



Julia Klein Ray

February 6, 1931 - July 4, 2010

Julia Klein Ray Jennings: A mass of Christian burial for Julia Klein Ray, 79, loving referred to as “Oma” by her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, will be held on Sunday, July 4, 2010, at 1:00 pm at Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Church in Jennings, Louisiana. The Reverend Charles McMillin will officiate. Burial will be held in Calvary Cemetery under the direction of Matthews & Son Funeral Home in Jennings, Louisiana. The family requests visitation be held on Saturday afternoon from 5:30 pm - 9:00 pm and will resume on Sunday morning at 10:00 am until the time of services. A rosary will be prayed by Mrs. Betty LeGros on Saturday evening at 7:00 pm at Matthews & Son Funeral Home. Surrounded by her loving family, Ms. Ray passed away on July 1, 2010 at 4 pm in the Jennings American Legion Hospital. Ms. Ray was born in Fredericksburg, Texas, on February 6, 1931, to Olga (Kunz) and Albert Klein. She graduated from Fredericksburg High School and then moved to Louisiana where she worked as a nurse’s aide at St. Francis Cabrini Hospital in Alexandria. She later worked at the Jennings Guest House. She was a licensed beautician and also owned and operated Ray’s Garden and Nursery. She attended LSU-Eunice where she earned an associate degree in Psychology. Julia worked at the Southwest State School in Iota, Louisiana, until her retirement. After retirement she was able to devote more time to her family and favorite past times. Her faith and her family were her priorities. She was a Eucharistic minister and choir member at Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Church. She was involved in missionary work,

traveling to Haiti, Costa Rica, and various parts of the United States. She had the opportunity to make three pilgrimages to Medjugorje, Yugoslavia. She also enjoyed her involvement in the Charismatic Movement. She enjoyed painting, reading and praying. Her greatest accomplishment was raising 5 boys who went on to become 5 Christian men. Their devotion and love for their mother was admirable and endless. She is survived by her 5 sons: Richard of Welsh, Warren and his wife Carol of Lafayette, Dr. Charles and his fiancé Susan of Jennings, Glenn and his wife Janet of Broussard, and Lynn and his wife Dee of Lafayette, one sister, Margaret K. Sauls of Gainesville, Georgia, and one brother, Richard Klein of San Antonio, Texas. Her loving grandchildren, Jeffrey, Erin, Lauren, Alex, Morgan, Garrett, Jordan, Jenna, Jillian, Grant, Jorja Grace, Rusty, and Adam, and her great grandchildren, Jace, Alyssa, Karly, Russell, and Scott. Ms. Ray was preceded in death by her parents, Olga and Albert Klein; siblings, Florence K. Icke, William Klein, Anmarie Klein, Katherine K. Burrell, Esther K. Yeater, Albert "Bert" Klein, Harold "Hal" Klein, and the father of her sons, Lawrence V. Ray. Pallbearers will be her sons and grandsons. Special thanks to the nurses and staff on the third floor of Jennings American Legion Hospital, the compassionate sitters, and to Betty Campbell for her thoughtfulness to stand vigil during this difficult time. A very heartfelt thank you to her son, Dr. Charles Ray, for his loving medical care. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

Tribute Wall



“ *Julia Klein Ray*

January 28, 2023 at 04:12 PM



“ *Dear Ricky, Warren, Charlie, Lynn, and Glenn,*

I was so sorry to hear of your mom's passing. It caught me by surprise. My earliest memories of her go back to third grade when I transferred to OLHC and was in Ricky's class. I also remember several conversations with her during my adult years. She had a beautiful smile that stayed with you! Her response when we lost my dad last year gave us comfort. I hope I was able to express to her how much that meant to my mother and me.

*Peace,
Lynne*

Lynne (Roy) Remson - July 19, 2010 at 02:16 PM

“ My sweet mother passed away on July 01. I was fortunate enough to spend quality time with her while she was in the hospital, to say my goodbyes, and to hold her hand as she passed.

For those who know me, you know that she played an important role in my life. For those of you who met her, I am sure you will agree that we lost a remarkable person.

Oma Julie, that is how everyone in our family called my mom, we will miss you. On the one hand we cannot complain. Just as I was telling both my son and daughter, who loved their grandmother dearly, we get sad when people leave us too soon, or when they suffer too much.

My Mom lived a spirit filled life while offering her day's efforts, works, joys and suffering up each morning to Our Lord. She would often pray "Use this pain, Lord, for the salvation of my family members". She followed the example of the young St. Thérèse of Lisieux and made use of Sacrifice Beads other times praying for the souls in Purgatory.

Of course, it is also hard to say goodbye to someone you love so much, especially someone with whom your relationship was built on unconditional love, like mine was with mom.

You will remember my mom for various reasons – but also for common reasons, like her sense of justice, her sense of humor or her strong will to live life fully. We were able to witness examples of all those characteristics throughout her final hours. Like when she got feisty with a male nurse who was attempting to give her a bath, or when the aides washed her hair one last time – she smiled and seemed so at ease.

