



Ms. Julia Hill

June 13, 1953 - May 12, 2020

HILL, Ms. Julia - Age 66, passed away Tuesday, May 12, 2020 at McLaren-Flint. A memorial service will be held 3:30 PM Saturday, May 23, 2020 at Gethsemane Missionary Baptist Church, 1258 E. Humphrey Ave., Flint, MI.
Obituary

Ms. Julia Hill, affectionately known as “Judy” was born June 13, 1953 in Flint Michigan to Homer Hill and Exie (Winfrey) Alexander. Julia attended and graduated with honors from Beecher High School in 1971. She furthered her education at Mott Community College, earning a degree in Criminal Justice and later becoming a Flint Police Officer. Julia also worked as a Cruise Attendant on the Mississippi Queen Cruise Liner for 19 years, where she met many of her good friends. After retiring as a cruise attendant, Julia was actively employed at the Flint Institute of Arts as a Security Officer.

Julia was a lifelong member of Gethsemane Baptist Church and had the distinct pleasure of being instrumental, in previously helping name the church. Julia had extensive knowledge in many subjects and was also an avid reader. She enjoyed spending time with family, friends and listening to music. Julia’s all-time favorite singer was Motown artist “Smokey Robinson.”

Ms. Julia Hill is survived by: loving mother, Exie Alexander; step-father, Joe Alexander; daughter, Ivina Hodo; son, Richard (Hahn) Goodrum Sr; grandchildren, Richard Goodrum Jr, Gavin Goodrum, Gerrick Goodrum and Jonathan Carter; sisters, Yvette Bennett, Chanel McGee, Aqua (Joshua) Jones, Trashonda Alexander, Chrystal Alexander, Annie Alexander, Cherry

Alexander and Theresa (Michael) Clarke; brothers, Earl (Lisa) Lewis, Reggie Alexander and Joshua Alexander; aunts, Mary Burton and Sherry Allen; uncles, Charles (Shirley) Winfrey, Carl (Sandra) Winfrey, and Alby (Barbara) Winfrey; loving companion, Tommie Hamlett; special friends; Drew Ann Wells, Myra Banner, Ophelia Hamlett, Will Hamlett and Lindsay Simpson; a host of nieces, nephews and many family/friends.

Julia was preceded in death by her Father Homer Hill; daughter, Tammie Goodrum; grandparents, Lizzie and John Winfrey; grandmother, Rose Hill; sister, Rose Crittendon; brother, Miguel Hill; aunts, Johnnie Mae Jiles and Lula Lewis; uncles, Frank Winfrey, Curtis Winfrey, Homer Winfrey and Charlie Hill; cousins, Michael Jiles, Darwin Jiles, and Twyla Winfrey.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAY 23. 3:30 PM (ET)

Gethsemane Missionary Baptist Church
1258 E. Humphrey
Flint, MI 48505

Tribute Wall



“ *Ms. Julia Hill*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *Julia's smiling face on the Mississippi Queen was ever-present and a beacon of joy and kindness. She will never be forgotten.*

Beth Stewart Hook - February 25, 2021 at 07:31 AM



“ *I worked with Julia on the American Queen for many years. I referred to her as the Angel of the AQ. She would often circulate birthday cards for the crew members so we could sign them. When a crew member experienced a death in their family or a life altering illness or injury she would circulate a sympathy card and ask us all to make a contribution to lift them in their time of trial. She possessed a wonderful smile, sassy sense of humor, and a loving heart.*

When she retired from boat life the Captain and crew assembled in the Grand Saloon (the showroom on the American Queen) to honor her and bid her a fond farewell. I wrote a song for her “Julia”. And sang it to her at the event.

I am so glad to have known Julia, the Angel of the AQ.

