



Julia Faye Cook McMurrey

July 29, 1921 - September 26, 2013

Julia Faye Cook McMurrey was born in Houston on July 29, 1921 to Julian Lester and Willie Oma Irwin Cook. She died peacefully at home on Thursday, September 26, 2013, under the care of The Hospice of East Texas.

Arrangements are under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home.

A memorial service to celebrate her life will be held Monday, September 30, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Tyler, with Rev. Pike Wisner and Rev. Jim Shamburger officiating. Visitation will follow the service. The family requests that attendees wear pink, if they so choose, as pink was her favorite color.

Julia Faye moved to Tyler when she was 12 years old and began attending Hogg Junior High School. During her time at Hogg, she met R.J. McMurrey, Jr. Julia Faye graduated from Tyler High School in 1938 and attended Gulf Park Girls School in Gulfport, MS and the University of Texas in Austin. She married R.J. on January 3, 1942 at First Baptist Church in Tyler.

After R.J. completed his service in the United States Army Air Corps, they returned to Tyler to raise their family. Julia Faye was always kind and gracious, often taking newcomers to Tyler under her wing. She selflessly cared for both her mother and mother-in-law in their later years, and lovingly cared for R.J. through his 10-year battle with Alzheimer's.

She and R.J. were founding members of Green Acres Baptist Church and longtime members of First Baptist Church. She was a member of the Pi Beta Phi Sorority Alumna Club, Junior League of Tyler, Women's Symphony

League, Cultu Mea Literary Club and Festival Garden Club.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, and infant daughter, Martha Jill McMurrey.

“Golly,” as she was called by her grandchildren, is survived by a son, Robert James McMurrey, III of Slidell; three daughters, Julia Faye McMurrey of Troup, Betty McMurrey of Tyler and Amy E. McMurrey of Dallas; three granddaughters, Luci Barrett Mimms of Tyler, Claire Barrett Patrick and husband Chance of Pflugerville, and Anna McMurrey of Denton and great-grandson, Logan Mimms of Tyler.

The family wishes to acknowledge with deepest gratitude the excellent care provided to her by her caregivers and The Hospice of East Texas.

If desired, memorials may be made to the charity of one’s choice.

Cemetery Details

Rose Hill Cemetery

2400 S. Donnybrook
Tyler, TX 75702

Previous Events

Service

SEP 30. 2:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church
301 W. Ferguson
Tyler, TX 75702

Visitation

SEP 30. 3:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church
301 W. Ferguson
Tyler, TX 75702

Tribute Wall

JS

“ *Dear Julia and family,
I am sorry to hear about your mother. She was always so sweet and welcoming to me. I was blessed and grateful to have known her. I have many wonderful memories of overnight stays with you and of special times with your family. I know you will miss her and I pray God will comfort you and your family knowing that she is with the Lord and someday you'll be reunited for eternity.
Love and Blessings, Jan Breedlove Smith*

jan breedlove smith - October 09, 2013 at 02:42 PM

MJ

“ *Moran Family Trust, Richard, John and Julie purchased the Heavenly Heights Bouquet for the family of Julia Faye Cook McMurrey.*



Moran Family Trust, Richard, John and Julie - September 28, 2013 at 03:18 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Julia Faye Cook McMurrey.*



September 27, 2013 at 05:11 PM

CC

“ *Betty and Luci, We will all miss your mom and grandmother. What an example of a lady she was to all of us.*

--Tom and Carla Curtis

Carla Curtis - September 27, 2013 at 03:35 PM



“ *Heavenly Heights Bouquet was purchased for the family of Julia Faye Cook McMurrey.*



September 27, 2013 at 03:31 PM

GR

“ *We will very much miss Mrs. McMurrey at church. She was such a dear, friendly lady who always greeted us w/a smile & "hello, how r you?". She lived a wonderful life & is now praising her Lord in heaven.*

Gwen & Tom Richards - September 27, 2013 at 01:28 PM

JR

“ *To all the McMurrey Family, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. My heart goes out to each and every one of you. Golly was one of the sweetest women I had ever known. She always held a special place in my heart. She was such a joy to be around and will be missed dearly by so many. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. I hope that you can all find comfort in knowing that she is now in peace with God.*

Jan Barrett Rogers - September 27, 2013 at 01:19 PM

SL

“ If your "Golly" had someone in her life named Tina, a Whitehouse resident has found a book that was given to a "Golly" by someone named Tina. If this was your "Golly" and you'd like to retrieve that book, please contact Suzanne at the Tri County Leader Newspaper in Whitehouse at 903-839-2353.
Our condolences to the family.

