



Julie Anne Straka

September 19, 1937 - September 30, 2025

Dodgeville – Julie A. Straka, age 88, of Dodgeville, passed away on September 30, 2025, at Crestridge Memory Care.

She was born September 19, 1937, in Mt Hope Wisconsin, daughter of Francis and Alice (Walsh) Morgan. She graduated from St. Boniface Catholic School in Ionia, Iowa, in May 1955. On November 22, 1958, she married Charles Straka in Ionia, Iowa. She worked alongside Charlie farming in Highland, until moving to Dodgeville in 1989 and worked at Lands' End until she was 75. A devoted homemaker, she was always ready to lend a helping hand to anyone in need. Julie was happiest when surrounded by family and could often be found in the kitchen baking or visiting with friends and loved ones.

Julie is survived by seven children: Carol (Jerry Hasburgh) of Cobb, Rick (Diane) of Highland, Joan (Dan) Johanning of Dodgeville, Bob (Teresa) of Platteville, Kevin of Madison, Mary Ellen of Dodgeville, and Tony of Reedsburg. She is also survived by seventeen grandchildren and sixteen great-grandchildren.

Her surviving siblings include her sister, Phyllis Roberts of Watertown, WI, and her brother, Joe (Kae) Morgan of Iowa. She is also survived by her brother-in-law, Sam Speltz of Cochrane, WI, and sisters-in-law, Helen Kite of Montfort

and Lillian Zimmer of Glen Haven.

Julie was preceded in death by her husband, Charles (2003); her parents; her great-granddaughter, Alexa Michek; her sisters, Katie Speltz and Janet Thorn; her brother-in-law, Merlin (Butch) Roberts; and many other in-laws.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, October 6, 2025 at ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH in Dodgeville. Burial will be held in St. Joseph's Cemetery. Visitation will be held from 2:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. on Sunday at the GORGEN-McGINLEY & AYERS FUNERAL HOME in Dodgeville and from 10:00 a.m. until time of Mass on Monday at the church.

The family would like to thank the staff at Crestridge Memory Care for taking exceptional care of Mom while she lived there. Your support and compassion were always genuine and deeply appreciated. We also thank Agrace Palliative care for all your visits, Agrace Hospice for helping us all through this difficult time, and Gorgen Funeral Home for your kindness.

Cemetery Details

St. Joseph's Cemetery

Compassion Way
Dodgeville, WI 53533

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 5. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Gorgen-McGinley & Ayers Funeral Home
400 East Grace Street
Dodgeville, WI 53533
(608) 935-5222
gorgenfh@mhtc.net

Visitation

OCT 6. 10:00 AM - 10:50 AM (CT)

St. Joseph's Catholic Church
405 S. Dacotah Street
Dodgeville, WI 53533

Mass of Christian Burial

OCT 6. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Joseph's Catholic Church
405 S. Dacotah Street
Dodgeville, WI 53533

Tribute Wall

BN

“ Will miss you so much Julie! You always made a smile to my mornings. Big hugs to all your family and friends you will definitely be missed by all of us! Love you

Bobbi Niedziejko - October 07, 2025 at 08:06 PM

KC

“ Always liked Julie and working with her at Lands End. Thinking of you all. Big hug Joan and Mary Ellen.

Katee Christianson - October 07, 2025 at 09:13 AM

JG

“ We send our deepest sympathies to Carol and Jerry and all the families!

janice grimm - October 05, 2025 at 10:35 PM

YF

“ I feel like I know Julie a bit from the loving and devoted memories. Kevin has shared with his friends. It is apparent Julie was surrounded by devoted and caring friends and family. My sincere condolences go out to each of you. I will continue to think wonderful thoughts of Julie now with her departed loved ones and experiencing eternal peace.
Kindly, Yvette Ferris

Yvette Ferris - October 05, 2025 at 08:17 PM

SM

“ Sue, Monique & Michael purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Julie Anne Straka.



Sue, Monique & Michael - October 05, 2025 at 12:42 PM

SM

“ Sue, Monique & Michael planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Julie Anne Straka.

Sue, Monique & Michael - October 05, 2025 at 12:42 PM

GH

“ Gregory Hinson lit a candle in memory of Julie Anne Straka



Gregory Hinson - October 05, 2025 at 10:10 AM

SB

“ Steve and Andrea Brink purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Julie Anne Straka.



Steve and Andrea Brink - October 04, 2025 at 05:55 PM

SB

“ Steve and Andrea Brink planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Julie Anne Straka.

Steve and Andrea Brink - October 04, 2025 at 05:55 PM

GJ

“ Gregory & Julie purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of Julie Anne Straka.



Gregory & Julie - October 04, 2025 at 11:08 AM

GJ

“ Gregory & Julie planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Julie Anne Straka.

Gregory & Julie - October 04, 2025 at 11:08 AM

LS

“ Lonnie and Sylvia purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Julie Anne Straka.



Lonnie and Sylvia - October 03, 2025 at 09:49 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Julie Anne Straka.



October 03, 2025 at 02:29 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Julie Anne Straka.

October 03, 2025 at 02:29 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Julie Anne Straka.



October 03, 2025 at 11:48 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms* was purchased for the family of Julie Anne Straka.



October 02, 2025 at 10:11 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Julie Anne Straka.

October 02, 2025 at 10:11 AM



“ *Kevin, Laura and I are sending lots of love and hugs to you. All of the stories you told us about your mom, all the adventures, quips, and words of wisdom....what an incredible woman! And you reflect all of her love and caring to everyone you meet. Love you kiddo!*

Dorothy Steffens - October 02, 2025 at 06:49 AM

PR

“ *Phyllis Roberts purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Julie Anne Straka.*



Phyllis Roberts - October 01, 2025 at 08:24 PM

DE

“ *Not only did I have the honor of working with Julie, but every time I looked out the back door or was working in the yard there was Julie mowing the lawn or working her garden. I am so sorry for your lost, prayers go out to all the family.*

debra egan - October 01, 2025 at 07:20 PM