

## Julia B. Olivarez

June 22, 1992 - September 19, 2020

Her name is Julia, 28 years old and the youngest child of Robert and Dana Olivarez. On Saturday, September 19th, Julia left our world too soon and was greeted by her sister, Jenna, and brother, Jimmy, in theirs. For her parents, for all who knew her, it is a loss that is Beyond Words.

But words we nonetheless summon to honor her remarkable life. Julia was a strong, smart, beautiful, and vivacious young woman who accomplished so much good in her short life. A graduate of Moorestown High School, Julia went on to earn an undergraduate degree - with maxima cum laude honors - from LaSalle University; an M.B.A. and C.P.A. license from Philadelphia University; and a rewarding and prestigious career in public accounting, recruited and employed first by Ernst & Young, and most recently by The Siegfried Group. Julia accomplished all of this while bearing up under the tragic loss of her siblings.

She loved life and was the light of her parents' lives: she was always there to comfort them and lift their spirits; to simply hang out or watch a movie or cook together; to instigate fits of laughter, joy, and dancing revelry; and to impart some commentary through her trusted companion and alter ego, Peter the Penguin. Many memorable trips were spent with family and friends to Ocracoke Island on North Carolina's Outer Banks; winter trips with her dad to Texas, including to Padre Island to swim and soak up vitamin D; and the unforgettable five days spent with her mom in Aruba last February. Julia had family and close friends with whom she shared much love and happy moments together. And she had her beloved dog, Kiwi, whom she cared for and who was with her in her final hours.

Julia lit up every room with her striking presence, good humor, and penchant for zany fun. She loved music by Avicii (such as "Trouble"), country music, classic rock, and hip hop. Julia loved watching Family Feud and Shark Tank, but – we can't imagine why – she hated the news; her favorite movies were the "scary ones" on the Lifetime channel. Out of the blue, you just might hear Julia screech, or hiss, like a wild animal; or say the craziest thing and have everyone in stitches.

Julia led a full life and was full of life; she did it all her own way, made it look good, and looked good doing it. Despite setbacks and heartache, Julia always pushed ahead with full force and vigor to build a wonderful life for herself. Maybe her cherished Philadelphia Flyers will work just as hard and bring the Stanley Cup home for her next season.

Julia is dearly missed and loved by her mother, father, relatives, friends - and all those lucky enough to have had even one crazy swirling dance with her, and to have stared into her most magnificent, mischievous eyes. We hold her memories close to our hearts.

Donations in lieu of flowers may be made in Julia's honor to the Philadelphia Flyers Charities at <https://www.nhl.com/flyers/community/flyers-charities>

A gathering of friends and family will be held outdoors at Givnish of Marlton, 398 E. Main Street, on Friday, October 2nd from 6pm to 9pm and again on October 3rd from 9-10am outdoors at Fellowship Alliance Chapel, 199 Church Road, Medford, NJ 08055. Please bring your own chairs, if possible. Her funeral service will follow at 10:00am. Face masks and social distancing measures are required. Burial will take place at Lakeview Memorial Park in Cinnaminson. Due to the pandemic, there will not be a luncheon.

# Events

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**OCT 2 Outdoor gathering of friends and family** 06:00PM - 09:00PM

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Givnish Funeral Home (Marlton)

398 East Main Street, Marlton, NJ, US, 08053

**OCT 3 Outdoor gathering of friends and family** 09:00AM - 10:00AM

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Fellowship Alliance Chapel

199 Church Road, Medford, NJ, US, 08055

**OCT 3 Outdoor Funeral Service** 10:00AM

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Fellowship Alliance Chapel

199 Church Road, Medford, NJ, US, 08055

**OCT 3 Burial**

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Lakeview Memorial Park

1300 Route 130 North, Cinnaminson, NJ, US, 08077

# Comments

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“ A webcast video has been added.



Givnish Funeral Home - October 01, 2020 at 12:47 PM

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“ A tribute video has been added.



