



## Dr. Patricia Julius

November 12, 1932 - November 3, 2018

Dr. Patricia Julius died at the age of 85 on Saturday, November 3 after a very fulfilling life. She is survived by her son, Ward Cox (Linda), her daughter, Robin Ignatowski (Paul), two grandsons, Stephen Ignatowski (Leigh Jaye) and Frank Madden, and a great-granddaughter Madilyn Breu, as well as many nieces and nephews. Dr. Julius is predeceased by her husband, Robert Julius, a sister, Sharon Barker, and two grandchildren, Amy Ignatowski and J.P. Ignatowski.

She taught at Michigan State University for 32 years after earning her Ph.D. from the school in 1972. Dr. Julius is a former chair of the MSU College of American Thought and Language. She graduated with a Bachelors of Arts degree from Central Michigan University, and earned her Master's Degree from the University of Florida. Her varied experiences include acting, modeling, and a lifelong association with the performing arts.

Dr. Julius moved to Sault Ste. Marie upon her retirement from Michigan State. She continued to apply her artistic expression with the Academy of Performing Arts and derived great joy from her work with young performers. Her efforts on behalf of disadvantaged and disenfranchised individuals was well known and highly regarded. Meanwhile, her philanthropic generosity enhanced a wide assortment of worthy organizations. The Amy Ignatowski Award was particularly important to her.

Visitation will be held at St. James Episcopal Church in Sault Ste. Marie on Tuesday, November 6 at noon, followed by funeral services at 2:00 PM.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Amy Ignatowski Award, through the Lake Superior State University Foundation.

Arrangements are being handled by C.S. Mulder Funeral Home and Cremation Services. Condolences may be left online at [www.csmulder.com](http://www.csmulder.com)

# Tribute Wall

GM

“ *Glen McCririe lit a candle in memory of Dr. Patricia Julius*



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**Glen McCririe** - April 28, 2025 at 11:08 AM

JG

“ *Dr. Julius was my ATL instructor in 1983. The class was supposed to be A, Erica's Radical Thought, but she told us she was going to teach it as Minorities in America. I liked the time of day the class was so I kept the class. I loved the books she assigned and I was surprised and pleased that she read our journals. I had some very good profs at MSU and CMU, but she made a big impression on my way of thinking. I became a teacher, and am so glad I stopped by her office one day to thank her for her all her work. Great teacher, great person.*

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**Joe Grigas** - September 26, 2023 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ Pat was my freshman English professor at Michigan State in 1982. I just ran across the journal that I kept during my one year there - it has notes in it from her! This was part of a class assignment. I was full of angst with a boyfriend out of state and at the tender age of 19 couldn't see past my feelings. She was extremely kind and I'll never forget the fact that she thought I was a damn good writer at the age of 19. Ironically, that's what I do for a living now in Tech . I wish I'd had the chance to tell her how far I got!



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**Jennifer Peranteau** - July 01, 2022 at 12:00 AM

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**Jennifer Peranteau** - April 21, 2022 at 12:00 AM

KD

“ I am terribly saddened to learn of Pat's death. She was my ATL teacher and MSU from where I graduated in 1971. She and husband Bob became dear friends until we lost touch after I went to medical school. Pat was a phenomenal person and educator who will be greatly missed. She and daughter Robin visited my late mother here in Stockbridge in the 1970s at which time they toured Green Meads Farm. So many happy memories. Love and sincerest condolences to the family.



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**Kathleen Dietrich** - April 10, 2021 at 12:00 AM

JE

“ I was cleaning out some files today (12/6/2020) when I came across a paper of mine from Pat's class in 1979. I wasn't the best write back then, but she encouraged me to keep trying. As I was re-reading my work, I took more time to read her notes. In the assignment, I mentioned the Universities that my forefathers had attended. All of them were prestigious Northeastern schools. Buried in her comments was a brief question "What happened to the Northeastern schools? Non-conformist!!"

*That smile came some forty years later.*

*I can only hope that you have equally fond memories,*

*~Jerry '83*

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**jerry eisner** - December 06, 2020 at 12:00 AM

RJ

“ I was a student of Professor Julius in 1995. My favorite professor at Michigan State University. She was a very beautiful person.

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**Rasheeda Jones** - May 25, 2019 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ I'm an old friend of Pat's and was sorry to see she had passed. Pat was one of my English instructors when I attended Michigan State back in the early 70s. She and Bob would periodically invite a couple of us to their house for dinner to discuss life, politics and literature. We stayed in contact for many years and it was just in the last couple that I had lost contact with her. After graduation I continued my education and ended up as a faculty member at NC State University. It was always a joy to talk with her, tell her about a recent book I had read, catch up and share stories. Please share my condolences with her family and please share with them how fortunate I feel to have known Pat and to have had her enrich my life with her joy of living. Jay 5104 Forest Garden Ln. Raleigh, NC 27606

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**Jay Levine** - March 24, 2019 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Going to miss you, Pat. I can remember quite a few conversations we had about things people usually never talk about and I'm glad we did. Thank you for being open and willing to hear. Much love!

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**Jenni Madden** - November 05, 2018 at 12:00 AM

RJ

“ Dear Robin, I am so sorry. I just saw this tonight and didn't know you were coping with another loss. The woman at the desk said she used to babysit for you when I said you were one of my students. I send prayers and caring. Ruthie

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**Ruth Johnston-Pike** - November 05, 2018 at 12:00 AM