



Julie Dorothy Atkins

February 18, 1933 - January 3, 2018

Julie Dorothy Atkins, 84, of Charlotte, died peacefully on Wednesday, January 3, 2018 in Lansing. Julie was born February 18, 1933 in Westphalia, the daughter of William and Esther (Wirth) Schafer. She graduated from high school in Westphalia before settling down and raising her family in Charlotte. Julie worked decades as a self-employed housekeeper, fastidiously serving countless families throughout the years. She lived a private lifestyle, enjoying time spent at home sewing, tending her flower beds, playing cards and puzzles with friends, and taking in the soap operas. She most looked forward to time spent with family.

Julie is survived by her 6 children, Carol Atkins, Beverly (Will) Spencer, Gary Atkins, Steve (Carol) Atkins, Jamie (Angie) Atkins, and Tina Atkins; 7 grandchildren, Gary (Lindsey Thompson) Atkins, Jr., Annjanette (David) Warren, Jordan Shook, Zackery (Kendra) Shook, Taylor Shook, Conor (Emma Raabe) Atkins, and Kendyll Atkins; 3 great-grandchildren, Harper Shook, Anslee Atkins, Gracee Thompson, and another due this month; siblings, Julieanne (Joe) Lenneman, Paul (Ruth) Schafer, Alvin (Doreen) Schafer, Michael (Jan) Schafer, and Charles (Sue) Schafer; brother-in-law, Jim Keilin; aunt, Agnes Wirth; several nieces and nephews; and special friends, Ken and Sherri Trusty, and Karen Partlow. She was predeceased by her sisters, Alice Spitzley and Cornelia Keilen; and brother-in-law, Roy Spitzley.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 10, 2018 at Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte with Pastor Charles Jenson officiating. Visitation will be from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 9, 2018 at the funeral home. If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions to Arthritis Foundation of Michigan. Friends and family are encouraged to share memories of Julie on her Tribute Page at www.PrayFuneral.com. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

Cemetery Details

Sunfield Cemetery

7702 St. Joseph Hwy.
Sunfield, MI 48890

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **9**. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Pray Funeral Home
401 W. Seminary St.
Charlotte, MI 48813

Funeral Ceremony

JAN **10**. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Julie Dorothy Atkins*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - January 07, 2018 at 06:46 PM

AC

“ *As a teenager, I was a babysitter a few times for Julie's older children. What I remember most is joining the family on a week long vacation as a mother's helper. I'm not sure who enjoyed the vacation more. I spoke to Julie just a few short years ago and reminded her of that trip. It was so good reconnecting with her. She was always kind to me. I send condolences to Julie's family. I am so sorry for your loss.*

Ann Slaughter Catchick

Ann Slaughter Catchick - January 15, 2018 at 07:14 AM

JH

“ *To Julies family. I had the pleasure of working on her car and lending a listening ear.*

She left some memories for me!

John Hotchkiss

John Hotchkiss - January 09, 2018 at 11:07 AM

MH

“ My favorite memory of Julie is of a vacation to Madeira Beach, Fl. Julie and Lois reminded me of Thelma and Louise. I'll never forget the two of them, The Grey Gull, and most important the love and support Bevie and Will showed them. So sorry for your loss.

Michael Harrington - January 09, 2018 at 10:04 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Julie Dorothy Atkins.



January 09, 2018 at 09:48 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Julie Dorothy Atkins.



January 08, 2018 at 08:43 PM

EM

“ Julie loved being one of the girls and just hanging out!
Her legacy is her amazing family! They will continue to spread her influence of hard work, persistence and love!
She will be missed!
Love to the Atkins family!
Ellen and Skip

ELLEN P MONTANARO - January 08, 2018 at 09:43 AM

CH

“ We'll always remember our time spent together on Warren Street, growing up and through high school. I will remember your mom as being a good friend to my Grandma and Grandpa McDonald, open and frank, and able to make things happen. Our condolences to all, and I'll see you on Tuesday night.

Craig Holmes

Craig Holmes - January 08, 2018 at 08:35 AM

DR

“ Loved your Mom, and have such a respect for how she raised a very awesome family.

David Rosier - January 07, 2018 at 09:41 PM



“ 40 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - January 07, 2018 at 05:39 PM

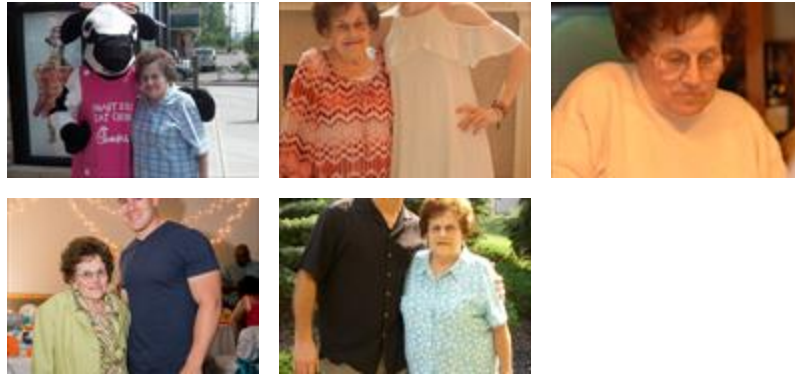
IF

“ So sorry Bev to hear about your Mom.
Will be thinking of you.
Love, Irene Fillis

irene Fillis - January 06, 2018 at 01:51 PM

ST

“ 16 files added to the album Julie



Steve - January 06, 2018 at 09:03 AM

KF

“ Ken and Sherri Trusty family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Julie Dorothy Atkins.



Ken and Sherri Trusty family - January 05, 2018 at 08:39 PM

CR

“ Sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family. Phil and Cindy Ritter (Roy Spitzley's daughter).

Cindy Ritter - January 05, 2018 at 02:50 PM

AB

“ My heart is so broken right now!! Many of my childhood memories included Julie and her kids. I loved this woman and absolutely loved to tease "Shorty"!! My sympathies to Carol, Bev, Gary, Steve, Jamie, Tina and to all the grandchildren and great grand children!! Love to you all,
~Ann Britton and the Ells Family~

Ann Britton - January 05, 2018 at 01:09 PM

TS

“ I struggle to think of a favorite memory with grandma, because our relationship was my favorite. We looked out for one another. I would come over to help with things and she would end up wanting to do something for me. She left me notes on the bathroom mirror when I came over after a long night at work. Hoping I had a good day, she left blankets out and etc. In the morning I would go get coffee and show her pictures of the latest things I had done. I always got her the same coffee and told others what I had gotten but she said it tasted the best when I got it. I think she just said that so I would bring her coffee more often 😊 We always joked around and laughed, hardly ever serious. This year in her Christmas card I gave her I wrote
“Thank you for being you, because I love you”
Couldn't of been more true words, and I am grateful god blessed me with an amazing grandma❤️

Taylor Shook - January 05, 2018 at 12:11 PM



“ Pink Potpourri Bouquet was purchased for the family of Julie Dorothy Atkins.



January 05, 2018 at 06:14 AM