Givnish Funeral Home - September 30, 2020 at 12:18 PM

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“ 9 files added to the album Julia's funeral service



Givnish Funeral Home - October 13, 2020 at 10:33 AM

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“ Sending our heartfelt sympathy to your family during this very difficult time. No words sent can ever remove the pain of loss that you feel but may they show that others deeply care. May God give the strength needed to cope with each new day .Julia touched the lives of others and is dearly missed.

Kindred Family - October 08, 2020 at 03:19 AM

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“ Julia,

Of all the reviews I've written for you, this one is the most difficult. The words I'm mustering cannot describe how sad and shocked I am.

I met you on your first day at EY as a brand new staff ready to take on the world. For the next two years, I was truly blessed to have you as my staff on multiple projects, spending countless hours together dominating all the work that was in front of us.

As your senior, I supposedly coached you professionally and taught you some tricks here and there, but what no one realizes is how much I learned from you.

You are, by far, one of the most caring and accepting people I have ever met. You embraced everyone's differences and accepted them for who they were. In a world full of hate, I now realize how much I appreciated you for being the epitome of unconditional love and friendship.

Thank you for being who you are. My heart goes out to you and your family. I'll miss you so much, but I know we'll meet again one day. Rest in heaven.

Love,  
Clayton

Clayton Yeo - October 02, 2020 at 05:57 PM

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“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Julia B. Olivarez.



October 02, 2020 at 02:13 PM

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“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Julia B. Olivarez.



October 02, 2020 at 01:57 PM



“ 10 files added to the album LifeTributes



heather - October 01, 2020 at 09:56 PM

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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Julia B. Olivarez.



October 01, 2020 at 06:17 PM

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“ Your Compass Family purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Julia B. Olivarez.



Your Compass Family - October 01, 2020 at 09:30 AM

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“ Julia,

The past few days have been an endless kaleidoscope of memories that have been overshadowed by pain, guilt and confusion. This death feels different than the others I've experienced - it feels surreal. I find myself replaying the last time we hung out right before the pandemic or rereading our multiple conversations we had around life, happiness and societal pressures over quarantine.

As the holder to one of my oldest friendships, you are intertwined in a lot of my childhood and teenage memories - birthday parties, countless sleepovers, family vacations, hour long phone calls, kissing boys, laughing endlessly, begging our parents to let us hangout after church - growing up together which ultimately led to us growing apart. Even though we did grow apart, that doesn't change the fact that for a longtime we grew side by side, our roots entangled. We were one in the same - Nurtured in the same soil, given the same opportunities to flourish and I'm forever grateful for that.

One insignificant memory in particular keeps flooding my mind.

We were young. We went into the woods behind your house. It was a perfect summer day. We followed the crick to a small bridge on Lenola Road. We played there all day long when we stumbled upon this old sack that we decided must be filled with millions of dollars. We dragged it all the way back to your parents house and during our walk back we discussed what we would do with the money, what we would spend it on, who we'd give money to, etc. Once we arrived back to your parents house, we opened the sack. It was filled with just wet sand.

My brain keeps pulling me back to this one moment. It was before Jenna died. It was before Jimmy died. It was before life had a chance to morph us into the people we ultimately became. The innocence and imagination of two girls in the woods who found a sack of sand but swore it was millions is what has gotten me through this dark time. I keep searching for those two girls in my dreams. I keep looking for clues that they existed. That a time so beautiful and serendipitous once played out in a world of indescribable pain and hurt.

Over the past two years, we started to pick up the pieces of our friendship. We grew pretty close over the last few months. A lot of the pain I've been experiencing is coming from the thought of what could have been from this new stage in our friendship and the overwhelming sadness that the world will never truly get to see the wonderful, beautiful and smart woman you were truly becoming (and how proud of that I was).

I love you. You were a one of kind. You walked the beat of your own drum and that is what I will always love about you.

