



Julia Soenksen

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Julia C. Soenksen, 59, of Clinton, passed away, on Wednesday, August 14, 2013, at her home surrounded by her family after a courageous battle with cancer.

A Celebration of Julia's life will be Sunday, September 15, 2013, from 3:00-7:00pm at the Vista Grande – Clinton, with a family prayer to begin at 2:30pm. Per her wishes she donated her body to the University of Iowa. The Clinton Chapel Snell-Zornig Funeral Homes & Crematory is assisting her family. Online condolences may be expressed by visiting her obituary at www.snellzornig.com

Julia Caroline Crigger was born on October 12, 1953 in Bluefield, West Virginia the daughter of William and Joyce (Simpkins) Crigger. She was a 1972 graduate of Clinton High School. She married Thomas Soenksen on June 29, 1974 in Clinton.

Julia was employed with Core-Vens Insurance for several years. She also worked at AC Nielsen's and in the Clinton County Auditor's office.

Julia was an avid volunteer, giving countless hours to the Symphony of Lights, Make-A-Wish, RSVP, and numerous other organizations. She enjoyed camping and spending time with her family, especially her grandkids.

Julia is survived by her husband: Tom of Clinton; one daughter: Kelli (Chris) Bennett of Wanatah, Indiana, two sons: Eric (Sara) Soenksen of Suffolk, Virginia, and Joseph (Traci) Soenksen of Jacksonville, Florida; 4 grandchildren: Hunter, Emma, and Owen Bennett and Liam Soenksen; her brother: Jeff (Tracie) Crigger of Clinton; sister-in-law: Billie Crigger of Clinton; and her mother-in-law: Luella Anderson of Clinton.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother.



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IN LIEU OF FLOWERS AND FOOD, memorials can be made to Genesis Hospice or Make-A-Wish.



Events


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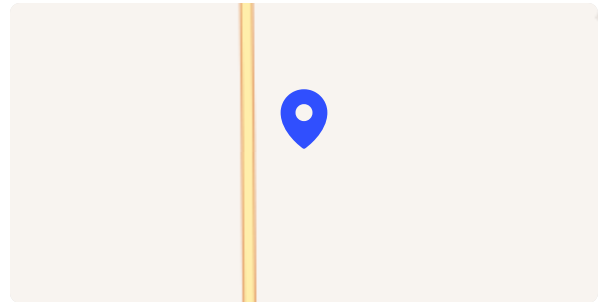
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Celebration of Life

 **Sunday**, September 15, 2013

 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM CT

 **Vista Grande**
2141 16th Street NW, Clinton IA





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RL

Regina Leslie posted:

I worked with Julie and AC Niensens.. She was a Treasure. So fun and always in a Positive Mood!!! I am so very sad to hear of her passing. Regina

April 19 at 2:51 AM

CZ

Claudia Jenkins Zier posted:

Tom, I remember both you and Julia from school. I was class of 73. Please except my deepest sympathy in your loss. May you and your family take comfort in all the wonderful memories you have of Julia. Keeping you in my thoughts and prayers. Claudia Jenkins Zier

September 20 at 7:03 PM

BD

Bonnie Dahl posted:

Tom and family, I'm so sorry to hear of your loss. Your in my thoughts and prayers.

September 20 at 1:39 PM

FW

Fran Wessels posted:

Tommy, please accept my sincere and heartfelt sympathy for this tragic loss. Julie and I met as kids, next-door neighbors ... we had some adventures! She was a great and wonderful person, I knew that even then, and my heart breaks for you and your family. May your countless loving memories keep you strong. Fran Schneden Wessels

September 4 at 4:26 AM

BM

Bill&Betty Mosgrove posted:

Tom and Family We are so sorry to hear about your loss. We moved to Florida in October and were not aware of Julie's illness. Betty and I were shocked and saddened to see that she was gone. I remember when she would come to DairyPak many years ago to do bookkeeping for the Credit Union. The highlight of a visit to Core-Vens was to see her and her beautiful smile. Please accept our heart felt sympathy. Bill & Betty Mosgrove

August 20 at 2:57 PM



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SA

Steven Ames posted:

Tom and Family, You have our deepest sympathy for your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Steven Ames

August 20 at 6:39 AM

MW

Michael Workman lit a candle in honor of Julia.



