



Julia J. Hallenbeck

December 15, 1925 - July 23, 2024

Julia Hallenbeck, a 98-year-old lifelong resident of Hudson, passed away peacefully at Shaker Place Rehabilitation and Nursing Center on July 23, 2024. She greeted the last day of her life as she did on most days, with a strong willfulness and a quick wit.

Julia was born on December 15, 1925 to Thomas and Mary (Villa) Polidor, parents she admired and loved. They were the foundation for her life story. It was from them she learned family values and an appreciation for her Italian heritage. Her greatest joy was family, and she was happiest when her family gathered around a table for food and conversation. Any friend or family member will attest to the pleasure she derived from making food for others.

On April 16, 1950 Julia married Richard Hallenbeck, also a Hudson native. Together, they built a home on Worth Avenue in Hudson and raised a daughter and a son. Julia continued to live in that home until 2021. It was her place of comfort. Her willfulness could land her in predicaments, but her fierce independence and the support of family, friends, and neighbors allowed her to live in that home for over three decades after her husband's death.

Julia was a graduate of Hudson High School and Austin Beauty School. For most of her life, she worked as a beautician. Even during her recent hospital stays she was offering advice to nurses, female and male alike, about how to

style their hair. Julia was both creative and artistic. These qualities served her well as a beautician, and also later when she worked at the Rosary Flower Shop in Hudson. The appreciation of customers who admired these qualities brought her immense satisfaction and pride. In both careers, she formed lifelong friendships that she treasured dearly.

Throughout her life she was a walker. She attributed her long life to daily walks, a practice that began when she was a young girl. Those on Warren Street in Hudson grew accustomed to seeing her on her frequent trips to the variety of merchants that lined the street. She almost always made new friends along the way.

Julia is survived by her son, Ed Hallenbeck (Ann Myers) of Rensselaer, New York, as well as her son-in-law, Jim Karic of Claverack, New York. She often said that Ann and Jim were like a daughter and son to her. She is also survived by her granddaughter, Alexa Olmsted (Kyle) and two great-grandchildren, Grayson and Maddison Olmsted. In addition, Julia leaves behind several nieces and nephews, cousins, other relatives, and a host of friends. Besides her parents and her devoted husband, she was predeceased by her precious daughter, Patricia Karic, her always supportive brother, Lou Polidor, and a long list of other family members and friends whose memories she cherished.

Family and friends who remain will miss her phone calls and visits, her refined shopping skills, her expression of love through cooking, her ability to make people laugh, her stories of the past, her expressions of kindness, and her courage and resiliency. We take comfort in the thought that she is reunited with her husband, her daughter, and other loved ones who have gone before her. She is probably now preparing an Italian feast for all of them.

The family wishes to extend their appreciation to Kathleen Marici, M.D., for the

exquisite professionalism and love with which she and her staff supported Julia for years. The family is also appreciative of the staff and residents at Peregrine Delmar Place Assisted Living. They welcomed Julia warmly into an active community where she surprised herself by finding new friends. It was there she discovered that the help of caring professionals, and the embrace of fellow residents, could make aging easier. Her relationship with staff at Shaker Place was formed over several years as various medical events required rehabilitation services. She believed they worked miracles and kept her going. It was clear that when she needed skilled nursing there was only one place she would want to be. During the last two months of her life, she benefitted from the care, open hearts, and compassion of the Shaker Place staff.

A mass of Christian burial will be celebrated on Wednesday, July 31st at 11:00 a.m. at the Holy Trinity Parish (formerly St. Mary's Church), 429 East Allen Street, Hudson, New York. An hour of visitation at the church, starting at 10:00 a.m., will be held to allow family and friends time to pay their respects and share their memories of Julia. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial contributions be made to the American Cancer Society or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Condolences may be left on Julia's online guest book at batesanderson.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 31. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Holy Trinity St. Mary's Parish

Mass of Christian Burial

JUL 31. 11:00 AM (ET)

Holy Trinity St. Mary's Parish Hudson

Tribute Wall

BH

“ I offer my sincere condolences on your loss. I am so sorry that I could not attend not her services today and say goodbye. I really enjoyed her company and our conversations while we were at Delmar Place. I will miss her but will remember her daily in my prayers.

Bob Hufland - July 31, 2024 at 07:17 PM

BH

“ Bob Hufland lit a candle in memory of Julia Hallenbeck



Bob Hufland - July 31, 2024 at 07:07 PM

MM

“ We will continue to miss our kind neighbor on Worth Ave..Mitchell and John Friedman

Mitchell Motsinger - July 31, 2024 at 09:49 AM

MM

“ Mitchell Motsinger lit a candle in memory of Julia Hallenbeck



Mitchell Motsinger - July 31, 2024 at 09:38 AM

SO

“ I am so sorry to hear of Julia's passing. I worked with Julia for a while; she was such a wonderful personality. I will miss her dearly!

Susan O'Brien - July 29, 2024 at 08:30 PM

JH

“ Sunday dinners on Allen Street at the Hallenbecks...Uncle Dick and my Dad hanging out, my Mom and Aunt Julia "baking off". Who's Mandel bread was better - it's a toss up.Thank you Aunt Julia for the wonderful Italian lunches whenever I came up north. You'll always be in my heart.

Jim Hallenbeck - July 29, 2024 at 12:15 PM

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“ Annie Melnyk (Vogel) lit a candle in memory of Julia Hallenbeck



Annie Melnyk (Vogel) - July 27, 2024 at 07:29 AM

PD

“ We were so fortunate to move next door to Julia 30 years ago. She became part of our family. She cooked us amazing food up until the day she moved to Delmar. She would call and say, come over with a container I have food for you. She became like a grandmother to our daughter, who was 3 at the time we moved next door. Much to our wonderful surprise, she had a granddaughter the same age and they became fast friends. She would pick them up from school and keep them busy until we got home from work. She shared many, many family moments with us and she is greatly missed. The house next door just isn't the same. The moment I heard of her passing it made me sad, but I know that she is now with her beloved husband and daughter. We send our condolences to her family. With much love, Pam and Darren Dusharm

Pam and Darren Dusharm - July 26, 2024 at 09:55 AM

KK

“ So very sorry to hear of Mrs. Hallenbeck's passing. She was a very sweet lady and always had a smile. I grew up on Worth Ave. and always remember her walking. If my Mom and I were sitting on the porch in the summer, she would always stop to chat with us. A very special and friendly lady. Thinking of your family and my condolences. Kathy Melnyk Keyser



Kathy Melnyk Keyser - July 25, 2024 at 09:31 PM