



Julia Grace Drinan

March 11, 2000 - May 21, 2017

Julia Grace Drinan, 17, of Suffield, CT, passed away on Sunday, May 21, 2017, in Suffield.

She was born in Springfield, MA on March 11, 2000, daughter of Richard M. and Mary A. (Brown) Drinan. She attended schools in Connecticut, and was currently a student at both Suffield High School and the Greater Hartford Academy of the Arts.

Julia was an accomplished and talented artist in many art media, including drawing and painting. She was awarded the 2017 Gold Key Award from the Connecticut Art Education Association for Excellence in Visual Arts. She was an Honor Student, and was recently inducted into the Spanish National Honor Society.

Julia also enjoyed dancing, music and attending concerts. She was civic minded and passionate about everyone being treated with respect.

Julia is survived by her parents, Richard and Mary Drinan; her brother, Nathan, and her sister, Nicole;

Her maternal grandmother, Alice Brown, of Cheshire;

Her aunts and uncles, including Debbie Roberts, Melody Drinan, Kathleen Danis, Arlene Brown, Gary Brown and Eric Brown; many cousins, and several very close friends.

She was predeceased by her paternal grandparents, Arthur R. and Dorothy C. Drinan, and by her maternal grandfather, William L. Brown.

A memorial gathering to celebrate Julia's life and art will be held on Tuesday,

May 30th, from 3 to 5 PM at Suffield High School, 1060 Sheldon St. West Suffield, CT 06093. All are welcome to attend.

Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, May 31st, at 12 Noon in the PACIOREK FUNERAL HOME, 13 Hoosac St. Adams, MA 01220.

Rev. Michael Mullany, Pastor of the First Congregational Church of Adams will officiate.

Burial will follow in Cheshire Cemetery, Cheshire, MA.

A calling hour will be held on Wednesday from 11:00 AM until the service, at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations honoring Julia may be made to The Art for Life Foundation, PO Box 162, Clayton, CA 94517, or at www.artforlife.org

To leave a message of condolence, please go online to www.paciorekfuneral.com

Tribute Wall

DB

“ *My condolences and heartfelt prayers to Julia's friends and family...*

Dawn Bombardier - June 07, 2018 at 11:08 AM

RG

“ *Julia will be forever love and missed. Went e so many fond memories of her campaign VT,night walks, campfires, girls scouts, and endless sleepovers. Our condolences to her whole family, I will begin donating blood as often as I can and other good deeds, which I will do as long as I can in Julia's name.*

Rebecca Gutierrez - June 07, 2018 at 11:08 AM

RG

“ *May the light of your life shine into the darkness in our hearts, and show the way to live on. We love you Julia.Love, Aunt Rebecca*

Rebecca Gutierrez - June 07, 2018 at 11:08 AM

MB

“ *You're a beautiful, bright, talented girl who will be missed! Mary, Rich, Nicole, Nathan, and all extended family- no one could have given her a better home and more love than you! I pray that God will help and continue to help and hold you all through this time and beyond.*

Michelle Berthiaume - June 07, 2018 at 11:08 AM

DM

“ There are no words that can take away your grief, your sadness at such a loss. I can't even find words of comfort as none exist strong enough to uplift you. At times like this I feel the world just needs to stop, pause, and pay tribute to a beautiful life. I'm glad you're sharing her art with the world as that's what it needs. It needs to see some of the beauty, the talent, the good that has been here. I'm praying for all of you and hope that eventually the pain is replaced by the beauty she carried. Much love and prayers, Deb Aulisio Mahar

Deb Mahar - June 07, 2018 at 11:08 AM



“ Rich I'm sorry to hear of Julia passing. But growing up with you and knowing you as a friend I'm sure she loved you very much. My heart goes out to you and your family. Andrew Lopata Jr

June 07, 2018 at 11:08 AM

DD

“ Dear Mary, Rich, Nathan and Nicole... words cannot express how sorry I am. Please know that you will always be in my thoughts and prayers and that I wish you may find peace and happiness once again. Love, Diane and Jim Droney

Diane Droney - June 07, 2018 at 11:08 AM

KD

“ Julia, You are so missed. Another hole in our lives and hearts has been added. We will never forget your beautiful smile, wry sense of humor and of course your artist heart. Love you always.

Kathy & Shawn Danis - June 07, 2018 at 11:08 AM

CF

“ To the Drinan family, We are so truly sorry for the loss of Julia. We remember her from kindergarten class and Girl Scouts as being such a sweet and kind person. Ness truly enjoyed conversations they shared in class and on the bus to GHAA. It was often mentioned of the artistic talent Julia possessed. Please know we are thinking of all of you and sending our heartfelt condolences.