August 19 at 12:16 PM

MO

Mike Ottens posted:

Tom & Family, Our thoughts and prayers go out to you. God Bless. Mike & Sue Ottens

August 19 at 10:08 AM

CY

Chuck Yagla posted:

Tom - So sorry to hear the news of your wife's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Chuck Yagla

August 19 at 4:59 AM

GH

Gary Herrity posted:

Julie was a fine mother and avid volunteer. She was loved by everyone. I remember her as a terrific PTA mom and a charming person. I recall her being with me at a junior golf tournament some years ago. We watched as three little fellows played together and it was a great experience to see the twins and my son, Kevin having such great fun. Julie and Tom raised wonderful children and she will be always remembered and much missed. Gary Herrity

August 18 at 6:42 PM

RH

Randy Heppner posted:

Tom, Sorry to hear the news about Julie.. Just know that I am thinking about you and your family. I will always remember Julie's friendly, outgoing personality. She will be missed. Randy Heppner

August 18 at 4:58 PM



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GM

Gary Montgomery posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with Tom and the family. Julia was one very special lady and one of a kind. Last year at our class reunion Julia shared a few moments of conversation with me and I came away amazed on how strong a person Julia was. Without a doubt He has just welcomed another angel.

August 18 at 4:39 PM

KJ

Keith And Shirleen Jackson posted:

Our deepest sympathy for all of you. Julia always put others first and always sharing stories about her children and Grandbabies. We have been so blessed to be part of the Soenksen family so that so many happy and great memories were created. We will all miss her so much and be so thankful she was a part of our lives. Keep smiling Julia you are so loved! Keith and Shirleen Jackson

August 18 at 12:03 PM

MS

Mary Swanson posted:

She was an inspiration even to those who didn't know her well. Our thoughts are with your entire family. Mary & Chuck Swanson

August 18 at 8:37 AM

SK

Sydney Lacourse Kurtz lit a candle in honor of Julia.

Jules, I will miss the snorkeling, card playing, book club, food, chatting and friendship.....friendship says it all. Missed more than you know.

August 18 at 7:15 AM



JR

Jean Regenwether posted:

Julie was a shining star on this earth, always happy and kind. We are so sorry to hear of her passing and our thoughts and prayers are with your family.

August 18 at 2:27 AM



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Bill Bicksler posted:

When I hear of someone I know passing, I seldom feel the sadness that I felt when I learned about Julie. If I needed to pick a word that describes her in my mind, it's "happy". She always seemed happy and I always felt happy in her presence. She will be missed by the many who knew her. Bill Bicksler

August 17 at 12:58 PM



Sandy Kohl posted:

Heaven has a new and beautiful angel. Julie will be missed.

August 17 at 11:16 AM



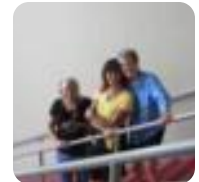
Marilyn Savory Henderson posted:

I went to school with Tom starting in kindergarten but didn't meet Julia until high school. We never ran in the same group, but she was one who always gave everyone a sincere smile and a caring attitude. She was a beautiful individual. May Tom, your children, and your grandchildren feel God's love and care in the coming weeks. Marilyn Savory Henderson Class of 72

August 17 at 10:10 AM



Wally Burke shared an album called **New Album Name.**



August 17 at 9:15 AM

WB **Wally Burke** August 17 at 9:20 AM
Ann sheller, Cindy Dunham. and Julia.



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RC

Renee Carsto posted:

Tom and family~ I was saddened to hear of Julie's passing, my condolences to you and your family. Although I left Clinton after my graduation from CHS in '72, and never looked back, my parents keep me updated on my friends. I will always remember Julie's infectious smile and our fun times in cheerleading and gymnastics. She will forever live in our hearts and memories. God truly has brought home a loving and special angel!Renee Carsto (Ryner)

August 17 at 2:52 AM

KK

Kathy Klahn posted:

Tom and familyWe are so very sad Julia lost her battle with cancer. She was always so positive and upbeat.We wish there was something we could do to help you take the pain away. Hopefully one day soon the sadness will be over shadowed by happy memories of this beautiful woman.God bless. We are thinking of you.Kathy and Tom Klahn

August 16 at 4:32 PM

TF

Tom Fuller posted:

Tom and family,Please accept our most heartfelt sympathies for your loss...our thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time.Tom & Bonnie Fuller, and family

August 16 at 4:19 PM

CP

Chris Giese-Powell posted:

