



Venna Julene Behm

February 17, 1947 - May 17, 2021

Jules was born in Salt Lake City to Edward Behm & Venna Gee Behm. She had a beloved twin sister, Cheryl Darlene Behm Brown (Cheryl died in a car accident in 1995). They were born with cerebral palsy, their mom died in childbirth.

Jules was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. She moved to Orange County, California when she was 25. She earned a Human Service degree at Santa Ana College. She rode a 3 wheeler adult bike all over Orange County and was very independent. She loved Disneyland. She loved the California beaches and the ocean. She always called herself a California Girl.

Jules moved back to Salt Lake in 2006 to be closer to family and for new adventures. She got involved with The National Ability Center – with them she went camping, she ran the Snake River out of Jackson, she ran the Colorado River out of Moab, she snow skied several season with them. She water skied on Jordanelle.

Her other adventures included floating the river in Lava Hot Springs with her family. She had a good friend take her skydiving. She rode in a small plane around Salt Lake and was able to steer it. She spent a week at Lake Powell with her family. She made several trips back to California to Disneyland, San Diego Zoo and to the ocean.

When her life started slowing down one of her favorite things was to listen to books on her Ipad. Her sister Jennifer would come every week and put new books on it for her. She felt like she had many new adventures through the gift of books. She loved music, she owned over 300 CDs. She went to a Pavarotti concert here in Salt Lake. She went to see Rod Stewart in Las Vegas.

She started to have her hair colored bright pink and bright blue (pink for herself and blue for her twin sister) and sometimes a rainbow of colors. Thanks Laura!

She once told a friend “I’m the captain of my own ship!” She didn’t let her disability stop her from enjoying her life.

The family would like to thank the staff at Country Lane for taking care of her and the Hospice team for their care.

Funeral services will be Tuesday, May 25, 2021 - viewing at 5:30 pm, funeral at 6:30. Premier Funeral 67 East 8000 South, Midvale 84047.

In lieu of flowers please make a donation to The National Ability Center.

Comments



“ I have loved working with Venna. I'm not allowed favorites but I definitely broke that rule with her. She will hold a special place in my heart forever!! She taught me so much about life and her positive outlook, I will miss her



Hailey Lindberg - May 25 at 01:21 PM



“ I knew Venna for the last roughly 6 to 8 years of her life. She was my neighbor. I may have known her a short period of time but she made a big impact on my life. I will never forget one day when she had to pay her rent she got out into the parking lot with NO traffic and she put that chair of hers into Rabbit mode and took off like a bat out of a Bell Frey. If a wheel chair could burn rubber she did it that day. She was going to get an adrenaline fix any way she could. I enjoyed her as a neighbor we had many good times playing games and talking. I grew up in and around the area that Venna lived in California so we had many conversations about Santa Ana and the beach and her life there. I will never forget her and her smile and her love and her strength. She will be missed.

Sean Summerhays - May 21 at 07:48 PM



“ Venna was such an amazing person! I met Venna about 10 years ago when I started doing some volunteer work with her. I got the privilege to go skiing with her once, which I found so inspiring. She spent time with me before I was pregnant, all through my pregnancy, and then after my twins were born. I would bring the twins with me to do some light house cleaning or cooking for Venna. They would roll and crawl around as Venna watched on with a smile on her face and love in her heart. She was always so kind and wanted to hear all about everything happening in our lives. She was always full of smiles and love. She will be so very missed, but she will live on in our memories, as my boys still talk about her lovingly to this day.

Charlotte Singleton - May 19 at 09:42 PM



“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



Patricia - May 19 at 06:01 PM



“ When I was a little girl, my family took a road trip to DisneyLand, that is when I had the pleasure of meeting Jules! I remember her & her little apartment to be so happy a place; she had dishes full of candy & lots of kitty cats everywhere. She made me laugh with a little quirky joke, & any time I saw her since that time, she found some way to make me laugh with something she'd say. I didn't know her too well, but what I did know of her was to be always full of joy & happiness with her spunky ways! Thanks for brightening some days for me Jules, I'll miss yah

Melea D H Tretsky - May 19 at 04:43 PM



“ I'm so grateful that Jules finally found the family she so deserved. Thank you Kathy and Kevin and all of your family for giving Julie the warmth, acceptance and fun that so enriched her life!

Jennifer Miles - May 19 at 01:03 AM



“ In my entire life I have never known anyone who had more things go wrong and bad in their life but still held a positive and happy attitude.. She was the most brave, feisty and fashion-conscious girl when I first met her in California some 40 years ago. She kept her fashion sense but the years wore her down as far as being outgoing. She always had an amazing sense of humor and the cruel things people sometimes said and did to her didn't dissuade her from being a LIGHT and a happy person. She once told me it didn't bother her when children pointed and stared at her but when adults did that really hurt. HOW I LOVE THIS PHENOMENAL GIRL

Judy Ridge - May 18 at 01:11 PM