



Julia A. McCarley

March 30, 1935 - May 6, 2020

On Tuesday, May 6, 2020, Julia A. McCarley, loving wife and mother of five children, passed away at the age of 85. Julia was born on March 30, 1935 on the island of Taboga, Republic of Panama. This beautiful island girl grew up in a very large and loving family consisting of her Mother and Father, four sisters and two brothers. Being an island girl Julia came to love the beautiful flowers all over the island and later in life exhibited her “green thumb” for growing her own exotic flowers. While living on the island, Julia met the love of her life Cecil E. McCarley. Cecil was stationed on the island during his service in the US Army. Cecil and Julia were married by Civil Service in Panama on August 12, 1954. Then they moved to San Antonio, Texas where she became a part of a larger family who also came to love this island girl. Julia then married Cecil again but this time in a Baptist church on August 14, 1954. Even though Julia only spoke Spanish they started their own family and shared 34 years of their lives together. Julia learned how to grow up being a “Southern Lady” and over the years Julia studied opera and piano. Julia loved to

sing and had a love for music as well as the voice of an opera singer. She was a member of Northside Baptist Church for many years where she sang in the choir. The congregation always felt like they were getting a special treat when Julia sang for them. Julia and Cecil then moved their membership to Lovera Baptist Church where Julia played piano and organ for many more years as she shared her love for God and music. Julia was always dressed to the nines and loved wearing her hats and dress heels. She was a beautiful lady both inside and out. She worked for NEISD at Robert E. Lee H.S. for thirteen years before retiring. Another one of Julia's great accomplishments was when she passed her citizenship test and received her US citizenship giving her dual citizenship for the USA and Panama. This was a very proud moment for her and her family. Julia enjoyed painting, gardening and traveling. She always loved gathering her family around her to spend time with them, especially around the holidays. She treasured family time and lived her life taking care of hers. She will be sorely missed. Julia is survived by her brothers Fabricio and Jose and sisters Adriana, Nevia and Anita. Her children, Cynthia McCarley Hodo, Brenda C. and Robert Smith, Connie D. McCarley and Ellen D. McCarley. Her grandchildren Cheryl M. Flynn, Jason C. and Eva Smith, Melissa C. Smith, Anthony C. Smith, Jonathan M. Hodo and Samantha E. Hodo. Her great grandchildren Jeffrey A. and Laura Flynn, Justin W. Flynn, and Hunter, Gunner, Fisher and Archer Smith. Her great, great grandchildren Skylar E. Flynn and Jace E.

Flynn. Julia is preceded in death by her husband Cecil, daughter Cheryl Eileen, her sister Haydee and her Mother and Father.

I'll miss you mom, Love Cynthia

Cemetery Details

Chapel Hill Cemetery

7735 Gibbs Sprawl Rd
San Antonio, TX 78239

Previous Events

Funeral Service

MAY 13. 9:00 AM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels Cherry Ridge
3401 Cherry Ridge Dr
San Antonio, TX 78230
(210) 349-1414
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

Tribute Wall



“ *Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemeteries created a Webcast in memory of Julia A. McCarley*



Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemetery - May 13, 2020 at 08:37 AM

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Ellen did such a beautiful job!

Jamie Sabisky - May 13, 2020 at 11:11 AM

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Cheryl Flynn - May 11, 2020 at 11:16 PM

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Cheryl Flynn - May 11, 2020 at 11:11 PM

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“*Julia was a beautiful, gracious, talented lady filled with God's love which flowed through her to everyone who was privileged to meet and know her. She used her God-given talents to praise God. As a valued member of Lovera Baptist Church, she played the piano, the organ, and sang. She was always willing to serve in any capacity. She had a quiet, gentle spirit and a beautiful smile which lit up a room with its warmth. She was intelligent and courageous. She left Panama and her family to come to Texas and begin a new life with her husband. She was a devoted and loving wife and mother which is evidenced by the love and devotion her family has shown for her and for each other. She was a beautiful, beloved Christian lady and will be greatly missed by everyone who knew her. The world was a kinder, gentler place with her in it; and her memory and the love she instilled in others will continue to be a tribute to her love of God and how she followed and lived by the teaching and example set by Jesus, her Lord and Savior.*

I offer my heartfelt condolences to her family on their great loss.

*Sincerely,
Glenda Rivers*

Glenda Rivers - May 11, 2020 at 08:25 PM