So sorry to hear about Julie's passing and my deepest condolences to the family. She will be missed by lots of people, but has earned her angle wings.Chris Giese-Powell

August 16 at 2:06 PM

RM

Russ Mcconnell posted:

Tom,We were very saddened to hear the news. Julie, more than anyone, represented all the best that we could aspire to and could be. And she did it with such grace. Her passing really signals a change of era for the class of '72. Sincerest condolences.-russ mcconnell

August 16 at 10:11 AM



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CM

Cathy Mcdanel posted:

Julie was so much fun as a fellow ambassador for the Chamber, and also on the RAGBRAI committees last year. She always had a smile on her face and nice things to say about everyone. She will be deeply missed. My condolences to Tom and the entire family.

August 16 at 10:06 AM

KM

Karen Mallinger posted:

I am so very sorry for your loss. I know it was along hard fight, so I pray you can find comfort that someone so dear is now at peace. -- Karen Mallinger

August 16 at 9:51 AM

MB

Marcia Bruns posted:

Tom and family. Julie was an inspiration to me many years ago at Int'l Paper office. She taught me how to be patient in learning key punch and computer operations! she was pregnant with your first child and never complained, always was smiling! God Bless, she is laughing with all the other angels in Heaven! Marcia Omann Bruns

August 16 at 9:35 AM

CH

Carolyn Higgins posted:

Tom & Family, So sorry to hear of Julia's passing. I worked with her many years ago at Nielsens (NCH) & wanted to express my sincere condolences. I sit today remembering all the great working times we had together, all the laughs and my fondest memory is her smile. No matter what time of mood you were in, when she smiled it made you feel like there were no troubles at all. She will remain in our hearts & I'm sure her spirit will be with you every single day until you see her again. She is now an angel and will be watching over everyone she loved...God Bless you & your family! -Carolyn Higgins

August 16 at 8:06 AM

LD

Lu Douglas posted:

"Tom & Family--we are sending healing hugs to you as Julia finds her wings in heaven. What the heart remembers, the mind never forgets." Bob & LuAnn (Pete) Douglas class '72

August 16 at 8:03 AM



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JR

Jacqueline Rutledge posted:

Tom, You have my deepest sympathy on your loss. May she rest in peace. Jacquie' Rutledge

August 16 at 7:45 AM

MW

Mike Wells posted:

Tom, I am very sorry to hear of the passing of Julia. My condolences go out to you and your family. Mike Wells & Family

August 16 at 7:10 AM

SS

Sally Schroeder posted:

Tom and family, our thoughts and prayers are with you! Julie will always be remembered for her ever-present smile and her ability to always put a smile on others' faces, no matter what she was going through. She was a true angel-on-earth and I am honored to have known her. Heaven is a better place for her presence!! Moris and Sally Schroeder

August 16 at 6:53 AM

JH

Jane Heisner posted:

Julie had me play a trick on her brother. I had to tell him while 2 of his employees were working at our house one of them hit my basset hound with a shovel and they thought it was dead. Jeff was so upset...kept calling me until his employee sent him a picture of the dog and him kissing!!! Julie was so proud of herself getting "back" at her brother. I would only do a dirty trick like that for Julie. She was "one of a kind" KIND being the word that explains everything. God bless you dear friend. Love ya!!! Jane Deters Clinton Floral and Make A Wish

August 16 at 5:12 AM



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PE

Pam & Dave Ehlers posted:

We were sad to hear of the passing of Julie. Our hearts are with you. Many years ago we heard aloud commotion out in our alley. Upon investigating Julie was talking to a police officer. When she saw us she started yelling very excitedly, "I caught a pig" "I caught a pig"! Sheepishly I thought she was talking about the police officer. But she saw our confusion and said "No, I really caught a pig" Then the squealing started. She had actually caught a pot belly pig that had escaped from somebody. It's memories like this that warm the heart and comfort us. Julie, we will miss you. Peace be with you all. Pam & Dave Ehlers

August 16 at 4:25 AM

JH

Judith Henricksen posted:

Tom & family: Our Heavenly Lord has a beautiful new angel to host his gala events in Heaven. I am sure she will live up to her responsibilities. We have lost a lovely woman here on earth. Hold tight the wonderful memories and visit them often. I know that I will. I am blessed to have known Julia. Judi Henricksen

August 16 at 3:46 AM

MK

Michael Kearney posted:

Tom I am very sorry to learn of the death of Julia. My condolences to you and your family. Mike Kearney

August 16 at 3:25 AM

CB

Connie Cox Brashaw posted:

My prayers go out to Tom and family with the loss of Julia. It is so hard to believe. Have good memories of her at Gateway Junior High and our 1972 CHS class. She will be missed.

