



## Julia M. White

March 24, 1957 - February 7, 2015

Julia Marie White, age 57 of Highland, IL, died Saturday, February 07, 2015, East of Madison/Clinton County line on St. Rose Rd. as the result of an auto accident.

She was born March 24, 1957, in St. Louis, MO, the daughter of Mario Joseph and Ruth Mildred (nee Leonard) Cirio, Sr.

On February 14, 1982 she married Michael G. White.

She grew up in University City, MO; earned a nursing degree from Deaconess Hospital School of Nursing; later received a BSN in nursing. She has worked at SSM St. Mary's Health Center in Clayton, MO, since earning her degree. She has worked in the ICU, Cancer Critical Care, Emergency Room, many areas. Julia loved to bike and had "ridden across Nebraska" several times with her best friend, Karen. She also enjoyed swimming, Yoga, aerobics, and working out at the Korte Rec Center. She attended many nursing conventions; liked to do counted cross-stitch; photography; and was a "crazy cat lady". She and Michael had traveled to Russia, China, Africa, Japan, Australia, Switzerland, Western Europe. On their trips, they would visit orphanages and provide supplies and take residents shopping. Mr. and Mrs. White died in an automobile accident on Saturday, February 7, 2015 east of Highland, IL.

Survivors include :

Daughter - Susan M. (boyfriend-Matthew Denué) White, Highland, IL

Daughter - Patti A. (Scott) Nelson, Centralia, IL

Daughter - Jennifer M. (Kelly) Flanagan, Tampa, FL

Grandchild - Donovan M. White, Highland, IL

Grandchild - Steven D. White, Highland, IL

Grandchild - Alexis N. Nelson, Centralia, IL

Grandchild - Alyssa A. Nelson, Centralia, IL

Grandchild - Maximus J. Kiddy, Tampa, FL

Grandchild - Sofia E. Kiddy, Tampa, FL

Grandchild - Molly E. Flanagan, Tampa, FL

Sister - Phoebe A.(husband John Tieman) Cirio, University City, MO

Brother - Mario J. (Shirley) Cirio, Jr., Ballwin, MO

Best Friend - Karen L. Draper, Pocahontas, IL

She was preceded in death by :

Father - Mario Joseph Cirio, Sr. (Died 9/7/13)

Mother - Ruth Mildred Cirio, nee Leonard (Died 9/26/12)

Husband - Michael G. White (Died 2/7/15)

Arrangements are being handled by Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, Illinois.

Visitation will be held from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Friday, February 13, 2015, at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL, and from 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM, on Saturday, February 14, 2015, at the funeral home.

Memorial service will be at 11:00 AM on Saturday, February 14, 2015, at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL, Rev. Matthew R. Embry, officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to Highland Animal Shelter.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home & Dauderman Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Julia M. White*



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**Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home** - February 11, 2015 at 01:21 PM

LW

“ *We won't mourn Julia, we will celebrate her happy life, she loved life and enjoyed making everyone feel welcome and wherever she went, she made people laugh. I only knew Julia for a short period but I enjoyed working with her so much, its never gonna be the same but I am thanking God for the previledge of meeting and working with you. Holidays too will never be the same, we enjoyed working over the holidays because Julia made sure she brought enough food, that fried turkey Mike made for the staff on christmas...We are gonna miss you both. In unison we will say, it's well with our souls...well because you lived a good life and that your mission on earth you completed. Our wish would have been for you spend enough time with us till you were old and senile but God loves the young and vibrant to make heaven more fun. You just left before us, till we meet....RIP.*

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**Leah Wangui** - February 14, 2015 at 12:03 AM

RD

“ My deepest sorrow to Julia's and Mike's family and friends. Julia was a wonderful person and an exceptional nurse. Every time there was a "Code Blue," she was dashing up or down the stairs or along the hallways with her big bag, and giving CPR to patient's at almost all of the "Codes" I went to. She was always funny, friendly, caring and enthusiastic. We all miss her! I hold you all in my thoughts and prayers. Thank you Julia for sharing your life with us at SSM. You are so missed.  
Sr. Renée Dewhurst, Chaplain at SSM



Renee Dewhurst - February 13, 2015 at 04:33 PM

KC

“ Julia made everything fun that we did. It did not matter if it was yoga or cycling she always made me smile. She would set up an evening out to go look at the zoo lights at Christmas and dinner for all of us girls. She would make sure we could all go and even have a groupon for all of us, that's just how she was. Bike rides are never going to be the same without you. I love you Julia

Kim Cordevant - February 13, 2015 at 04:11 PM

KD

“ Kitty Denton lit a candle in memory of Julia M. White



Kitty Denton - February 12, 2015 at 10:10 PM

CA

“ I met the Cirio family when we moved to Wilson Street when I was in 5th grade. Julia lived two doors down from me and we quickly became best friends. My dad and Mr. Cirio must have really loved us when we got into cookie baking because we would bake cookies at her house and then go to mine. We rode bikes all over U. City, had sleep overs at each others houses, compared suntans at the end of the summer, swam together and just hung out. We lost track of each other for years, but rediscovered that we had both moved to the same town of Highland. Even though we lost track, I will always consider her my best friend and will miss her terribly. This is a picture of her and I before her graduation from nursing school. I love you Julia.



