



## Julie Riesenberg

June 19, 1959 - March 25, 2024

Julie Riesenberg, 64 of Carroll, died early Monday morning, March 25, 2024 at University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha, Nebraska.

Mass of the Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, April 2, 2024 at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church in Mt. Carmel. The Celebrant will be Fr. Timothy Schott. Music will be by Nancy Lemker, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Choir, and Kayla Riesenberg. Lector for the Funeral Mass will be Kim Potthoff. Gift Bearers will be Grace Bryant, Sophie Theulen, Piper Theulen, and Paisley Theulen. Eucharistic Minister will be Sandy Theulen. Honorary Casket Bearers will be Kyler Bryant, Jackson Bryant, Nicolas Riesenberg, Blake Riesenberg, John Riesenberg, Jason Riesenberg, Ryan Riesenberg, Stephen Riesenberg, Joseph Riesenberg, Andrew Riesenberg, Levi Riesberg, and Justin Riesberg. Casket Bearers will be Chance Cleveland, Eli Cleveland, Tory Feldman, DJ Coberly, Robby Coberly, Jake Polito, and Pete Potthoff. Burial will be in St. Mary's Cemetery in Auburn.

Visitation will be from 4-7 p.m. Monday at the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll with a Christian Wake Service at 7 p.m. Following the Wake Service, a service will be held by the Calhoun County Nursing Honor Guard. Additional visitation will be from 9:30-10:15 a.m. on Tuesday at the church.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be left at the funeral home or the church for

St. Anthony Cancer Center.

Funeral arrangements are under the guidance of the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll and online condolences may be left for Julie's family at [www.sharpfuneral.com](http://www.sharpfuneral.com).

Julie Ann Riesenbergs was born on June 19, 1959, the daughter of Robert and Jean (Reinhart) Potthoff. Julie grew up in Halbur, Iowa and attended St. Augustine grade school. She also attended Kuemper Catholic High school where she met the love of her life at the age of 14, Randy. She graduated in the class of 1977. After high school, she moved to Omaha, Ne and studied nursing at Methodist College. She graduated in May of 1980 as a registered nurse. Randy and Julie were united in marriage on August 23, 1980 and built their forever home on a farm outside of Mount Carmel, Iowa. She began her nursing career at St. Anthony Regional Hospital on a Medical Surgical Unit. They welcomed their first born, Travis in 1981. In 1984, they welcomed their second child, Ashley. She continued her career at Carroll Area Nursing Services. Julie was hired as a Safety Manager in 1988 for Farmland Foods in Carroll, Iowa. In 1990, they completed their family with the birth of Abby.

In 2002, she continued her career as Safety Manager at Farmland Foods in Denison, Iowa. In 2008, she advanced to Regional Safety Manager and then retired in April 2023 as a Corporate Regional Safety Director for Smithfield Foods.

Julie was very involved in her community. She was a co-chair for Relay for Life, member of Christ Renews His Parish and Good Shephard Parish, and was a board member of Iowa Gov Safety Council.

Julie had many hobbies. She absolutely loved spending time with her husband, children, and nine grandchildren, who she completely adored. She enjoyed walking with her dog, Charlie, through Grant Park in Auburn, Iowa. She loved the outdoors and being on the farm with her husband Randy. Some

of her favorite things to do were sitting on the deck soaking up the sunshine, birdwatching, gardening, hitting golf balls, reading sappy love stories, watching movies, and working in her "She Shed." Julie loved to travel with her friends and family, listening to live music, and showing off her signature dance moves.

Julie enjoyed being retired where she picked up some new hobbies such as pickleball, riding horses with her grandkids and sister, Lois, and enjoying quiet mornings on the deck having coffee with Randy. The winter months were her time to sit by the fireplace and catch up on scrapbooking.

Julie was so full of joy and loved to laugh. She made God a priority in her life and loved the Lord with all her heart. She turned to Him to thank Him for all the wonderful blessings in her life and also during the most difficult times, including her battles with cancer. Her faith, prayer life, and listening to Christian music soothed her in the hardest moments and we know she is up in heaven laughing and dancing with Jesus.

Julie is survived by the love of her life, Randy Riesenberg; their 3 children: Travis (Jessica) Riesenberg of Clarinda, IA, Ashley Bryant of Elkhorn, NE, and Abby (Bobby) Theulen of Blair, NE; her 9 wonderful grandchildren; Nicolas, Blake, and John Riesenberg, Kyler, Jackson, and Grace Bryant, Piper, Sophie, and Paisley Theulen; her mother, Jean (Urban) Knobbe, her siblings: Kim (Karen) Potthoff, Alan Potthoff, Sue (Dave) Coberly, Lisa (Bill) Polito, Lois (Brian) Potthoff, brother in laws: Larry (Carolyn) Riesenberg, Gary (Tammy) Riesenberg, Bob (Linda) Riesenberg, sister in laws: Deb (Ed) Henningsen, Diane (Alan) Brincks, Amy (Paul) Riesberg-Lovermi, Kathy (Darin) Reid, and many nieces and nephews, extended family members, and friends.