The pain of losing someone who is the keeper to some of your most fondest memories is not easy. It's hard to share memories with a ghost, it's even harder when you can't understand why they're gone. The only happiness this has brought is that I

know you are finally reunited with Jenna and Jimmy. I can't imagine what that must feel like. Give them a hug for me.

Until we meet again,  
Sandi



**Sandi Brown** - September 30, 2020 at 06:13 PM

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**Brianna** - September 30, 2020 at 05:59 PM

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“ I will forever miss waking up to your 20 some text messages each morning, our nine hour phone conversations, how you told me how much you appreciated me, loved me, and were proud of me. Never once judged me and always confided in me. Your laugh was so contagious and your energy is unforgettable. We lost our blood siblings but we were sisters and that's what you told me. We would be the aunt of eachothers kids. You were my rock and I will love you forever. Daily, we said I don't know what i would do without you and now i have to figure that. Rest In Peace beautiful



**Lindsey Merlino** - September 30, 2020 at 05:23 PM

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“ 282 files added to the album LifeTributes



Givnish Funeral Home - September 30, 2020 at 12:05 PM

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“ Julia,

It is hard to believe that this is reality. I could always turn to you about the grief I carried. You always listened and provided a sense of comfort. This is one of the many things I will miss about you. You were a true friend through thick and thin. Your passion and care for the people you loved always shined bright and you had this unmatched drive towards life. I remember all of that studying you did in college and how hard you worked. It still impresses me to this day.

My biggest regret is not re-scheduling the dinner we were supposed to have a month ago. I would do anything to see you again. I am at a loss of words at this point.. my friend, I miss you so much and I love you. Please rest in heaven.

To Bob and Dana - my heart breaks for you both. I cannot fathom your pain. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Jul



Julianne Rudd - September 30, 2020 at 10:19 AM

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“ Julia,

It has been over a week since I've heard the news of your passing and it still doesn't fully feel like you're gone. During the day, small things happen that trigger memories of you (our neighbors in South Philly walking their Pomeranian, a recommended youtube video featuring Gritty, wanting to send you a snapchat of something ridiculous happening, old work emails showing up with you being CC'd).

Although I only had the privilege of getting to know you for a few years, I will look back on these years fondly as I had the chance to meet an incredibly unique and kind individual. Upon transferring to the Philadelphia EY office from NYC, you were one of the first people I met and one of the first friends I made in this new city. While grinding through busy season (the seemingly never-ending busy season), you kept things fun with a unique blend of dark humor and optimism. As others have described, you were always there for people when they needed it, were a burst of energy and could inspire laughter in the worst of times: Need to get a boost for the rest of the day? Julia is coming by the teamroom in five and we're grabbing coffee with the staff. Having an overwhelming day and its only 11am? Swing by the lunch room or Flyers for a quick chat (that ends up going for half an hour). It's a Wednesday and people need to let some stress out? Julia is organizing people for a trip to Rogues or Smith's.

You were taken too soon and I'm going to miss you. While your honesty was at times harsh (yeah I know the Buffalo Sabres are BAD), to me you'll be remembered as a genuine person and someone who would drop everything at a moment's notice to help a friend. My thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family.

Lee (Go Flyers).

Lee Shular - September 30, 2020 at 01:47 AM

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“ Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Julia B. Olivarez.



September 29, 2020 at 05:15 PM

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“ Robert and Dana,  
I have never met any of you. I read about your daughters passing and my heart just broke for you both. I an unable to find any words to say to you but please know that you are being thought about and prayed for to give you the strength needed during this unbearable time.  
Beth

Beth - September 29, 2020 at 05:10 PM

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“ Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Julia B. Olivarez.



September 29, 2020 at 02:41 PM

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“ One year ago, at our daughter’s and daughter-in-law’s most glorious wedding, I danced with a young woman. It was near night’s end, and she was full of happy drink – much to her mother’s chagrin, but not her own. She kept spinning me round and round, faster and faster, so as to make the world around her a dizzying blur: a happily mad young woman, laser-staring into my eyes the whole while. I felt as were I to let her hands go she would fly off into the cosmos. In the year since, when I’ve seen her and looked into those mischievous eyes, I’ve thought of those moments. I now wonder if she did. Her name is Julia, my beautiful niece. I only wish I’d have danced with her more.- Uncle Rene

Rene Demuynck - September 29, 2020 at 08:31 AM

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“ Love the Bancroft Family purchased the Joyful Memory for the family of Julia B. Olivarez.



