

Julia Grace Geraets was born on March 25, 1962 in Dell Rapids, SD, the daughter of Clarence and Helen (Bohnenkamp) Geraets. She grew up on the family farm west of Dell Rapids and attended school at St. Mary. She graduated from St. Mary High School in 1980. After high school Julia worked various jobs. She married Richard Blue Sr. in 1994. The couple made their home in Vermillion where they owned and operated Little Italy's Pizzeria. After the restaurant, the couple moved to Sioux Falls where Julia remained until the time of her death.

She enjoyed her family, flowers and tending to her garden. Julia was a loving daughter, wife and sister but her largest passion was her grandchildren. She was always very supportive of the community of Vermillion and was known for her generosity and big heart.

Julia is preceded in death by her parents, three brothers, John, Joe and Jay and her brothers-in-law, Darrell Ordal, Roger Mines and Greg Spangler.

She is survived by her husband, Richard "Rick" Blue Sr. of Sioux Falls; her step-children, Rick Jr (Brenda) Blue of Freeman, Robyn (Doug) Cummings of MN, Christina (Dave) Gillies of Yankton, Michael (Brooke) Blue of Sioux Falls and Casey (April) Blue of Vermillion; her 21 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren; her siblings, Jerome (LaVonne) Geraets of Dell Rapids, Jean Mines of AZ, Judy (Shawn) Parcell of NE, Janet Ordal of Carson City, NV, Jennifer (Don) Huwe of Dell Rapids, Joyce (Chuck) Selland of Chamberlain, Jeff (Tammy) Geraets of Brandon, Joan Spangler of AZ, June (Randy) Huewe of IA and Jackie (Jeff) Rauh of Carson, City, NV; her sisters-in-law, Yvette Geraets, Julie (Steve) Stofferahn, Anita Buckmaster and Marvalee (Don) Ulrich; and her many neices nephews and many friends.

In Memory of

Julia (Geraets) Blue

Born - March 25, 1962 ~ Died - August 1, 2021

Memorial Mass

St. Mary Catholic Church

Dell Rapids, South Dakota

Friday, August 27, 2021 ~ 1:00 p.m.

Celebrant

Father Shane Stevens

Honorary Casketbearers

Julia's grandchildren and great-grandchildren will serve as her honorary casketbearers.

Inurnment

St. Mary Cemetery

Dell Rapids, South Dakota

*Funeral Arrangements by Kahler-Brende Funeral Home
Dell Rapids, South Dakota*

Remembered Joy

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free!
I follow the plan God laid for me.
I saw His face, I heard His call,
I took His hand and left it all...
I could not stay another day,
To love, to laugh, to work or play;
Tasks left undone must stay that way.
And if my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss...
Ah yes, these things I, too, shall miss.
My life's been full, I've savoured much:
Good times, good friends, a loved-one's touch.
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief—
Don't shorten yours with undue grief.
Be not burdened with tears of sorrow,
Enjoy the sunshine of the morrow.

When Tomorrow Starts Without Me

When tomorrow starts without me and I'm not here to see
If the sun should rise and find your eyes All filled with tears for me
I wish you wouldn't cry the Way you did today
While thinking of the many things we did not get to say
I know how much you love me as much as I love you
Each time that you think of me I know you will miss me too
When tomorrow starts with out me please try to understand
That an angel came and called my name and took me by the hand
The angel said my place was ready in heaven far above
And That I would have to leave behind all those I Dearly Love
But When I walked through Heaven's Gates I felt so much at home
When GOD looked down and smiled at me from his golden throne He said
This Is Eternity And all I promised you today for life on earth is done but
Here it starts a new I promise no tomorrow for today will always last and
Since each day's the exact same way there is no longing for the past
So When Tomorrow starts without me do not think we're apart for every me
you think of me remember I'm right here in your heart

~Author: David M Romano



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