I will remember my mom for three reasons, reasons that have guided my life:

- *Her insatiable hunger for knowledge – she could not get enough,*

she was a permanent student of everything that went on around her, and also of the history that preceded those events. I remember her buying crossword puzzle books and buying special dictionaries to understand and solve them – she just loved it. She also loved painting, missionary work; especially traveling to Haiti to work with Mother Teresa's sisters.

- *Her determination and her strength of character to achieve her goals. She was a young mother and woman when she lost her Mom. She knew the value of having a close caring and loving relationship with her five sons no matter what the circumstances were at that time. She lived her life without ever deviating from that course – and she approached everything she did with the same determination.*

- *Her unconditional love: for her, she believed that God's love is unconditional and that we are commanded to have that same love for our neighbor, especially our most proximate neighbor, ourselves (St. Catherine of Siena).*

Oma Julie, we will miss you...tremendously. I pray, O God, who hast commanded us to honor our father and our mother; in Thy mercy have pity on the soul of my mother, and forgive her her trespasses; and make me to see her again in the joy of everlasting brightness. Through Christ our Lord. Amen. I love you Oma Julie.....

Warren Ray - July 06, 2010 at 05:13 PM

JR

“ I pray Julie is being cradled in God's loving arms and has eternal happiness. I've known her for almost 30 years. She had tremendous strength and determination and always had high expectations of herself and others. No obstacle could stop her. She had such a strong will and was uncompromising in her beliefs. She lovingly accepted me into her family and was such a positive influence on my life and how I raised my children. She taught me to bless my children everyday with a cross traced on their forehead, to be more faithful and to trust God to guide my life. She taught my children how to play baseball, cook, paint, tell stories, and the importance of prayer and family. I will always be grateful to her for giving me her son and I will strive to carry on her legacy with my 6 children. I hope they love me as much as her boys loved her.

Janet Pepper Ray - July 06, 2010 at 01:37 PM

RE

“ Ray Family - I worked with Julie at Southwest for many years. She was a caring and christian woman, who had a lot of wisdom and taught me a lot about love and life. She definitely has made an imprint on my life. Julie loved her "boys" and I will pray for you and yours.

Rozena J. Edwards - July 06, 2010 at 11:02 AM

RH

“ The Ray Family, I am so sorry to hear of your mom's passing. When I was growing up I thought she was the most amazing woman, mom, cousin and aunt. She had a way about her that made you feel like you were the most important person in the world when she was talking to you. I am so happy that she was in my life. I will keep your family in my prayers. Love to all of you from your cousin Renee.

Renee Bell Henry - July 06, 2010 at 10:20 AM

ML

“ *My sincere condolences and deepest sympathies go out to the entire Ray family for their great loss.*

Major M. Lawson - July 05, 2010 at 06:29 PM

BR

“ *We are so sorry to hear of the death of our wonderful Aunt Julie. We know she is doing God's work and watching over us.*

Barbara Romano - July 05, 2010 at 05:22 PM

WC

“ *Nothing stretches further than the love of your mother. Our sincerest condolences.*

warren carlos - July 05, 2010 at 02:33 PM

MS

“ *Dr. Ray
Sorry to learn of the death of your mother. It is very difficult to lose a mother. My prayers are that God in due time will give you and family the strength to go on and accept his will.*

Mary E. Semien - July 04, 2010 at 03:15 PM

MB

“ Dear Family, What sorrow I felt when I opened the e-mail after several days. I truly loved Julie who I met when a teen-ager. She was always so sweet and kind.
I have lived in California for 52yrs and always asked about her always with the hope of seeing her again.
I feel in my spirit that she is with the Lord and all who she loved on earth who were awaiting her in Heaven.
Julie was a wonderful example of strength and love.
To her sons. I feel your sorrow and I will pray for peace for each of you. That peace that surpasses all understanding. Know that God loves each of you and embraces you in your sorrow.
Much love for this all of you at this time. Now you can pray to and for your daring Mother.
In His Precious Love and Joy.
Your cousin Margaret Jo daughter of Fred and Louise Bell.

Margaret Jo Bell-DELude - July 04, 2010 at 10:36 AM

BE

“ I am writing to express my deepest condolences at this time. I also wanted to share these scriptures that I often find to be encouraging. 2 Corinthians 1:3, 4 reminds us that through prayer 'the God of all comfort, comforts us in all our tribulation', and 1 Peter 5:7 tells us to 'throw all of your anxiety upon him [God], because he cares for you.' Please feel free to visit www.watchtower.org for more encouraging thoughts and scriptures. Your family has my sincere sympathy.

Bethany - July 03, 2010 at 10:10 PM

JJ

“ *Ray Family,*

We are so very sorry to hear of the loss of your Mother. Our prayers for our family loved ones will and shall continue to support you all at this time of sorrow. Such memories I have of our child hood years as we lived in Louisiana. May you all support one another and continue to lift one another up as you all heal. Knowing that she is with Jesus and in a better place. May you all receive the comfort in knowing where she has gone and who she is with. Such a Blessing. Celebrate her life with Joy and comfort as she demonstrated to others. I will always remember your mother. God Bless her and all of you!

