



Julie Ann Stahnke

December 9, 1954 - October 7, 2024

Julie A. (Boyd) Stahnke, of Butte, MT, passed away at the age of 69 on October 7, 2024. Our big hearted, blue eyed, beauty was born December 9, 1954 in Sioux Falls, South Dakota to Mary Jane and William Ross Boyd.

She spent a majority of yer youth in Marion, South Dakota running amok, creating mischief and mayhem with her siblings (Mary Boyd, Jenny Unruh and Bill Boyd all of Sioux Falls, SD; Clem Boyd of Tea, SD; Bob Boyd, Randy Boyd, Sarah Dewald and Joey Dent all of Mitchell, SD). She also spent many summers in Beverly Hills, California visiting her beloved uncle bill, which created a lifelong passion for the ocean, travel, technology and learning. As a seeker of knowledge, she earned an Associate's Degree in Medical Transcription from Mitchell Technical School in 2009.

She was so many things, a black belt and Sensei in ShotoKan, a gunsmith and business partner, a professional putzer, a wordsmith, a crafter, a dreamer, a rock hound, meatloaf connoisseur and overall foodie, pursuer of Powerball jackpot, a sweepstake aficionado, as well as a professional roast of Christmas lights, a general terrorizer of nurses...but in a good way and let us not forget, a streaker...Don't Ask! She is best known for her storytelling skills whether its stinky kittens, toe nails and War chiefs, crocodile wrestling or just adding a little razzle dazzle to the most mundane event.

She always said her biggest accomplishment was raising her four girls as a solo parent. April Stahnke and Melissa Jewell (Jason) of Montana, Angie Stirling (Wade) and Jeanna Weideman (Brandon) of South Dakota. She installed characteristics of integrity, kindness, hope, humor and love of animals... even though she wouldn't let her kids keep the strays... yeah we called her out.

Juju's absolute pride and joy, more than her kids, were her eight grandkids and her seven great-grandkids. Maddison (Bentley, Miles Clover), Alivia, Tayha (Aceyn, Anakin, Tamera Lizbeth), Alyssa (Milo), Daniel, Mason, William and Chloe. In them she installed a love of reading and crafting, a fondness of old movies and foreign films, loud music and some...a lot actually, of mischief and humor. She was always cheering them on in academics, sports, other activities, and a life. We know she will continue to do so in spirit!

We will greatly miss her smile, hugs, laughter, jokes, elaborate tales, unsolicited advice...and everything about her.

Tribute Wall

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“*Julie is a beautiful soul. Every interaction with her was joyful, playful, and full of curiosity. I pray for her soul eternal rest and peace. I send my deepest condolences to her daughters, children, grandchildren, and siblings.*

Dr Jonathan Bilal Abdullah - October 26, 2024 at 07:20 PM

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“*Julie will always be one of my all time favorite people. It makes me very sad to not have her here anymore. She was wonderful and caring toward me my whole life. Almost all of my memories of that beautiful person are of her smiling or laughing. What a character she was. Makes me smile just looking at her picture.*

To her girls- I am very sorry for your mom's passing. I love you very much and hope you are doing all right.

I will always love you Julie.

Lance - October 21, 2024 at 05:46 PM

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“*Jul and I made the trek to Cali often, and my son referred to us as Thelma and Louise.
I have so many bittersweet memories-Julie was the premier story teller. Long ago, we decided to tell a story together but, as the story progressed, we broke down laughing uncontrollably. Now I can't remember what the story was about but it left us with aching bellies.
-Then there was the time Jul took home an alligator skeleton to Will and Chloe. Naturally, she told them that she had wrestled the gator and was wounded; but the actual wound was from a dog scratch. ;0)
One of my favs was when we ran through the Dollar Store, each armed with those grabber things-pinching the other and laughing like school kids but being in our 60's.
A lifetime of sweet memories. She was our beloved enigma and the angels are probably asking to touch her silken hair.
Rest in peace, Jul. I love you. Me*

mary pat - October 11, 2024 at 07:40 PM

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“*Julie was my favorite great aunt, I looked forward to visits as a child and adult. I always was excited when I knew Julie was coming to California ☐ My biggest cheerleader! She was always so silly and I always loved her laugh. She truly instilled in me that I was capable of anything I wanted in this life. She shares a special place in my heart. I love you Julie ❤️ Rest Easy ☐ Sending my love the family.*

Maryam Iman - October 11, 2024 at 07:05 PM

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“*I am so sorry for your loss. Though I have not seen Juls in many years, I have fond memories of her growing up as cousins. May she rest in peace. God bless.*

nancy groeneveld - October 11, 2024 at 06:54 PM