



Julia Koon Ray

January 2, 1927 - January 16, 2025

Julia Koon Ray, 98, of Houston, Texas passed away January 16, 2025. Julia was born January 2, 1927, in Luverne, Alabama to Lina Lamar and Thelma McGowin Koon. She is preceded in death by her parents, husband, James Edward Ray, Sister, Katherine Koon Wilson, and brother, Lina Lamar Koon. She is survived by her daughters, Jamey Ray and husband John Conlon, and Susan Ray; grandchildren, Daniel Albaugh and wife Shannon, Hayley Ray, Marissa (Mandola) Hromadka and husband Clayton, Damian Mandola, Dominic Mandola and wife Yenny; great grandchildren, Isabella Hromadka, Luke Hromadka, Rocco Mandola, and Adriana Mandola.

Julia grew up in Boyce, Louisiana and graduated from Boyce High School, then graduated from Northwestern State University in Natchitoches, Louisiana in 1948 with a degree in Home Economics. Julia and James (Jim) were married for 58 years before Jim's death. Julia taught school in Louisiana before beginning her family.

Julia enjoyed social gatherings with friends and family, decorating, book clubs, church circle meetings, and was a longtime member of AAUW. She was also a great cook and gracious hostess. Julia was a wonderful mother and grandmother who was always there when her family needed her the most – offering support, wisdom, and unconditional love.

The family of Julia will be hosting a Memorial Service at Memorial Drive United Methodist Church on Saturday, March 8, 2025, with visitation starting at 10:00 AM and a service at 11:00. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to the charity of your choice.

Previous Events

Casual Visitation

MAR 8. 10:00 AM (CT)

Memorial Drive United Methodist Church
12955 Memorial Drive
Houston, TX
<http://www.mdumc.org>

Service

MAR 8. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



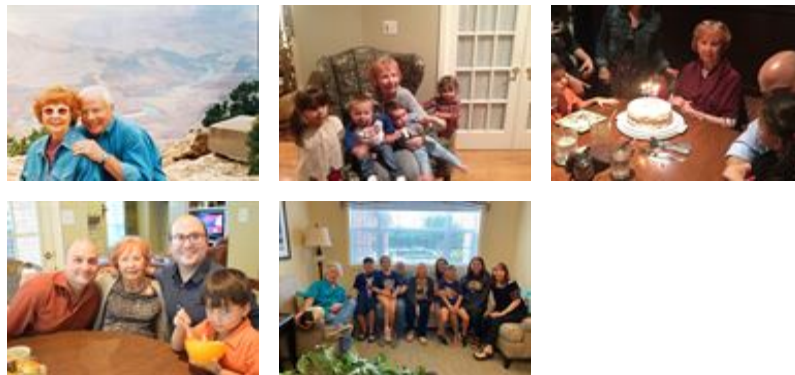
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“ *Julia was a most gracious southern lady gentle and kind. She was like a second mom to me. I was grateful to be taken in by her and her family. She will always be remembered with love. Mary S*

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Julia and I were sorority sisters in college. We both moved to Houston after marriage and our husbands also became best friends. As "best couples" we spent many holiday and family occasions together. We also made several fun and eventful trips together.

My love and grief are shared with Susan, Jamey and all other family and friends.

Fairy Overton

Bozeman, Montana

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