Phil Westbrook

Phil Westbrook - September 21, 2020 at 10:51 PM

RR

“ I was so hurt when I learned of Julia passing. I will always hold her very dear and very precious memories. We have been close friends for so many years and I will miss her terribly but I know God have her with him because he only take the best and she is one of the best. Too her Family I Love You and I am so very sorry for your loss. Love you Marie Robinson and Family ❤️



Rosie Marie Robinson(Marie) - May 27, 2020 at 06:29 PM

EB

I am so sorry to hear of Julia's passing. I had the absolute pleasure of meeting this wonderful lady on the American Queen Cruise. We became friends and I found out she lost her daughter to a brain aneurysm. I told her I had lost my mother & sister to the same & I too was found to have one but was lucky to find out & have surgery to correct it. I encouraged her to get checked out which she did & also had the surgery! We continued to communicate & be friends over the years. Julia ALWAYS sent me a birthday card & when I didn't get one this year I just knew in my heart something was wrong! I looked on the internet and found out she is with God now!!! I am so sad at this moment & will remember this very sweet lady forever!!! Please know I she & I had a special bond!! Eula Burrell - 4420 Hamilton Road, Medina, Ohio 44256.

Eula Burrell - September 14, 2020 at 11:24 PM

BP

“ MY DEEPEST CONDOLENCES TO THE ENTIRE FAMILY, MAY THE PEACE OF GOD COMFORT YOU IN THIS HOUR



Betty Parks - May 26, 2020 at 02:34 PM

LJ

“ *Exie, Yvette and Earl*
Words can't express the sorrow I feel when I think about Julie's passing. Growing up we were like sister and brothers and it is like I have lost a member of my family. Know that I love you all and Leo and I are praying for all of you.



Leo and Debra Jennings - May 25, 2020 at 11:18 PM



“ *Ivan Wilson lit a candle in memory of Ms. Julia Hill*



Ivan Wilson - May 23, 2020 at 06:31 PM

FW

“ *Been known her all my life. A beautiful example of a graceful and wonderful and sweet spirit. Big sister someone to look up to. I'm sad cause lost another sister. But to know that your now standing next to God is a blessing. My tears will fall from my eyes but my love for you big sis will be forever. Until we meet again. I will continue to pray for my other family. There is no love greater than the love of God.*



Felicia West - May 23, 2020 at 06:07 PM

SH

“ From the Singleton family we have known this family all our lives and love them dearly from our house to yours love you Family



Sylvestine Houston - May 23, 2020 at 12:45 AM

DB

“ Dion & Tiffani Brown lit a candle in memory of Ms. Julia Hill



Dion & Tiffani Brown - May 22, 2020 at 11:44 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ms. Julia Hill.



May 22, 2020 at 09:32 PM



“ Judy was one of my classmates and always a beautiful person. Rest on my friend.

Charlene Acker - May 22, 2020 at 12:28 AM

RS

“ I remember Judy coming to Harrow School one day with the BEAUTIFUL babies. And I remember the Yellow Corvette. My Deepest sympathies to my extended FAMILY.



RE-NAYE SANDERS - May 21, 2020 at 11:32 PM

CS

“ Cheryl Short lit a candle in memory of Ms. Julia Hill



cheryl short - May 21, 2020 at 11:13 PM

Lando Green

“ Julia was a sweet and genuine spirit. The day I took this photo of her she was so full of life! I will always remember just like this.



Lando Green - May 21, 2020 at 09:22 PM

CT

“ I I a so sorry for your loss praying for you and your family I just loss my daughter two weeks ago sol know what your going though

Carolyn Thorndill

carolyn Thorndill - May 21, 2020 at 07:59 PM

MS

“ Monica And Brenda Southward lit a candle in memory of Ms. Julia Hill



Monica and Brenda Southward - May 21, 2020 at 07:56 PM



“ Ms. Julia was a pleasure to work with. I will truly miss her kindness and friendly smile. Rest Peacefully.