Julie is preceded in death by her father, Robert Potthoff; parents in law Alvin

and Donna Riesenberq; brother-in-law David (Murdock) Riesenberq; sister-in-law Carol Riesenberq; sister-in-law Jenny Potthoff; and unborn angel grandbabies.

# Tribute Wall

TC

“ *The Vettters--Ottis, Trama, Jaz, and Clay purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Julie Riesenber*g.



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**The Vettters--Ottis, Trama, Jaz, and Clay** - April 01, 2024 at 07:50 AM

TC

“ *The Vettters--Ottis, Trama, Jaz, and Clay planted a <a href="/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518">Memorial Tree</a> in honor of Julie Riesenber*g.

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**The Vettters--Ottis, Trama, Jaz, and Clay** - April 01, 2024 at 07:50 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Julie Riesenber*g.



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April 01, 2024 at 06:52 AM

MS

“ *Mike Sigmond planted a <a href="/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518">Memorial Tree</a> in honor of Julie Riesenber*g.

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**Mike Sigmond** - April 01, 2024 at 06:52 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Julie Riesenber**g**.



March 31, 2024 at 02:01 PM



“ Sandra Hulm planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Julie Riesenber**g**.

**Sandra Hulm** - March 31, 2024 at 02:01 PM



“ I had the pleasure of working with Julie and was such a mentor to me. I admired her, watching her skill, knowledge, and compassion she had towards everyone. She was a go getter, and taught me alot about nursing and safety. She was such a good person and I considered her such a good friend. She was so loved, and I will miss her dearly. My Condolences to her dear family, she loved you all so much.

**Maggie Barcq** - March 30, 2024 at 08:05 PM



“ Love, Interventional Radiology Family purchased the Sacred Garden Spray for the family of Julie Riesenber**g**.



**Love, Interventional Radiology Family** - March 30, 2024 at 02:52 PM

LF

“ Love, Interventional Radiology Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Julie Riesenber

Love, Interventional Radiology Family - March 30, 2024 at 02:52 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Julie Riesenber



March 30, 2024 at 09:52 AM

KG

“ I met Julie over 20 years ago while on the Board of the Iowa Governor's Safety/Occ. Health Council together. We quickly became good friends even though we only saw each other once a year! She lit up every room she walked into and had such a great sense of humor! She was also a wonderful occupational medicine nurse and a great resource for many throughout her career.

I will miss her very much and remember her always. My sincere condolences to Randy and the rest of the family she loved so much. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Kathy Goranson

Kathy Goranson - March 30, 2024 at 09:07 AM

JJ

“ Randy & Family....Our sincere sympathy on the loss of Julie....She will always be with you.....Keep her close to your heart.....Thinking of you in the days ahead.....John. & Kristi Schuler Jorgensen....



John & Kristi Jorgensen - March 29, 2024 at 01:54 PM

VF

“ Randy and all the family .Our deepest sympathy. JULIE always had a smile.Cherish the memories.

VICKIE Duff and family. - March 29, 2024 at 12:30 PM

JD

“ Jim Thomas - Smithfield PSM Director purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Julie Riesenberg.



Jim Thomas - Smithfield PSM Director - March 29, 2024 at 12:05 PM

BV

“ My sympathy to all of you.

Bev Vonnahme - March 29, 2024 at 10:59 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Julie Riesenber



March 29, 2024 at 10:44 AM



“ Joe, Cheryl, Jacob & Thomas Knobbe planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Julie Riesenber

Joe, Cheryl, Jacob & Thomas Knobbe - March 29, 2024 at 10:44 AM



“ BTR Contracting purchased the Pink Potpourri Bouquet for the family of Julie Riesenber



BTR Contracting - March 29, 2024 at 10:03 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Julie Riesenber



March 29, 2024 at 12:45 AM

LK

“ To the Reisenberg family and friends,  
I am so, so sorry for your loss of your loved one. I grew up in Halbur  
with her entire family. May She Rest in Peace!

Larry Koenig  
Colorado Springs, CO

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Larry 51000 Koenig - March 28, 2024 at 06:02 PM

JP

“ Jocelyn P. purchased the Heavenly Grace Spray  
for the family of Julie Riesenberg.



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Jocelyn P. - March 28, 2024 at 03:40 PM

JP

“ Jocelyn P. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Julie Riesenberg.

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Jocelyn P. - March 28, 2024 at 03:40 PM

BF

“ Bronwyn (Potthoff) Barnett Family purchased the  
Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of  
Julie Riesenberg.