Curti Family - June 07, 2018 at 11:08 AM

LP

“ May the blessings of many butterflies flutter by with purity and love as these days go by! Bless all of you!

Lindsay Packard - June 07, 2018 at 11:08 AM

PP

“ Deeply saddened but forever grateful to have the good fortune to be Julia's elementary Art teacher. It's been 9 years since I taught her yet her beauty of spirit and talent in Art always shone out...memorable. The world has lost a true gem. Xoxo

Patty Piellucci - June 07, 2018 at 11:08 AM

CB

“ Mary, So very sorry for your loss. She seemed like such a talented, beautiful girl. My heart is broken for you, your family and all of Julia's friends. I hope there is some way for you to find strength during this difficult time and to move on with memories of the happy times you all had together. Sending lots of love your way. xoxo
Carrie Salvi Brooks

Carrie Brooks - June 07, 2018 at 11:08 AM

MB

“ So very sorry. Sending prayers.

Melissa Mendel Burke - June 07, 2018 at 11:08 AM

BF

“ I am so sorry to hear of Julia's passing. I worked in the cafeteria at Mcalister and remember how beautiful and unique she was. As a mother who has lost a child, my heart breaks. My thoughts are with all of you at this difficult time.Barbara Fortin

Barbara Fortin - June 07, 2018 at 11:08 AM

BF

“ I have been a friend of Alice's for many years and I cannot tell you how sorry I am for your loss. Having Grandchildren of my own, my heart goes out to the entire Brown family. My deepest sympathy, Barbara Favreau

Barbara Favreau - June 07, 2018 at 11:08 AM

GL

“ I am so very sorry to hear of Julia's passing. I remember her well when she attended Sunday School at WSCC. Whenever they had a presentation, she was such a natural on stage. Her personality just drew you to her. I always felt she would be an actress. She was a very special young lady. I hope knowing that she is now walking beside Jesus in perfect peace and happiness will bring you some comfort. You are all in my prayers.

Gloria Ludwig - June 07, 2018 at 11:08 AM

MM

“ Dear Mary, So sorry for the loss of your Angel Julia. It's been so long since I've seen you and I've never met Julia but from what I've read about her she truly must have been an Angel. I love all my family unconditionally weather I've met them or not. My Prayers are with You, Julia and all your family at this hard and sad time. Love you cousin, Michael

Michael Martin - June 07, 2018 at 11:08 AM

DO

“ Mary, Rich, Nathan & Nicole, The loss of such an amazing girl is heartbreaking. Julia shined in whatever room she was in, she will continue to shine upon you all now. Although she is not here with you I believe she will always still be around you. Watch the sky, she will paint it each day for you. Please know our thought & prayers are with you all.

Debbie Ouellette - June 07, 2018 at 11:08 AM

GC

“ Really there are no words at such a loss. I just wanted you all to know that I am so happy I got to know her in Sunday school! She was just a joy to be around and I loved hearing her ask questions and think out loud. I feel lucky to have known her....

Gena Costello - June 07, 2018 at 11:08 AM

AG

“ My deepest sympathy goes out to all of you in this dark time, I am truly devastated. Julia brought so much goodness into this world, be it her incredible artwork or the persistent kindness she showed everyone she encountered. These things will live beyond us all. I am so sorry for your loss, Julia will be dearly missed.

Alex Gutierrez - June 07, 2018 at 11:08 AM

AK

“ Dear Richard, Mary, Nathan and Nicole, I wanted you to know that your decision to make the Art for Life foundation a part of Julia's memorial is incredibly touching. I remember working with a young lady in hospice who was Julia's age. She was creating art legacy pieces for her family. I will never forget the radiance she had in her eyes knowing that her art would help to carry the light of her soul to her family and help them to find their way in the future through dark times and difficult memories. I know that Julia's art will continue to inspire you. I hope in it you will find her joy, her laughter and her love. Dark times will grow lighter and difficult memories will be replaced with powerful ones filled with love. And Julia's art, like Julia's spirit will continue to be a part of your family. Family like love... is forever. With much love, Anthony Knutson - Founder The Art for Life Foundation.

Anthony Knutson - June 07, 2018 at 11:08 AM

JM

“ Dear Mary, Rich and Family, I am so saddened to hear of Julia's passing. She was such a wonderful young lady who brightened the world around her. I will always remember her smile and giggles. Please accept my condolences. May you feel the love of those who care about you during your grief. With Love, Sensei Janice

Janice Morton - June 07, 2018 at 11:08 AM



“ Rich, I just heard about this tragic event in your lives. Having a 17 year old daughter myself I can't imagine what you are going through. I am praying for you and your family for peace and healing.

June 13, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *Rich, I'm hoping you and your family can find moments of peace and that those moments grow longer and longer as time passes. My sincere condolences.*

May 30, 2017 at 12:00 AM