



## Julie Anne McNeilly

March 1, 1964 - January 1, 2022

Julie Anne McNeilly of Portland passed away unexpectedly on January 1, 2022. Julie was born March 1, 1964 in Topeka, Kansas to Gerald and Mary Jane (Letzau) McNeilly. She graduated from Grand Ledge High School Class of 1982. Julie worked for Michigan State University for 30 years. She enjoyed connecting with her former classmates at Grand Ledge during class reunions which she managed and promoted for many years. She truly loved her family and cherished her two grandchildren, AJ and Olivia.

She is survived by her daughters, Holly and Megan Linn; grandchildren, AJ and Olivia; parents, Gerald and Mary Jane McNeilly; siblings, Jill (John) Ostrander, John (Barbara Baker), James (Susan), Joseph (Jess) and Jeffrey (Missy) along with numerous nieces and nephews.

A funeral service will be held Monday, January 10, 2022, 1:00 p.m. at the St. Michael Catholic Church, Grand Ledge with Father James Eisele, officiating. You may watch the funeral mass for Julie at 1:00 pm Monday on the St. Michael Church YouTube channel at this link:<https://youtu.be/6w9hotxEvTo>. Interment will be at St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery in Lansing. Visitation will be Sunday from 1-5:00 p.m. at the Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home, Grand Ledge. Memorial donations may be given to Julie's grandchildren, AJ and Olivia at <https://www.gofundme.com/f/support-for-aj-olivia-mcneilly?qid=1574f9e873416e04bc67c8bf6ab27d96> or checks may be written to Megan Linn. Share your memories and condolences online at [www.holihanatkin.com](http://www.holihanatkin.com)



# Cemetery Details

## Saint Joseph Catholic Cemetery

2520 W. Willow  
Lansing, MI 48917

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**JAN 9.** 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home & Cremation Services  
406 N. Bridge Street  
Grand Ledge, MI 48837  
(517) 627-2531  
[jasonbarclay@holihanatkin.com](mailto:jasonbarclay@holihanatkin.com)  
<https://www.holihanatkin.com>

## Service

**JAN 10.** 1:00 PM (ET)

Saint Michael Catholic Church  
345 Edwards Street  
Grand Ledge, MI 48837

# Tribute Wall

TH

“ I had the pleasure of working with her in HR since my arrival there in 2001. She had the best sense of humor and a very good heart. I will miss her. Prayers for her family.

--Tamara Hicks-Syron

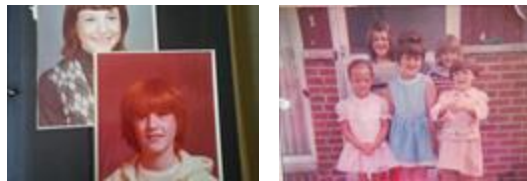


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**Tamara Hicks-Syron** - January 10, 2022 at 10:20 AM

AL

“ Such a tragedy Julie you are gone too soon! I have known you since the 1960's your a great long time friend, although we didn't see each other a lot as a adults I always knew you were my friend that I could call on. I have so many childhood memories, also I remember buying girl scout cookies from you, and all our trips to the Lansing Mall as kids. I will Miss you a lot, Love your friend always, Alison Love!!!! ( My Dibble Street friend!)



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**Alison J. Love** - January 09, 2022 at 06:58 PM

DB

“ My sincere condolences goes out to Holly, Meagan and Julie's family. I will keep you all in my prayers and know that Julie from above will be watching her pride and joy, AJ and Olivia!! I will always remember and be thankful to seeing AJ and Olivia every time they came to visit Julie at the office. Julie would always make sure that she brought them around for all to see them so I know how proud she was of them. I will continue to pray that God give you all the strength during this difficult time! Keep her memories alive. Sending Hugs,



*Del Bracamontes  
MSU HR*

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**Del Bracamontes** - January 09, 2022 at 04:10 PM

LF

“ Love, Maureen Schlichte-Cox & Family purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Julie Anne McNeilly.



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**Love, Maureen Schlichte-Cox & Family** - January 09, 2022 at 12:53 AM

JC

“ Jeff Causley purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Julie Anne McNeilly.



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**Jeff Causley** - January 08, 2022 at 05:27 PM

CM

“ Julie was a truly genuine person. I knew her thru my late husband Jim DuMont who graduated with her. Julie enjoyed working on the Class of '82 reunions and gatherings. She was always very friendly and welcoming to me. She was dedicated to all whom she loved.and will be greatly missed.

*Cheryl DuMont, Grand Ledge*

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**Cheryl Du Mont** - January 08, 2022 at 05:58 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Julie Anne McNeilly.



