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## Julia Dawn Harris Haupt July 4th, 1961 ~ January 12th, 2021 (age 59)

Julia Dawn Harris Haupt, our dear mother, sister, teacher, colleague, confidant, and friend, passed away suddenly on Tuesday the 12th of January, 2021. Julie leaves behind a legacy of love, compassion, friendship, diligence, and hope to all who knew her. Julie was kind, wise, and down-to-earth. She spent her life as an educator and a teacher in all aspects of her life, whether in her family, with her friends, in her career, or in her many other efforts to serve others. Her focus was on the well-being of others and how to best love, serve, and teach them. Julie's willingness to follow the promptings of the Holy Spirit helped her change countless lives for the better.

Julie is a Utah native — as the oldest of Phil and Renee's children, she was born in Provo, Utah on the 4th of July, 1961, just as the Independence Day parade was passing by the hospital. She graduated from Orem High School in 1979 and earned her bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education (department valedictorian) and a master's degree in Family Sciences from Brigham Young University in 1985 and 1987, respectively. One of the most precious experiences from her college years was the opportunity to study abroad in Israel.

Julie's greatest joy in life was her family--she often expressed her pride and love for her daughters Laurie, Lindsay, and Traci, and she was a dedicated mother not only to her own daughters, but also to the many foreign exchange students, friends, and family who passed through her home. Her wise advice, clear-eyed perspective, courage, and faith in the Gospel of Jesus Christ made her a rock for all those in her family and beyond.

Julie loved her Heavenly Father and served faithfully in many ways. She was a missionary for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the Venezuela Caracas Mission from 1983-1985. She served in many callings where she was able to use her talents and education, including as Relief Society President in multiple wards, in a variety of teaching positions, and as a nursery leader. She



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was recently released as the Relief Society president in the Sunset Hollow Ward. Julie's testimony of the Gospel of Jesus Christ was a light and an example and shone through in her every action.

Julie dedicated her professional career to teaching and serving students at Brigham Young University. She taught as an adjunct professor from 1987 to 2018 and as an associate professor from 2018 to the present. Her mastery of teaching, her passion for studying and writing about family topics, and her love for her students combined to make her an incredibly influential mentor for many across the years. Most recently, Julie headed the development of the Student Public Scholarship program in the School of Family Life, helping over 100 students publish in external publications.

In addition to her professional service at BYU, another defining part of Julie's life was her work with China. In 2007, she founded the nonprofit organization Celebrating Arts with the mission to build bridges between the U.S. and China through cultural arts exchange, primarily through music and dance performances and host family experiences for youth of both countries. Over the years, as president of Celebrating Arts, she worked with the Central China Television Station and the China Federation of Literary and Art Circles to organize and lead 14 exchange projects, including eight performance tours in the U.S. and five in China. Her efforts blessed thousands of youth participants, host families, colleagues, audience members, volunteers, and others in both countries, expanding their horizons and helping them to see each other with the same love that Julie saw them.

Julie was a brilliant storyteller, writer, and master of family history. She wrote her father Phil's personal history, which has become a treasured family possession. She was a prolific writer and editor and made great contributions to the field of family studies and early childhood education.

Julie is survived by her daughters Laurie, Lindsay (Nathanael), and Traci; parents Phil and Renee; and siblings Michelle (Reed), Scott (Danette), Mark (Corinne), and Dale (Linda), as well as many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, and nephews who will miss her greatly.

A celebration of her life will take place this Saturday, January 16th, 2021 at 11:00 am and will be broadcasted virtually at

<http://mywebcast.churchofjesuschrist.org/Events/lehiutahthanksgivingstake>



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If you wish to donate to the family, a GoFundMe fundraiser has been set up on behalf of her three daughters. Please visit <https://gofund.me/4f9b2a7b> to donate.

If you wish to donate to her foundation, Celebrating Arts, please email the organizations secretary, Melissa Pope at [melissapope7@gmail.com](mailto:melissapope7@gmail.com)

Condolences can also be sent to the family at [www.premierfuneral.com](http://www.premierfuneral.com)



## Events

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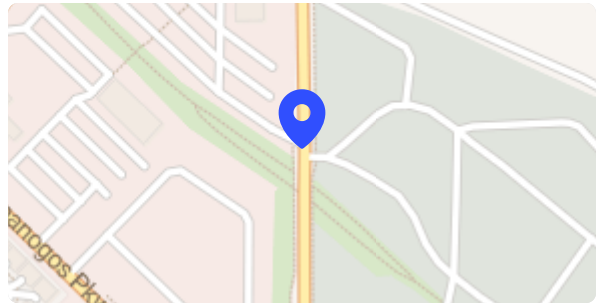
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### Cemetery Details



**Orem City Cemetery**

1520 North 800 East, Orem UT 84058





## Tribute Wall

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**Anonymous** sent a sympathy card to the Haupt family.

January 16 at 6:50 AM



**Ccarol Harris** posted:

I have always been inspired by sweet Julie and her many accomplishments... She is a wonderful example of love and service to all of us... One of my favorite memories was of her and Shelley..."No more monkeys jumping on the bed". The louder we'd chant it the higher they'd jump... Loved watching those cute little wild things.. they were adorable 😊. It was so nice to hear about all her adventures and accomplishments... We love her so much and pray for all of her family. Love all of you ❤️

January 16 at 6:36 AM



**Ken Harrisken** posted:

i remember 2 beautiful girls singing over and over. "no more monkeys jumping on the bed"ever since i have related that song to them.Julie was a gem, still is.ken

January 16 at 5:24 AM



**Celia Harris Fielding** posted:

I always called her "the head grandkid," since she was the first, born on the Fourth of July. About 20 years separated her from the last grandkid, Lincoln. I will always remember her gentle grace, her self-effacing good nature, and what an example she was to her siblings and other cousins—and me. Goodbye, sweet girl. I hope I am privileged to see you again.

January 15 at 12:52 PM



**Emily Hillman** lit a candle in honor of Julia.

Julia was a very special person, so Christlike. I was part of the 2nd Extreme Ballroom team that she took to China. She was a beacon of light for those of us confused on another country. I know she's happy where she is now. I hope her family and friends can find peace in this difficult time. I'll miss her dearly.

January 15 at 10:03 AM





## **Memories only last if you share them**

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



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