Suzanne Loudamy - September 27, 2013 at 09:57 AM

KS

“ Amy, I am so very sorry for the loss of your precious mom. I will always remember how kind she was to us and our special memories of sharing Rose Festival and your mom's bright smile as she watched you. Nothing more difficult than to loose our parents... but you will see them both again and I know your mom and dad are rejoined now in God's paradise. God Bless you and your family during this most difficult time. Kathy Spence Snodgrass

Kathy Snodgrass - September 27, 2013 at 09:56 AM

KL

“ Dearest McMurrey family,
I am so sorry to hear of the passing of your Mother. Though she leaves you now, that separation is not forever. Her memories and love will forever live in your hearts and you will one day be joined again. My thoughts and prayers are with you all in this time of sorrow.
Forever In His Love,
Karen Spence Lanford

Karen Lanford - September 27, 2013 at 09:43 AM

PS

“ Dear Julia and Family,
I am saddened for you during this time of temporary loss of your precious Mom. because of her warm, generous , twinkling spirit, she was dear to so many of us. I will miss her also, but cherish all the fond memories I have of her and you. You were a devoted daughter, and I will be praying for you through these tough times, and look forward to renewed communication with you, my longtime friend.
With love, Patsy Clapp Schalles

Patsy Clapp Schalles - September 27, 2013 at 08:40 AM

SN

“ Julia--as you know your Mom was one of my Mom 's favorite people---She was such a fine lady and always made you feel special...I know she is going to be greatly missed by all who knew her. Prayers for you and your family at this time..always treasure the memories you have....for they are precious God's grace to all
Susan Spence Norvell

susan norvell - September 27, 2013 at 08:26 AM

PT

“ Sweet, Sweet Lady. Will be missed.

Pete Thompson - September 27, 2013 at 08:09 AM

PH

“ Luci, I know your grandmother must have so proud of you. You were the light of her life. You and Logan showed her love and devotion everyday of your lives. I am sure the special relationship you had with her was one of her most prized possessions. The woman you have grown up to be is the best gift any grandmother could ask for. You are her success story.

Pam Hicks - September 27, 2013 at 07:32 AM

RR

“ I loved her. She will be laid to rest on my 60th Birthday, while i am in Africa. God Bless Her.

Robyn Rogers

robyn rogers - September 27, 2013 at 01:04 AM

CW

“ Luci, we are so sad to learn of Golly's passing. She was a precious woman and Sadie and I are so thankful to have been able to have a cupcake and tea party with you and sweet Golly. She will be forever missed and I know she loved you dearly.

We love you and are here for you.

Lance, Carrie & Sadie Walker

Carrie Walker - September 26, 2013 at 11:38 PM



Suzanne Perkins

“ Luci, I'm so sorry for the loss of your precious grandmother. You two had a special relationship that will last forever. Sending my thoughts and prayers -- Suzanne Perkins

Suzanne Perkins - September 26, 2013 at 11:14 PM

MC

“ Dear Julia and Family,

What a lovely lady! Just want you to know you are in my thoughts and prayers.

With deepest sympathy,

Martha Ann DeCharles Cates

Martha Ann DeCharles Cates - September 26, 2013 at 09:42 PM

DL

“GOSH, SHE WAS STILL SO BEAUTIFUL. Julia and my Mom were roommates in college. She was such a funny and loving LADY. I always enjoyed our visits to their home when I was soo young, 4/5 years old. Moms would enjoy remembering college days and Litl'e Julia and I would play with her toy horse collection.
REST IN PEACE, BIG JULIA. MUCH LOVE TO THE FAMILY. .

Donna Lawler - September 26, 2013 at 07:46 PM

VH

A beautiful lady. Our thoughts and prayers are with this family. We are so sorry for your loss. The Huggler Family

Valerie Huggler - September 26, 2013 at 08:59 PM