



## Julie A. Smith

December 6, 1967 - September 26, 2019

Julie Ann Smith, 51, of Broken Arrow, Okla., died Thursday, Sept. 26, 2019, after a brief but courageous battle with cancer. Julie was born Dec. 6, 1967, at St. Joseph's Hospital in Hancock, Mich., the daughter of Gary and Marjorie Wickstrom. She attended Chassell Township Schools, graduating in 1986 as valedictorian, and Michigan Technological University, where she earned a bachelor's degree in business in 1990. After moving to Oklahoma, she worked at Heritage House, Pennwell Publishing and Metropolitan Life. She married Brock Smith on Oct. 1, 1994, and together they had three children, Tiara, Josiah and Zachariah. Julie was a loving, caring and conscientious mother and wife with a strong and enduring faith in her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. She took pride in home schooling her children and shuttling them to their various activities. In high school she was a talented first-chair flutist, earning accolades in numerous solo and ensemble performances. She enjoyed many activities throughout her lifetime, including family trips and outings, cooking and baking. Julie had a sweet and spunky nature and took pride in her Finnish-American heritage, displaying the Finnish characteristic of "sisu", or internal fortitude, until the very moment of her passing. Julie was preceded in death by her parents; her paternal grandparents, Arthur and Elsie Wickstrom; her maternal grandparents, Charles and Esther Naasko; and her cousin, Karen Durocher. She is survived by her husband, Brock; daughter Tiara (fiance Cole Jarman); sons, Josiah and Zachariah; father-in-law Bill Smith and mother-in-law Barbara Smith; brothers Jeffrey (Marian) Wickstrom and Roger Wickstrom; and numerous uncles, aunts, nephews, nieces, cousins and friends. Julie especially appreciated the support of cousin Patty during her recent battle with cancer. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 2, 2019, at Floral Haven Funeral Home Rose Chapel with interment to follow at Floral Haven Cemetery. Thoughts and memorials may be sent to 23311 E. 99th St. S., Broken Arrow, OK 74014.

# Comments

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“ I first met Julie at Michigan Tech in a speech class we both hated! We bonded quickly. A few days before I graduated, there was a knock at my door and it was Julie with a beautiful bouquet of flowers for my graduation! I was so touched by her thoughtfulness. Unfortunately, we didn't stay in touch until a few years ago when we were able to reconnect via Facebook. I will always remember her and her kind heart! My sympathy to you all on this very great loss.

**Pam Givens** - October 02, 2019 at 07:23 PM

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“ I am shocked to hear of Julie's death, my deepest sympathy to her family and friends. Jeff, Julie and Roger were small children when my husband, children, mother and I stayed at one of their cabins. Through the years we watched them grow with wonderful memories of the fun we had. Julie's mother and dad left us too soon and now Julie has also. God's plan is so difficult to understand but I know she is enjoying His Heavenly Kingdom with her family.

**Barbara Wilson** - October 02, 2019 at 04:59 PM

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“ Saying good bye in this world to my dear cousin Julie, but never in my heart. Rest peacefully sweet girl.

**Cheryl Naasko** - October 02, 2019 at 02:52 PM

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“ My condolences for the family. Julie was beautiful inside and out. It was an honor to have known her. Brock, you and your kids are in my prayers. I'm so sorry, the world lost a wonderful lady!

**Sandie Mitchell** - October 02, 2019 at 10:26 AM

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“ Julie was a member of the Chassell High School Band, and I was so blessed to have been the director there for 25 years. She was an excellent flutist, but more importantly she was a very special person. I remember her smile and enthusiasm for life. She was always willing to help other students. Julie was definitely a positive influence on everyone who knew here. I was so sad to hear of her passing and I pray for her family at this time. I’m sure she is smiling down on all of us saying, “Don’t be sad. I’m happy here too.”

**Joan M. Petrelius** - October 01, 2019 at 05:11 PM

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“ Prayers to the family. Another Chassell alumni gone way to soon.

**Paul Tussing** - September 30, 2019 at 04:17 PM

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“ Many prayers to your family. I only met Julie and family briefly though my father Bill Chapel. Her kind and loving spirit was evident even though we only had a few interactions. As an Angel I know she is in heaven with her loved ones. May God’s strength and gentle love surround you during this time of grief.

**Andrea Guerrero** - September 30, 2019 at 11:32 AM