



Julia C. Van Halm

March 8, 1934 - July 24, 2014

Julia Clare Douma Van Halm passed away on July 24, 2014 in Lynden, Washington; she was 80 years old. Julia was born in Overschie outside of Rotterdam in the Netherlands on March 8, 1934 to Sybren and Elisabet Douma. Julia immigrated to Grand Rapids, Michigan in 1949 with her parents and siblings. She attended Calvin College and graduated at nineteen in 1953, with a Bachelor of Science in Biology and a minor in English.

While visiting her grandmother in the Netherlands she met Dutchman Wigger “Rook” Van Halm on a trip to Austria in 1955. They married in June of 1957 in Michigan, later moving to Bellingham, WA in 1959. She had a long career as a registered medical technologist in Whatcom County and was a member of St. James Presbyterian Church. Julia was a down to earth early environmentalist who enjoyed volunteering at the local food bank. She enjoyed crossword and jigsaw puzzles as well as taking walks. Julia was an accomplished knitter and an avid reader who truly consumed books!

Julia is survived by her loving husband of 57 years, Rook Van Halm of Bellingham, who presently resides at Lynden Manor, Lynden. Her children are Elizabeth McLean and husband Robert of Richland, WA and Thomas Van Halm and wife Margo of Bellevue, WA. She is also survived by her four beloved grandchildren: Julia and Thomas McLean and David and Mariah Van Halm. Julia’s siblings are Francine Titus (deceased) and husband Glenn of

Bellingham, Jeltje Mulder and husband Henk (deceased) of Grand Rapids, MI, Peter Douma and wife Mardi of Byron Center, MI, Edward Douma and wife Carolyn of Byron Center, MI and many loving nieces and nephews.

The family would like to thank the staff at Lynden Manor Specialty Wing for their dedicated and loving care of Julia these last several years. In addition they would like to thank Whatcom Hospice for their excellent support.

Farewell Tribute Information

There will be a memorial service at St. James Presbyterian Church, 910 14th Street, Bellingham, WA on Friday, August 22nd at 11:30 am. Donations Information

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to the Alzheimer Society of Washington, 1308 Meador Ave., Suite C-01, Bellingham, WA 98229.

Tribute Wall

BS

“*Julia, the memories we shared including visiting Holland will always be with Frank and me. It is always hard losing a dear friend but we will meet in the hereafter and share a hug. Beverly.*”

Beverly Ann Schukar - July 24, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BQ

“*My sincere condolences to Julia’s family and friends. May you find comfort and hope in the promise recorded at Revelation 21:4 where it says “And he will wipe out every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away”. I am truly sorry for your loss.*”

Babe Quintrall - July 24, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LG

“*I enjoyed years of conversation with Julia as neighbors. Julia was exceptionally kind and intelligent. I missed her very much when she left her family home and moved to Lynden. Julia’s husband, Rook, is also an exceptionally beautiful and kind man. Rook kept the family home cozy and warm and visited Julia daily. Julia, you are at peace now and now you know your family is doing very well because you were such a wonderful mother and wife. See you again my friend. Love Liz Gallery.*”

Liz Gallery - July 24, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ I knew Julia Through parish life at St.James Presbyterian Church in Bellingham. Her radiance a blessing. Rook was the love of her life. Together, they modeled a marriage so encouraging to our youth and young families.

Margaret Moles - July 24, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TV

“ our sympathies are given to Pete and Mardi and the families of Julia.

tom and cheryl veldman - July 24, 2014 at 12:00 AM