August 15 at 5:15 PM

SS

Sherry Stowers Schoening posted:

I felt very fortunate to know Julie! She always treated me so nice, even when I had difficult times with other people! I was very happy to be her friend and she will be sadly missed by many people! I was in her class of 72 and I will always remember me telling her she will always be older than me, 2 days. We use to laugh about that! So sorry to Tom and her entire family!

August 15 at 4:45 PM



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SF

Shaun Sheller And Family posted:

To the entire Soenksen Family, our Prayers are with you. Julie was always such a happy woman and always had a smile on her face. She will be sincerely missed.

August 15 at 2:59 PM

SB

Sandi Luckritz Vanevery Bartels posted:

Tom, Kelli, Eric and Joe- I remember so many fun times with Julie as a cheerleader, in gymnastics, at the powderpuff football games, thieving the Junior Carnival script when we were sophomores, staying the night in Thomson at the spooky house next to my aunt on riverview, and always... Julie's warm smile and infectious laugh!!! Her charity work was unrivaled and there was no one who did it better!! Please know that although she has left her loved ones behind on earth, she is at peace in a better place. And someday you will meet again and it will be as though you were never apart. With comfort and sympathy in this time of sorrow.Sandi Luckritz VanEvery BartelsClass of 1972

August 15 at 2:29 PM

KJ

Kathy (Heavilin) Jess posted:

My deepest sympathy, thoughts & prayers go out to Julia's family as she will be dearly missed by all. I have known her since grade school and was also privileged to call her my friend. She was such a fun, up beat person to be around and was genuinely liked by everyone! I remember her slumber parties, athletic abilities & how she would every single time beat the entire class around the playground in grade school physical ed. class. One time she saw me behind her (trying to keep up) and she grabbed my hand, pulled me up & allowed me to come in first with her! How unselfish she was, even at that early age! I can imagine how awesome she has been as a daughter, sister, wife, mother & grandmother! She is "home" with the Lord, and God bless till you are reunited one day!
Kathy (Heavilin) Jess

August 15 at 1:52 PM

JN

Julia Nielsen posted:

Tom & Family; My heart just breaks for you and for all of us who had the pleasure of knowing Julie. She was one of the kindest and funniest people I knew. I remember sleep overs at each other's houses when we were in grade school and junior high. I loved our 50th birthday bash too. She was so much fun and fun loving she always made me smile. My deepest sympathies, my prayers are with you all.Julia Nielsen

August 15 at 1:14 PM



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BD

Bonnie (Hoy) Dunn posted:

Tom & Family, Julie was always an inspiration & the type of person that always left a positive impression on anyone fortunate enough to know her. I feel I'm a better person for having known her. I've never met anyone else so selfless, generous & yes full of piss & vinegar or loved chips & salsa so much! She was such a hard worker & I feel so very blessed to have called her friend. Take comfort in knowing that she did not waste a second of her life & that every moment was to the fullest. She filled many hearts with hope & love which I believe was her very special purpose here on earth. I know she was a woman of faith, so you too must take comfort in know the promise our Lord has made for each & everyone one of us. We all once again will be reunited in his heavenly kingdom. Our Lord just needed help organizing a benefit & called her home to help! With deepest & sincerest sympathy, Bonnie (Hoy) Dunn

August 15 at 10:18 AM

DF

Doreen Fenzel posted:

The thing I remember most about Julie was her smile and how it showed that she was such a nice and caring person. may your smile live on in the memories that come to mind when we think of you. With deepest sympathy Doreen Simoens-Fenzel Class of CHS 72.

August 15 at 10:09 AM

WD

Wanda Detterman August 19 at 4:16 PM

Tom and Family: I was so sorry to hear of the passing of your beloved Wife and Mother. Hold on to all the good memories. May she rest in peace as she is forever with our Lord Jesus Christ. With my deepest sympathy. Wanda Detterman



Wally Burke shared a photo to the **New Album Name** album.

August 17 at 9:15 AM



2012 High School Class of 72 Reunion



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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Julia by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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