



Julia Yost Kretsinger

March 30, 1929 - October 14, 2021

It is with great sadness that the family of Julia Yost Kretsinger announce her passing. Julia was born in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania on March 30, 1929 and passed away on October 14, 2021. She was born to the late Charles and Elizabeth Yost of Biglerville, Pennsylvania. A loving mother and accomplished organist and pianist, Julia enjoyed raising a joyful noise as the Music Director at New Jerusalem Lutheran Church for over 65 years. Employed by the Loudoun County Public Schools since the early 1970s, Julia served in many roles to include choir accompanist, substitute teacher, and finally as a secretary in the Library Media Center until retiring in 2015. She loved to watch cooking channels, old westerns, and game shows that tested her knowledge during her spare time.

Julia rejoins her loving husband of 39 years, the Reverend Michael W. Kretsinger. She also was predeceased by her brother, Thomas Yost and sister, Margaret Shreffler. Julia is survived by her daughter, Carolyn Lee and her husband, Maurice, son, Charlie Kretsinger and his wife, Dianne, and daughter Susan Geary and her husband, Mike. She is also survived by three grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

The family gives the Inova Loudoun Hospital doctors, nurses, and everyone else who cared for Julia their greatest and warmest gratitude.

Family and friends are invited to the funeral service celebrating her life on Saturday, November 6, 2021, at 11:00 at New Jerusalem Lutheran Church 12942 Lutheran Church Road, Lovettsville, Virginia 20180 with interment to follow at Lovettsville Union Cemetery. Flower and memorial donations may be sent to the New Jerusalem Lutheran Church at the address noted above. Please share online condolences with the family at <http://www.loudounfuneralchapel.com>

Cemetery

Lovettsville Union

12942 Lutheran Church Rd.
Lovettsville, VA,

Events

NOV **Celebration of Life** 11:00AM - 12:00PM

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New Jerusalem Lutheran Church
12942 Lutheran Church Road, Lovettsville, VA, US

Comments



“ I met Julia while working for LCPS Library Admin services. Never a dull day working with her; lots of laughs, lots of determination, and not shy to speak her mind! I admired her grit in persevering through her surgeries at that time, still determined to make it to work in Ashburn, commuting from Lovettsville, and not missing a beat the whole time. But of course no beat was missed--music was her life, and she danced to the tune all the time.
Rest in peace, Julia, I'll never forget you!
Many thoughts and prayers for the family,
Annie Maroney McMillion

Annie Maroney McMillion - November 19, 2021 at 11:19 AM



“ My deepest sympathies to Julia's family and friends. I was lucky to meet Julia when I started working for the lcps library services department in 2014. She was a regular volunteer and we clicked right away. Her sassy sense of humor always had me laughing. I'll miss meeting her for lunches and hearing all about her many activities. She'll live on in my and many other's memories.

Erica Libhart - November 06, 2021 at 11:01 AM



“ I was deeply affected when I heard of the passing of Julia Kretsinger. She and her husband Mike Kretsinger were such strong influences on my childhood and adolescent years. I remember her as my choir director when I was in cherub choir; her booming voice instructing us from the choir loft above. I remember the many years at church services and events, when she would always have a big laugh and smile for me. She always asked how I was doing. I remember visiting her and the Pastor at the Parsonage, and their visits to our home. She was always a strong person and full of life. When she passed away I felt another cornerstone from my childhood passing. I am grateful to have known her over many years. She is in God's hands now.
With loving prayers.
George Lemp

George Lemp - November 06, 2021 at 02:27 AM



“What the caterpillar calls the end of the world, the Master calls a Butterfly....”

Julia, you played the piano as accompanist into the hearts of generations of Loudoun Valley music performers, myself among them. Your impeccable musicianship, wry sense of humor, warm heart, and devotion to us and to excellence in all things remains a model for us all. I know you and Cliff Thomson will be yuck-yuckin it up in the next life. I'll be looking to join you in that heavenly choir some day.

With much admiration, love and wonderful memories,

Jeanne Towe Seitler, Psy.D.

Jeanne Seitler - November 05, 2021 at 07:12 PM



“Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Julia Yost Kretsinger.



November 03, 2021 at 10:55 PM



“Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Julia Yost Kretsinger.



November 02, 2021 at 11:17 AM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Julia Yost Kretsinger.



October 31, 2021 at 07:36 PM



“ My sincere condolences to Julia's Family. We worked on 5th floor together. She was always full of life and spunk and made each of us feel special.

Michael Pierson - October 28, 2021 at 03:09 PM



“ The name of this song "What a Wonderful World" by Louis Armstrong sums up the life of Julia Kretsinger. It all started when she and a tall lanky man from PA came to Lovettsville in the mid 1950's to begin their careers. That's when Mike Kretsinger became the pastor and Julia became the new organist at the Lutheran Church. Now they have been reunited once again. On several vacations the Hickmans would meet up with the Kretsingers in their station wagon known as the "Camping K's". We would gather with one another during the Christmas season. The Kretsingers became honorary members of the Hickman family for 60 plus years. Another piece of the history of Lovettsville has been lost, but not forgotten. Rejoice that once again you are with your hubby and may the Lord be with you always.

