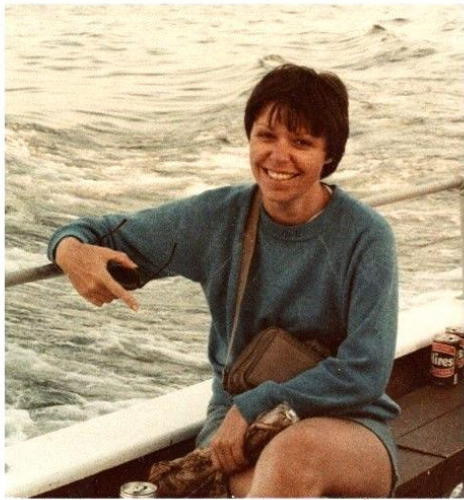


Julia Burk Memorial Endowment

Julia Burk was a shining example of what commitment, hard work and living a good life can allow you to become. She was born in 1950 and grew up in Windsor Locks, CT. From an early age she showed her “New England work ethic.” She did well in school and went on to a four-year degree at UCONN-Storrs, and spent her junior year abroad in France mastering the French language.



She taught middle school for two years before looking for a more challenging career. For several years Julia commuted from Poughkeepsie, NY every day to Manhattan where she worked in the insurance industry. From there she moved to Boston, then Portland, ME and her last home was Enfield, CT. Her job choices gravitated toward management where she worked as an office manager of several medical firms, then advanced to her dream job of manager/HR manager for Baystate Medical Center in Springfield, MA.

Julia was independent long before it was a movement. She supported herself and owned a house in Maine and two condos in Enfield. She was a joy to work for. We have met many people who worked in her office and they said they worked with her, not for her. Her communication skills and understanding of procedures and policies allowed her to easily guide and train people. Julia made everyone around her improve as individuals and be the best they could. You were better not just because you worked with her, you were better for just knowing her.

Though exceptional at her career, Julia’s life was not easy. She developed Parkinson’s disease at the age of 32. That never impacted her commitment to career excellence. She worked full-time until her mid 50’s, then had no choice but to accept disability and finally step out of the role of manager. She passed away in 2020 at age 70, finally able to rest from the misery of her disease.

Please go forward in your career and in your life being the best that you can be, no matter what you do. Best wishes to you and God bless.

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