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**Cheryl Adams** - February 12, 2015 at 09:04 PM

RL

“ Julia was amazing!!! She was always cracking me up every time I saw her, which is so great in our work environment;) I work mainly in 3i but just last week I was in 4i late and I was talking with Julia about school and work and kids. She has always been so supportive of me and all her ICU family members. This day was no different;) Julia gave me great advice and told me she was proud of me for never quitting. I did not know Julia as long as many, but she always made me smile and feel like I was family. Julia gave so much of herself while on this beautiful earth and that is truly inspiring! She is irreplaceable and will be missed dearly by all.  
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**Roxi Long** - February 12, 2015 at 01:54 PM

KC

“ *Kim Cordevant lit a candle in memory of Julia M. White*



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**Kim Cordevant** - February 12, 2015 at 01:22 PM

SW

“ *My sister my friend that is what i think of when i think of Julia. Julia was the kind of person what you saw is what it was. She was the first friend i made when i joined the 4 icu and St. Marys family. She would often say Sandi and i are sisters (by both of our last name being White). I have so many memories of her and can say thank God for having her in my life. Sisters always Sandi....*

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**Sandi White** - February 12, 2015 at 09:28 AM

RB

*Yes, yes, and YES!  
She will be so missed, but we thank God for her life and the way she made everything better.*

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**Rebekah Backowski** - January 07, 2017 at 06:29 PM

Kelly  
Christophe

“ Thank you Julia for giving me your daughter,  
my best friend and the mother of my child. I  
will always take care of them and make you  
proud that I was your son-in-law.



*If tears could build a stairway  
and memories were a lane,  
We would walk right up to heaven  
And bring you back again.  
No farewell words were spoken,  
No time to say goodbye.  
You were gone before we knew it  
And only God knows why.  
Our hearts still ache in sadness  
and secret tears still flow.  
What it meant to lose you so suddenly,  
No one will ever know.  
But now we know you want us,  
To mourn for you no more.  
To remember all the happy times  
Life still has much in store.  
Since you'll never be forgotten,  
We pledge to you today,  
A cherished place within our heart  
Is where you'll always stay.*

*Goodnight Mom*

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**Kelly Christopher** - February 11, 2015 at 09:40 PM

SG

“ Sharon And Rudy Gordon lit a candle in memory of Julia M. White



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**Sharon and Rudy Gordon** - February 11, 2015 at 03:25 PM

PW

“ I HAVE KNOWN JULIA FOR YEARS WHILE WE WORKED AT SSM AND NEVER ONCE WAS SHE ANYTHING BUT KIND AND LOVING TO COLLEAGUES AND PATIENTS ALIKE. HER SENSE OF HUMOR WAS MUCH APPRECIATED AND ALWAYS PRESENTED AT JUST THE RIGHT TIME. I WAS ALWAYS ASSURED THAT IN HER CARE, EVERY PT RECEIVED THE ABSOLUTE BEST. I WILL MISS HER SO MUCH AND 4ICU WILL NEVER BE THE SAME WITHOUT HER. FOR THAT MATTER, ST MARY'S HOSPITAL HAS SUSTAINED A GREAT LOSS AS A WHOLE. I STARTED PRAYING FOR JULIA'S FAMILY FROM THE MOMENT THAT I HEARD OF HER LOSS.

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**PAULA WORD** - February 11, 2015 at 01:27 AM

CN

“ I HAVE KNOWN JULIA FOR THIRTEEN YRS, SHE WAS A VERY SPECIAL LADY. I LOVED HER SMILE, PERSONALITY & SHE HAD A FUNNY SENSE OF HUMOR. SHE ALWAYS TREATED ME NICE. MY HEART GOES OUT TO THE FAMILY, I WILL CONTINUE TO KEEP YOU ALL IN MY PRAYERS. (SSM EMPLOYEE- CHARLENE NIXON-ADMITTING)

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**CHARLENE NIXON** - February 11, 2015 at 01:12 AM

JS

“ I had the privilege to work with Julia, she was truly a nurses nurse, someone I would want to take care of me if I were a patient. If I saw her car in the parking lot I knew it was going to be a good day at work no matter what was thrown at us.

*My condolences to her family, may her indomitable spirit help you endure this tragic loss.*

*Sincerely,  
Judy Steinbock*

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**Judy Steinbock** - February 10, 2015 at 11:59 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Julia M. White.*



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February 10, 2015 at 09:18 AM

SL

“ *Our hearts are with your family*

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**Stacey Lampe** - February 10, 2015 at 08:56 AM



“ *Exotic Grace was purchased for the family of Julia M. White.*



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February 09, 2015 at 08:49 PM