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January 08, 2022 at 12:12 AM

LJ

“ My husband John and I had the pleasure of being Julie's landlord the past three years. We live in a close knit neighborhood, Julie, AJ and Olivia were a great addition to the neighborhood. We will miss her contagious smile and laughter. God speed Julie, I know you are up in heaven singing with the angels, for their sake I hope you can carry a tune.



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**Linda Johnson** - January 07, 2022 at 01:53 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Julie Anne McNeilly.*



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January 07, 2022 at 10:56 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Julie Anne McNeilly.*



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January 07, 2022 at 09:43 AM

TL

“ I had the absolute pleasure of working with Julie for the past 15 years. I will miss her organization, loyalty, conversations, and especially her humor. She can make any of us laugh within a matter of seconds. She was so witty, you never knew what was going to come out of her mouth next!

She was famous for her "sponge cake", where she would bring a cake in, but in reality they would be large sponges doused in chocolate frosting to look like a regular cake. You needed a chainsaw to cut the things! We would laugh and laugh at people attempting to cut a piece of it.

I also remember a team building exercise we had where we had to play a fun little harmless card game as groups of 5-6 people, but the catch was you couldn't speak or make any sounds at all. After a few minutes the instructor of the class gave us the ok to talk. Before anyone said a word, Julie yelled out "CHEATER" to her group and made the whole room laugh.

She will be missed by so many people. RIP Julie  
-Tony Lemke

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**Tony Lemke** - January 06, 2022 at 05:41 PM

SL

“ Sarah LaBean lit a candle in memory of Julie  
Anne McNeilly



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**Sarah LaBean** - January 06, 2022 at 05:29 PM

HL

“ Mom...We will never understand why you had to leave us so soon. You are missed so much by all of us. I know you are up there, looking over us..especially your precious grandbabies. I love you Mom.  
Holly

Holly Linn - January 06, 2022 at 03:15 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Julie Anne McNeilly.



January 06, 2022 at 11:48 AM

EF

“ Edna Letzau and family. purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Julie Anne McNeilly.



Edna Letzau and family. - January 05, 2022 at 06:39 PM

CG

“ My daughter Rachelle and I have been friends with Julie for a long time. Rachelle met Holly and Megan in school and they became friends. Later on Julie moved in our neighborhood. She was a great neighbor and a very special friend. We both share many good times and precious memories together. Julie, we will miss you and someday we will meet again in Heaven.

Love you,

Colleen & Rachelle Gladding

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Colleen Gladding - January 05, 2022 at 10:57 AM

HL

Thank you so much Colleen and Rachelle.

Love you guys

Holly

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Holly Linn - January 05, 2022 at 09:59 PM

RC

“ I am going to miss her at the McNeilly reunions, she always had a smile on her face and prank up her sleeve! I bet she is sticking her finger in my dad's curl on the top of his head up in heaven and those two are up to some mischief!! She surely will be missed. Prayers to her family, we love you 💕💕

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Renata Copeman - January 04, 2022 at 06:00 PM



Thank you so much Renata. You know that she's having fun with that curl, as we did as youngsters. If it was quiet and peaceful before, I'm sure that's not the case since her arrival and her pranks. Love you! Jill

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Jill Mcneilly-Ostrander - January 06, 2022 at 10:54 AM

MS

“ Julie and I have been friends since we were eight years old. I just found out this evening about her passing.

We talk about once or twice a year, often near Julie's or my Birthday. Since I am not a social media person, and live far away, I had no idea she was sick... I am stunned and saddened beyond words.

To Julie's daughters, parents, siblings, grandchildren and all those she loved so dearly, may Our Lord comfort your broken hearts.

Julie's Friend, In Christ's Love...

Maureen Schlichte (Cox)

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**Maureen Schlichte** - January 03, 2022 at 08:28 PM



Oh Maureen, I'm sorry you just found out. You were a good friend to her. Give me a call if you'd like to talk 517.331.3853. Jill

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**Jill Mcneilly-Ostrander** - January 04, 2022 at 08:46 AM

DR

I have many fond memories of Julie at the family reunions. I remember her as a sweet, happy girl that didn't mind a little teasing from her cousin. My heart is full of love and sadness for my loss, and the loss felt by her loved ones.

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**David Rilett** - January 05, 2022 at 05:05 PM



David, I'm sure she was greeted with open arms by the family that has gone before us, Aunt Lilly being one of them. We are at a loss, but know she is in a better place. Love you! Jill

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**Jill Mcneilly-Ostrander** - January 06, 2022 at 10:59 AM

AK

*Im sorry to hear of Julie's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with the entire Mcneilly family.*

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**Amy (Morris) Kelso** - January 06, 2022 at 08:56 PM