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Bronwyn (Potthoff) Barnett Family - March 28, 2024 at 03:09 PM

GK

“ Gary & Chris Kelley lit a candle in memory of Julie Riesenber



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**Gary & Chris Kelley** - March 28, 2024 at 10:22 AM

MG

“ Julie’s smile and personality lit up the room. She was a wonderful colleague and friend. She will be forever thought of and missed. My condolences to the family and all who knew her.

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**Mark Garrett** - March 28, 2024 at 03:04 AM

LH

“ Love, Rae, Josh and Piper Hurley purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Julie Riesenber



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**Love, Rae, Josh and Piper Hurley** - March 27, 2024 at 07:21 PM

LH

“ Love, Rae, Josh and Piper Hurley planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Julie Riesenber

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**Love, Rae, Josh and Piper Hurley** - March 27, 2024 at 07:21 PM

JB

“ So very sorry to hear of Julie's passing. Sending prayers to her entire family. A lovely lady gone way to soon. RIP 🙏

Jan Bird - March 27, 2024 at 05:13 PM

-H

“ -Zack H. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Julie Riesenber.



-Zack H. - March 27, 2024 at 02:55 PM

MR

“ Thoughts and prayers for family and friends. I was a classmate at Methodist and loved her fun wonderful personality. May you find comfort in wonderful memories you all share.

Mary Paeper, RN - March 26, 2024 at 09:46 PM

LU

“ So sorry to hear of Julie's passing. Thoughts and prayers to Randy and family during this time. 🙏

Lindsay (Steinkamp) Umstatt

Lindsay (Steinkamp) Umstatt - March 26, 2024 at 09:16 PM

ML

“ I offer my heartfelt condolences to the Riesenbergs family at this most difficult time. I had the pleasure of working with Julie at Smithfield Foods and her humility and selflessness were unmatched! She dedicated her life to helping others and she affected so many lives either directly or indirectly in a Positive way. You will be missed by all that you have touched. God bless! Moe Lavoie, Springfield MA

Maurice Lavoie - March 26, 2024 at 07:47 PM

KB

“ Kali Hall & Mandy Bentley purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Julie Riesenbergs.



Kali Hall & Mandy Bentley - March 26, 2024 at 05:30 PM

TY

“ I had the privilege of working side by side with Julie for many years. She was beyond the shadow of any doubt one of the most caring, loving people I have ever met. Condolences to Julie's family and countless friends.

Tom Young - March 26, 2024 at 05:26 PM

CS

“ I worked with Julie at Public Health. She was so fun, always had a smile and loved helping people. Julie, you will be missed. ❤️

Colleen Higgins Steinkamp - March 26, 2024 at 05:09 PM

AH

“ We did not have the privilege of knowing Julie for long, but our lives were enriched by our brief friendship. She truly made our mornings of pickleball fun and memorable.

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**Al and Sandy Hunter** - March 26, 2024 at 05:03 PM

KB

“ My sympathy to Julie's family. She was so sweet and caring.

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**Kim Boeckman** - March 26, 2024 at 12:42 AM

KM

“ I don't have exact words at this moment.. But what i do know is Julie was an incredible person !! She had such faith in God & was always so full of life ! She loved with her whole heart !! My heart is broken for her family & everyone who loved her !! May she rest in peace 🙏❤️🌟 I will definitely miss her & our conversations!!!



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**kim murrell** - March 25, 2024 at 10:36 PM

JS

“ Sincere sympathies from all the employees at the Smithfield Grayson Kentucky plant. Julie was such an awesome person with the best of the best personalities. She will be missed.

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**Jeff Salyer** - March 25, 2024 at 08:28 PM

PH

“ Julie's personality was so full of joy. We feel privileged to have been a part of her life and will miss her terribly. With our love and sympathy, Pat & Rich Hartley.

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**Pat & Rich Hartley** - March 25, 2024 at 07:14 PM

LS

“ Our sympathies to all of Julie's family. She was one of my idols when I was still a nurse's aide at the hospital and she was an new RN. May you all find peace in knowing she is at rest with our Lord, smiling down on you all.

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**Lori Snyder** - March 25, 2024 at 04:55 PM

KM

*Lois, I am so sorry for you loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Kelly*

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**Kelly Marler** - March 29, 2024 at 07:59 AM

SW

*When I think of Julie, it makes me smile, as she was always so sweet. Sorry to hear of her passing. Sympathy to you Randy and family. And to you Jean and Kim, Alan, Sue, Lisa, Lois.*

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**Sandy & Kev Wittrock** - March 29, 2024 at 10:55 AM

WN

*Julie's family: I worked with Julie during our active days with Relay For Life of Carroll County. She did her part to spread the word and contribute to the cancer fight. Our thoughts will be with you as you face these difficult days. Wes & CJ Niles, Carroll*

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**Wes/CJ Niles** - April 01, 2024 at 10:04 AM