so. God bless you everyone. Sara Betterton.*

Sara Betterton - December 18, 2016 at 04:24 PM

CD

“ Sending our love to your family. I only had the pleasure to meet your Mom once, but of the pictures I have seen of her - I see the Irish spark in the eyes of all you beautiful Happe girls. - Hugs to you all, Dave and Cheryl

Cheryl Davis - December 15, 2016 at 11:07 AM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Julia Ann McGuire Happe.



December 14, 2016 at 04:58 PM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Julia Ann McGuire Happe.



December 14, 2016 at 12:31 PM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Julia Ann McGuire Happe.



December 13, 2016 at 08:06 PM

MM

“ I remember Mrs. Happe as a warm, welcoming mom with a wonderful laugh, a great sense of humor, and a great love for children and animals. She was very patient and always, always kind. All my love to all the Happes- may your memories console you.

Mary Sue Wilson Murtha - December 13, 2016 at 07:33 PM

JM

“ Tom and Deirdre,

Our thoughts are with you and your family.

Deirdre, your Mom had to be special in order to have a daughter as wonderful as you. May she stay with you always through warm memories, and we wish you healing and peace.

*Love,
Jan and Craig*

jan malone - December 12, 2016 at 08:46 PM

JB

“ Joe and I never got to meet Mrs. Happe but Monica told us wonderful stories about her mother. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this very difficult time.

*Joe and Darla (Calvert) Bell
Fort Worth, Texas*

Joe and Darla (Calvert) Bell - December 11, 2016 at 10:55 PM