Love the Bancroft Family - September 29, 2020 at 07:53 AM



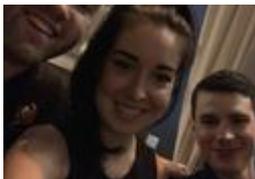
“ Julia,

I met you when I had just moved my life across the country to start at The Siegfried Group Philadelphia office. At a time when I was scared and alone, you made me your friend. We met in Vegas for Siegfried onboarding, where we had an absolute blast with all of our new colleagues. You were there when I placed a bet for my dad that the Eagles would win the Super Bowl, and laughed as I made a fool of myself on the mechanical bull. On a different night we walked around The Mob Museum together sipping whiskey, making fun of all the ridiculous memorabilia.

Even though we never worked directly together on a client, you always kept in touch and made sure to find me at work events so we could talk about how things were going. On my iPad is a string of text messages from this past year where we shared our failures and successes at work, as well as in our lives. You helped me laugh when I was anxious about work, and I tried to do the same for you. You had just sent me a selfie of us in Vegas, out of the blue, for no reason other than to make me smile.

Thank you for being my friend. I always admired your outgoingness, kindness, and genuine sense of humor. Our friendship was as fun and pure as your spirit was bright, and it hurts deeply to let you go. To your family, I send my deepest condolences. I'll remember you forever and cheer on the Flyers in your honor.

Mitch



**Mitchell Rohrbach** - September 28, 2020 at 03:16 PM

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“ Chrissy, Jobin, Savannah, Rob, Inra, Hasheem purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Julia B. Olivarez.



**Chrissy, Jobin, Savannah, Rob, Inra, Hasheem** - September 28, 2020 at 02:30 PM

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“ Chrissy, Jobin, Savannah, Rob, Inra, Hasheem purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Julia B. Olivarez.



Chrissy, Jobin, Savannah, Rob, Inra, Hasheem - September 28, 2020 at 02:27 PM

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“ Julia, It's taken me a little over a week to process your passing. Hearing the awful news truly broke my heart. I know that we had drifted apart over the past several years, but I want you to know that I have always cherished our friendship and all of the special memories we were lucky enough to make together. You were such an important part of my middle & high school years, and my experience without you certainly would have never of been the same. I'll always remember scheduling our classes/electives together, looking forward to weekend plans spent shopping at the mall, binging our favorite shows/movies, summer days spent tanning out back or on the beach, and all of our endless hours of gossiping, and being boy-crazy together. You were so much more than a best friend to me, you were like the sister I never had. The peak of our one of a kind friendship was through our awkward years of our "Coming of Age" where we were trying to figure out who we were, and learning how to navigate the beginning years of what was soon to become young adulthood. I'm so grateful for the long stretch of time that you and I were so close, and truly inseparable. Thank you for always being a ray of sunshine, for never taking life too seriously, and for always sharing your contagious smiles & laughter. You always knew how to make those around you feel so special, and even more so their happiest versions of themselves. There is no doubt this world was a better place because of you. While my heart aches for your parents, family, and friends that you've left behind, I know that you are now in a better place with Jenna and Jimmy. Until we meet again, my friend. Love you always, Lauren ☐



Lauren Alexandra - September 28, 2020 at 12:21 PM

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“ Julia,

On Friday when we all were about to sign off for the day, you said in our group chat how much you liked working with the team, and thanked everyone for being who we were. You were a kind, and beautiful soul. Also great to work with. The Apollo team will not be the same without you. My thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family. Rest in heaven.

