



## Julia Bennett Rouse

December 2, 1941 - December 25, 2020

Julia Bennett Rouse of Suwanee GA, formerly of Houston TX, succumbed to Alzheimer's disease complicated by Covid 19 on December 25th, 2020. Julie was born in Shreveport, LA the first daughter of Milton Bennett and Oma Ruth Carlisle.

Julie was raised in Laurel, MS and graduated from George S. Gardner High School. After graduation she enrolled in Mississippi State College for Women, the "W". While there she met her future husband Jim who said "she had me at hello." They embarked on a lifelong romantic journey that lasted over 58 years.

Julie was a devoted wife and mother and over the years she oversaw nine major household moves. She spent countless hours volunteering and was always willing to help out when needed.

After moving to Houston she discovered her love for tennis. For many years she was active in the Westside Ladies Tennis Association where she played almost daily and made many wonderful friends.

Julie was an avid fan of all things Texas A&M and Mississippi State and loved supporting their sports teams. Above all she was known for her loving dedication to her family, especially her grandchildren. She found great joy in taking them on Disney cruise adventures, hosting them at their lake house and traveling with Jim to see them participate in various sports and activities.

She is survived by her husband Jim Rouse, sister Gail Gravell of Orlando, FL, daughters Lisa (Jeff) Taylor of Johns Creek GA and Connie (Bill) Fuller of Zionsville IN, grandchildren Chris Taylor, Claire Taylor, Connie Taylor, Kathleen Fuller, Scott (Jordan) Fuller, Brian Fuller and many nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her parents and brother Chuck Carlisle.

Plans for a celebration of life will be announced at a later date. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Alzheimer's Association.

# Comments

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“ Jim, I am saddened to learn of Julia Ann’s death. I have so many memories of our years at Laurel High School, going to JCJC the summer after our freshman year of college. I enjoyed being with y’all at our reunions. She was beautiful on the outside and inside. She adored her Jim, her daughters and grandchildren. Much love, Susan Boone Vincent

**Susan Boone Vincent** - January 03 at 11:24 PM

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“ I was so sorry to see in the Houston Chronicle the tribute to Julia, but I am so glad Jim and the family sent it in to the Houston paper. First thing i wanted to do on this New Year was to write and share this. I thought she was an amazing woman and the two of you made a great couple; so supportive, so loving, so devoted, such great role models of marriage partnership. I never met the two daughters but you both clearly conveyed how much you loved and cherished them and their families. When you moved to Georgia, you were clear about the decision to be near your daughters and families. I have missed you both. It was always special to greet and visit with you at church. My thoughts and prayers to you and all the family. Blessings and peace...  
Rev. Jim McPhail, Houston, TX

**Jim McPhail** - January 01 at 12:54 PM

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“ Julie will always be in our hearts. She was a sweet, kind, funny, generous lady and the gracious and lovely wife of my dear cousin Jim. We will miss her always. Love and prayers to the family. Mary and Ron Ishmael

**Mary Rugen-Ishmael** - January 01 at 09:21 AM

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“ I have such lovely memories of Julia Ann. We had so much fun in high school. She was always liked by others. But I remember how much she loved her husband Jim. They met when she was at the W and he at Miss. State. So sad that she is gone, but we know she is in heaven among the angels. I am sure that they are going to try and recruit her to be one of them soon. She will be missed by so many. I pray that Jim can find comfort and peace in this sad time in his life. May God send many blessings to this family.

**Mary Bailey** - January 01 at 12:14 AM



“ Dear Jim and Family,  
Our deepest condolences to your family on the loss of your wife, mother, and grandmother. She was always so kind and a true lady. We loved our Aggie connection with Julie and Jim and will always remember her fondly. Rest In Peace Julie.

Warm regards,  
Harold & Debra Barrow

**Debra Barrow** - December 31, 2020 at 01:10 PM

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“ We had the pleasure of knowing Julia and Jim through our serving on the MSU Foundation Board. Julia was a great “First Lady” when Jim served as President of the Foundation. A truly gracious Southern Lady in all aspects of the title. We are saddened by this loss and will have Jim and family in our thoughts and prayers.

Rod and Jane Moore

**Rod Moore** - December 31, 2020 at 11:51 AM

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“ Julie was such a kind person. We met through Lakes of Parkway Women's Club & we shared our love for Texas A&M. I am praying for peace for Jim & the family.

**Evelyn Harding** - December 31, 2020 at 11:11 AM

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“ Julie was a charming and fun friend. She took enormous pride in her family. A gracious hostess, she opened her home happily for many neighborhood events. She and Jim were enthusiastic participants at "couples bunco nights". We wish her family peace and comfort with their happy memories. - Bill and Lou Symington

**Louise Symington** - December 30, 2020 at 02:20 PM

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“ Jim, Lisa & Jeff, Connie & Bill, we have reached an age where sending condolence messages are all too frequent. Julie was indeed a very Special Southern Lady, and she will be remembered as such. Loving memories from Bonnie & Lenny

**Bonnie Sullivan** - December 30, 2020 at 11:36 AM

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“ Sending my sympathy to Jim and family. I worked a short time with Jim and saw the loving relationship he had with Julia. Arnie Kaestner

**Arnold (Sue) Kaestner** - December 30, 2020 at 09:45 AM

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“ I am so sorry for your loss! I know how much of an amazing person she was through her Daughter, Lisa. Prayers for the entire family.



**Meredith FitzHugh** - December 30, 2020 at 09:18 AM

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“ A few years back, when I was planning a trip to DC with my family, Julie (as a former resident of the District) was so helpful in suggesting places to go and things to do. Although we only met in person on a couple of occasions, she was extremely generous with her time on the phone, talking with me like an old friend, giving detailed information, even including where to park. Maybe our shared name had something to do with it, but my sense is that she was that way with everyone. May her memory be a blessing to her family.

**Julie Scott** - December 30, 2020 at 08:45 AM

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“ There are no words to express the sense of loss. Julie (or "Mrs. Rouse", to the young girl who first met her over 40 years ago) was a true Southern Lady, strong on the inside and gracious and beautiful on the outside. She loved her family fiercely and was adored by all of us who were blessed to have known her. I will always remember the sweet way Jim would introduce her, as "my bride", showing such obvious devotion to her during their lifetime together. And so many lovely memories will keep her close in our hearts always. My love and prayers to her family. And may Julie rest in heavenly peace.

Kristen

**Kristen Sims** - December 29, 2020 at 09:16 PM

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“ She was an incredible woman. I am blessed to have known her. Prayers for peace and comfort for all who knew and loved her.

**Cyndi Tucker** - December 28, 2020 at 04:55 PM

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“ I appreciated Julia's support of the College of Business at Mississippi State University and my work in family business. My wife and I send our condolences to her family.

Jim Chrisman

**Jim Chrisman** - December 27, 2020 at 01:52 PM



“ Julie was a perfect person. It was a privilege to be one of her many friends. Remembering the happy times with love and peace to Jim, Lisa, Connie and your families.

**Barbara Mooney** - December 31, 2020 at 12:24 PM



“ Jim and Family, Jean and I share with you in feeling the loss by Julia passing. We have so many pleasant memories of her while I worked with you and we had the opportunity of interacting with her. Her outgoing personality and Godly spirit were always shown in her actions. May God give His strength to each of you during this time of sadness.

Jim and Jean Bowen

**Jim Bowen** - January 01 at 11:41 AM



“ Jim so very sorry to hear about the passing of your wife Julie Rouse. May God comfort you and your family at your time of loss.

**Heather Thielman** - January 06 at 10:53 AM