Andrea Knight - May 21, 2020 at 07:41 PM

VP

“ Julia has been a true friend for over forty years. She faithfully sent me a birthday card every year. I looked forward to my card arriving. We didn't see each other often but I always knew she was my friend Praying for the Lord to comfort her family and friends. Time to rest now Sister in Christ your purpose has been completed. 🕊️❤️🙏

Valarie Peterson - May 21, 2020 at 05:35 PM

CC

“ Cheryl, Carolyn and Zhander Currie purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Ms. Julia Hill.



Cheryl, Carolyn and Zhander Currie - May 21, 2020 at 12:47 PM

JW

“ *Jerri Winfrey-Carter sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Julia Hill*



Jerri Winfrey-Carter - May 21, 2020 at 09:34 AM

SK

“ *Julia was a joy to work with. She was so thoughtful and positive. I will miss chatting with her about my house remodel and baking. The FIA will truly miss her. --Sarah*

Sarah Kohn - May 21, 2020 at 08:56 AM

AD

“ *Family, I am so sorry that we've lost Judy. Exie, Yvette and Earl, we will keep you all in our prayers. I love you all. ❤️*

Donald and Andrietta Dicks



Andrietta Dicks - May 20, 2020 at 10:30 PM

CO

“ *I met your Beautiful Spirit In 1981 at Hurley Medical Center, I was 3rd shift cashier and you worked security, little did I know how much of a part you would Grace our lives down thru the years But When We Talked for the last time sadly I understand our conversation now, I am okay I will get through because I Know A God Who Keeps His Promises, This Too Shall Pass. Until We Meet Again Rest In Sweet Peace My Sister.*



Carolyn Owens - May 20, 2020 at 09:16 PM

CO

“ Julia saw something in me and always used to call me Soul Man because she said I had more soul and funk in me than she did. Which always made me laugh because I thought the same of her! She always made sure that everyone got a birthday card. I will miss her sunny personality, smile, and laugh at the FIA.



Cory - May 20, 2020 at 05:03 PM

SA

“ Sherry Allen sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Julia Hill



Sherry Allen - May 20, 2020 at 04:58 PM

MP

“ Julia was a wonderful person to work with and will be greatly missed. She was indeed a ray of sunshine, and always had a kind word or compliment to share that always lifted my mood. And we shared a love of birthdays! I will cherish our time together.



- Marissa Pierce, FIA

Marissa Pierce - May 20, 2020 at 02:14 PM

TC

“ *Exie and family,*

*We send our love and prayers to you all.
Cousin Judy was such a sweet a person that
will truly be missed. May God continue to
bless and keep you.*



Thelma (Lizzie) and Rickey Coley - May 20, 2020 at 12:23 PM

KW

“ *I am shocked and grief stricken about losing my friend and co-
worker. I will miss her kindness. FIA has lost a beautiful lady and it
will not ever be the same.*

Rest In Peace. Kathy Weiss FIA

Kathy Weiss - May 20, 2020 at 11:52 AM

JM

“ *James & Barbara Moore lit a candle in
memory of Ms. Julia Hill*



James & Barbara Moore - May 20, 2020 at 03:34 AM



“ *Druann Ernest lit a candle in memory of Ms.
Julia Hill*



Druann Ernest - May 19, 2020 at 11:03 PM

IB

“ *Ivy Blount lit a candle in memory of Ms. Julia Hill*



Ivy Blount - May 19, 2020 at 09:34 PM

DH

“ *RIP Memories of our younger days will last forever!
Praying for your families strength.
Daniel Hall & Family*

Daniel Hall - May 19, 2020 at 07:39 PM

JH

“ *Family,
We were saddened to hear of Judy passing.
She was a beautiful, sweet spirited and fun
loving person; soft spoken, always smiling
and pleasant to be around.
She will truly be missed.*



James (Jimmy) & Carolyn Hudson - May 19, 2020 at 07:37 PM

JH

“ To our dear cousin Exie and family,
Our prayers are with you all during this
difficult and sad time. When there are no
words that can express or explain what you
are going through or feeling right now; God
knows. God is your **HELP** in times like these; God is your
STRENGTH when you feel like yours is gone; He is the **ROCK** you
can always lean on. When you call on his name “**JESUS**” he will be
right there, he won’t leave you comfortless, he’ll be right there to
COMFORT you and give you **PEACE**.
We love you.