Inra Jang - September 28, 2020 at 10:06 AM

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“ 10 files added to the tribute wall



Bob Olivarez - September 27, 2020 at 06:08 PM

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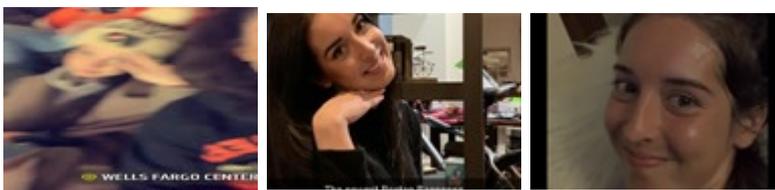


nicole - September 27, 2020 at 04:29 PM

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“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



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“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Julia B. Olivarez.



September 27, 2020 at 07:57 AM

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“ Julia,

I don't know where I should even begin. Even though our lives crossed paths for only brief two years at EY Philly. I considered you a friend more than a co-worker. You were warm, kind, and great to work with. Even after I moved away, we were still keeping touch, and you would tease my support to the Rangers. You were such a nice person and I still cannot believe you left us this way.

My heart and thoughts go to you and your family. Please rest in heaven and we love you.

Ethan



**Ethan You** - September 26, 2020 at 10:38 PM

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“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Julia B. Olivarez.



September 26, 2020 at 08:21 PM

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“ Julia,

I've been thinking about you nonstop since I heard the news. Between the shock and pain, I also had the pleasure of going down memory lane and revisiting some of the beautiful moments we had together. You graciously accepted me into your group for that one college class and we bonded over the fact that anything less than an A was just unacceptable and because of that we basically took over every group we worked in together with our collective OCD. After college, we went on to work together at EY, where I had the privilege of working on the same teams as you for the majority of our time there. You lit up any room you walked into with your good energy and effortless humor. Seriously, I'm not sure how you came up with most of your one liners and classic Juliaisms but they were straight up gold and your delivery just made it that much better. Most importantly, you had a huge heart. I'll never forget that in spite of how everyone wanted your attention (rightfully so), you still spent so much time loving, caring, and helping me during some of the lowest points of my life and that is something I'll never forget. I am so blessed to have called you my friend. While I'm sad and regretful we lost touch, the thing that hurts the most is knowing you left the world when you still had so much more life to live. I look forward to reuniting with you one day and getting to meet your siblings, who I know you loved and missed very much. Love you always . Go Flyers.

Jessica Strickland - September 25, 2020 at 10:20 PM

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“ Can't stop going through old photos. You were always so full of life! I hope others can enough these like the one of you dancing the night away with your mom.



Samantha Bancroft - September 25, 2020 at 06:15 PM

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“ Julia,

My heart broke when I heard the news. You are the main character in most of the stories I have worth sharing. So many memories from grade school through high school and college. From tanning by your parents pool, singing Flavor of the Weak by American Hi-Fi as we walk from your neighborhood to mine, writing Fall Out Boy lyrics on our black converse sneakers and using those same lyrics to connect our senior quotes, eating junk food before going to the gym to workout, walking to get slurpees past curfew, taking pictures in the Macy's bathroom and later getting in trouble for walking to the mall, and so so many more that make me smile to think about. I regret not keeping in touch over the last few years after all we had been through together. You mean more to me than you will ever know. You were such a beautiful soul who was never afraid to get weird and just be yourself. I can still hear the strange voices and sounds you used to make and it makes me laugh. I find comfort in knowing that Jenna and Jim are there to greet you at the golden gates. As you always used to tell me "only the good die young." Rest easy, and shine down bright on us. I love you, Jul.



**Samantha Bancroft** - September 25, 2020 at 03:09 PM

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“ High school wouldn't have been the same without you. I wouldn't have laughed as much... wouldn't have had as much fun... It's not fair but the community will take care of your parents now. You are so loved, Julia.

**Forest Steinberg** - September 25, 2020 at 02:17 PM

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“ You will missed. Love you Dad

**Bob Olivarez** - September 25, 2020 at 01:25 PM