*Jack and Kathy Bell
Virginia Beach Virginia*

Jack and Kathy Bell (Jack Jr.) - July 03, 2010 at 08:05 PM

RL

“ *Garrett, I know she was special to you and you'll miss her but she is definitely in a better place. Here's a way of looking at death..*

What is Dying . . .

A ship sails and I stand watching till she fades on the horizon and someone at my side says “She is gone.”

Gone where? Gone from my sight, that is all. She is just as large now as when I last saw her. Her diminished size and total loss from my sight is in me, not in her.

And just at the moment when someone at my side says she is gone there are others who are watching her coming over their horizon and other voices take up a glad shout. “There she comes!”

That is what dying is. An horizon and just the limit of our sight.

Lift us up, Oh Lord, that we may see farther.

*Bishop Brent
Blessings to you and your family...*

Rita LeDoux - July 03, 2010 at 03:54 PM

JH

“ My prayers are with the family in this difficult time. Heaven gained another great angel! Us on earth will miss her but she is in a better place. I will always remember Mrs Ray.

Jeff Harrison - July 03, 2010 at 03:11 PM

JB

“ Dear Richard, Warren, Charles, Glenn and Lynn, I remember your mom my cousin when you all were little. We never knew what the twins would be up to next. Nanoo and I would laugh and laugh recounting the stories of all of your escapades. Julie was always so gracious and kind to us. She went on with her life in amazing ways. Getting an education, putting God and family first in her life. She was not a bitter person, but loving in so many ways. I thank my Lord that I was allowed the priviledge of spending time with her. May the Holy Spirit comfort you in the coming days. The loss of both parents, those who knew you first, is so hard. Know that she is with our Lord and there is no sorrow or pain. Thank you for allowing me to share in your lives. The pictures of your beautiful families show me traces of loved ones past. I am here for you. I wish I could be there. Know that I love each of you. Take care of my Rickey and hug him for me. love, your cousin, Judy

Judy Bell Broxson - July 03, 2010 at 10:02 AM

GR

“ Dear Mom,

A teacher, friend, mom, and the greatest woman on earth, I can't begin to say how much I love you and thank you for your guidance in my life. You have raised 5 wonderful sons, and made them your entire life. What an admirable quality you had. You will be missed by your boys, grandchildren, family and friends. You have taught your sons the value of being a good christian man, husband, and father. I thank you for that. You have been there when we needed you for spiritual guidance. We all know your deep religious faith, and that great quality has been given by you to your 5 sons. I know that our savior has a special place for you in heaven. Mom, Thank you for all you have done for me and my family in helping to guide us in your likeness. We will sadly miss you and will always pray for you. Heaven has gained an Angel. Good bye mom.

Glenn Ray - July 03, 2010 at 08:51 AM

ER

“ Oma

*What am I going to do without my best friend?
I treasure the memories I have shared with you and how you
Have enriched my life. I feel as though a part of my heart
Is missing and can never be replaced. Thank you
For the love you have given me. You are my hero and each
Day I strive to live in your likeness. My world will
Never be the same without you. I love you very much. Each
Day your spirit will live on through my fathers green eyes.*

Erin Ray - July 02, 2010 at 05:52 PM

CP

“ To the Ray family: I am sorry for your loss..I am so thankful that I had the pleasure of knowing your lovely mother..She loved her sons as much as they loved her..Dr. Ray what better love to show your mother than the wonderful medical care you showed her..You are all in my prayers..God Bless You All.

Cindy L. Price - July 02, 2010 at 05:32 PM

MK

“ I loved my dear Aunt Julie very much. She seemed to fill a room with joy when she walked through. I also know that she was a true child of God and was very dedicated to serving Him. She will be sorely missed and I was so glad to have had a portion of her life shared with me. I also know that my father William F. Klein loved her too as his sister-she will be joining him and many other Kleins in Heaven. Good-bye dear Aunt Julie. You will be missed.
Much Love,
Mark Klein

Mark & Lisa Klein - July 02, 2010 at 05:20 PM

MC

“ We are so sorry to hear of Aunt Julies passing. There is no bond as great as that between a parent and child and so we pray that your hearts be filled with wonderful memories of joyful times together as you celebrate a life well lived. On behalf of my father Richard E. Klein & the Castillo Family, please know that all of you are in our thoughts and prayers in your time of grief. Take care & God Bless you all. Much Love, Mary Elizabeth Klein Castillo.

Mary Elizabeth Klein Castillo - July 02, 2010 at 04:08 PM

AB

“ *The Rays*

My deepest sympathies to you and your family.

God bless

Love

Anna Lee

Anna Lee Benoit - July 02, 2010 at 02:30 PM

CD

“ *Dr. Ray: I am so sorry about your mom's death. I did not know her but know that you took wonderful care of her just as you took wonderful care of my mom until her death. Will pray for God's mercy and strength. I especially enjoyed being around Richard when we had physical therapy at the same time. Will especially pray for him.*

Carolyn C Delahoussaye - July 02, 2010 at 01:24 PM