James (Jimmy) & Carolyn Hudson - May 19, 2020 at 07:26 PM

GR

“ We were initially friends, then sister-in-laws,
and then sister-friends. I will miss Judy; her
laugh, kindness, humor and quick wit. But I
give thanks to God for having blessed me
with her presence in my life for as long as he
allowed. Family, I pray that you will be comforted by God’s grace
and assurance that Judy is home now, where there are many
mansions, “ in my Father’s house”.



Gwendolyn Rosborough-Goodrum - May 19, 2020 at 06:10 PM

JT

“ Jettie M. Thompson lit a candle in memory of
Ms. Julia Hill



Jettie M. Thompson - May 19, 2020 at 05:45 PM

LM

“ *Julia was always so kind to me. Even something as simple as exchanging a smile and greeting with her would lift my spirit. I really enjoyed when we got to spend a few extra minutes visiting and was looking forward to seeing her when we were all back to work. I miss her already. My deepest condolences to her family and loved ones.*

Lori Motley, FIA

Lori Motley - May 19, 2020 at 12:40 AM

FR

“ *My heartfelt condolences to everyone. My thoughts and prayers are definitely with you. May God continue to keep, bless, comfort and sustain you.*



Felicia (Lisa) Reeves-Nunn - May 18, 2020 at 10:10 PM

LL

“ *Linda (Rogers) Lenear lit a candle in memory of Ms. Julia Hill*



Linda (Rogers) Lenear - May 18, 2020 at 12:04 PM

PR

“ Pastor Terry Randolph and the Gethsemane MBC would like to extend our sincere condolences to the family. Sis Julia will be missed at the church where she was very supportive of our efforts and in her assistance in the needs of the church. Mother Alexander we are fervently praying for you and the entire family. May God bless and keep each of you is our prayer.

Pastor Randolph - May 18, 2020 at 10:56 AM

ES

“ Emma (Perry) Summers lit a candle in memory of Ms. Julia Hill



Emma (Perry) Summers - May 17, 2020 at 10:50 PM

WF

“ Julia was a sweetheart that I enjoyed working with. She always was always thoughtful of people on their birthday by making sure they had a card. She wasn't afraid to say what was on her mind. I will miss her dearly.

William Farmer, FIA

William Farmer - May 16, 2020 at 11:28 AM

MI

“ Julia was a ray of sunshine. Her smile always brightened my day and her warmth was felt by everyone she met. She will be missed.

Michelle - May 16, 2020 at 08:00 AM

LR

*A jewel on the Mississippi and a treasure to all who knew her. My prayers for you all.
Steamboater Lisa Crosby Roberts*

Lisa Crosby Roberts - September 22, 2020 at 11:22 PM

PP

“ *Preston&Josie Perry sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Julia Hill*



Preston&Josie Perry - May 15, 2020 at 03:37 PM

JJ

“ *My Sweet Big Cousin . I'm going too miss you tremendously. You was always so sweet and nice to everybody. I still can't believe I want be able too see that sweet personality once again . Heaven has gain a Sweet Angel 🙏. May you R.I.H. Judy I love you Big Cuz. To my Aunt Exie and My Cousins Yvette & Earl and too the rest of our family , I love you all and I'm going to continue too pray for our family.*



Joseph Williams Jr - May 15, 2020 at 02:11 PM

WM

“ *Wilma Matlock lit a candle in memory of Ms. Julia Hill*



Wilma Matlock - May 15, 2020 at 01:02 PM

BF

“ *Breed Family lit a candle in memory of Ms. Julia Hill*



Breed Family - May 14, 2020 at 05:49 PM