Dick and Sheree Hickman

Dick Hickman - October 24, 2021 at 08:04 AM



“ Sending condolences to Carolyn, Charlie, and Susan and their families. I knew Mrs. Kretsinger for many years when I attended New Jerusalem Lutheran Church and sang in several choirs there, as well as from other musical groups. She was an extremely talented musician as well as a great lady. She will certainly be remembered with fondness and respect by so many in the community and in the school system. -- Vicki Lemp Weavil

Vicki Lemp Weavil - October 21, 2021 at 04:52 PM



“ Sorry to hear of the passing of Julia. She was an exceptional person and I am glad I had the pleasure of knowing and working with her. She will be missed. Your family will be in my thoughts and prayers.



Susan Rothenhoefer - October 21, 2021 at 09:24 AM



“ May the God of Peace, Comfort, and the Resurrection be with all that are mourning Julia's loss. She was a remarkable woman of faith and strength. She played beautifully and with energy and skill. It was a privilege to have known her. - Peace, Jim Kane

Jim Kane - October 21, 2021 at 07:34 AM



“ My deepest sympathy to Julia's family. I was thinking of Julia just last weekend as I drove by her street. I first knew her when I taught Sunday school at NJL in the late 90's, but we only had a passing acquaintance. Then, I worked with her on the 5th floor of the LCPS administration building. I had the pleasure to get to know her a little more one year when we shared a few car rides for a week or so. She was a phenomenal lady who touched countless lives and made the world a better place and certainly a beautiful music filled one. Time to take up the harp and rest in peace. Nancy Kramer

Nancy Kramer - October 20, 2021 at 05:01 PM



“ Desire Dorsey lit a candle in memory of Julia Yost Kretsinger



Desire Dorsey - October 20, 2021 at 01:15 PM



“ to the kretsinger family, I am Lori legard and my parents were Bob and Libby legard. pastor kretsinger baptized both my older brother and I in church. Mrs. kretsinger performed at both of my parents funerals. before my mother passed she purchased the old piano Mrs kretsinger played upstairs for my daughter, Leah onderdonk, who now plays hymns on it. Mrs kretsinger was a remarkable woman and will be missed throughout the community. prayers and thoughts r with the entire kretsinger family. sincerely, Lori legard and children, Clay and Leah onderdonk.

lori legard - October 19, 2021 at 09:23 PM



“ My sincere condolences to Carolyn, Charlie and Susan on the passing of their mom. Julia had a profound effect on so many people, musically mentoring countless musicians, myself included. As consummate keyboardist/accompanist, she shared her talent tirelessly her entire life. Carolyn will recall, as high school singers, we lost our accompanist during our junior year (1972-73). We encouraged Gene Willis (our choral director at the time) to ask "Mrs. K" to come. She agreed and she never left! Years later, I had the pleasure of working with her when I was interim conductor of the Loudoun Chorale (2000-2001) The mutual love and support had come full circle...an experience I will forever cherish. Rest well, my dear, dear friend~

Michael Main - October 19, 2021 at 11:57 AM



“ As a life long member of New Jerusalem Lutheran I know of the the dedication and many hours of service that both Julia and Pastor Mike gave to the congregation. I dare say that level of service will not be surpassed. Thank you and now you have your hard earned reward. Rest well! The world was certainly made a better place with both Julia and Pastor Mike in it!

Bill George

Bill George - October 19, 2021 at 10:09 AM



“ I remember Julia when I was a student librarian back in 1996. I would often visit the IMC at the Union Street location (where she worked) to conduct my research using microfiche she would bring from the back room! I was also home with my new baby, who would come along with me. Julia was such a sweet "Grandma" to baby Monica and would sometimes hold her or play a little while I was working. I appreciated her sense of humor, her energy and how she seemed to know "everyone" :) She will be missed!

Wendy Ricci

Wendy Ricci - October 19, 2021 at 09:45 AM



“ There were many times growing up that I felt all alone in the world.

But on stage with Mrs. K at the piano was never one of them.

Karen Segraves Mason - October 19, 2021 at 07:13 AM



“ I had the pleasure of meeting Julia when we were both working on USO shows at Oatlands Plantation. She had such a pleasant smile and enormous patience during long rehearsals and she was always so gracious with everyone associated with the shows. Working with her and knowing her is definitely one of the highlights of my life.

Sharon Shue

Sharon Shue - October 18, 2021 at 07:51 PM



“ I met Julia in 2007 working on the 5th floor of the LCPS admin building. I loved her like my 2nd Mom. Although she reminded me of my father with her opinions and spunky attitude. I so much enjoyed her stories of her life and will miss her deeply. I hope they have pumpkin pancakes in heaven or God is in trouble!! xoxo Denise

Denise Friedman - October 18, 2021 at 06:29 PM



“ It has been a pleasure knowing Julia for all these years. She's helped a lot of people with her music. I remember being in The Luther League chor. I was very happy to be at her retirement celebration. She will be missed by many. You have my deepest sympathy.
Cecelia Cole

Cecelia Cole - October 18, 2021 at 06:08 PM