



## Julie Elizabeth Davis

May 17, 1965 - December 21, 2020

Julie Sumner Davis passed away on December 21, 2020 at age 55 from complications due to multiple myeloma, which she bravely battled for the last 3 years. Heaven has gained a beautiful angel. The way Julie battled cancer was nothing short of miraculous. She kept telling everyone “you can put me in all the pain in the world; I just want more time with my family.” Although we only got to keep her for 55 years, there are so many wonderful memories with her that we will cherish forever.

Julie was born on May 17, 1965 in Tacoma, Washington. She has lived in Bellingham, Washington for the last 24 years. She is survived by her parents Richard Sumner and Betty Sumner, her brother Mike Sumner (Carolyn and Cole), and her two children Andrea Davis (Nate Driscoll) and Shane Davis. Julie earned her first degree in business and accounting from Western Washington University. She went on to work in accounting in multiple private and non-private sectors. Later in life, Julie, inspired by her experience helping her daughter Andrea with dyslexia, pursued her degree in special education. Advocating for children with learning disabilities was her passion, and she was a phenomenal advocate. She loved working with her students and colleagues at Isom elementary, as well as the students she tutored. Watching her teach was such a treat because you could tell she was really in her element. Julie was also a very dedicated single mom. Her kids often referred to her as their Wonder Woman. She taught courage, kindness, and how to fight for what is

right. She was the family's North Star. She was always front and center at her children's games and performances. She could often be found at the ball field on Saturday watching her son Shane play. Julie's tenacious and beautiful spirit is hard to capture in just an obituary; she was a loyal friend, with a quick wit, and she knew how to tell a joke that would have you busting at the seams laughing. She cherished many close friendships, which she considered her chosen family. Julie was also quite the baker. She was well known for her world's best chocolate chip cookies, as well as her expertly decorated birthday cakes. Julie loved the water and often told us that it was where she felt most at peace. She loved boating and walking the boardwalk. "They say you die twice. One time when you stop breathing, and a second time, a bit later on, when somebody says your name for the last time." So, we would like to encourage you to take a walk by the water and think of Julie and share your favorite story of her with a friend to keep her memory with us.

At this time because of Covid-19 restrictions, the family will not be having a large funeral.

Julie was buried at Greenacres Memorial Park in Ferndale, Washington following a small family service.

Donations in Julie's name can be sent to Project Violet at Fred Hutch. There is also a Gofundme for Julie's Children if you would like to donate. We would like to thank all of the community for the outpouring of support. Julie was such an incredibly beautiful person, and she will be deeply missed.

# Tribute Wall

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“*Julie and I grew up together in University Place. We would play together and I had so much fun when I spent the night at her house. We had connected again through Facebook messenger. Julie, I will miss you and I love you..*

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**Tracy (Shields) Williamson** - April 19, 2021 at 12:00 AM

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“*Dearest Betty, Richard, Andrea, Shane, Mike, Nate, and family, It has been so difficult to express my feelings of sorrow as you are also grieving for Julie. The heart is never ready to say goodbye to someone we love. She meant the world to so many of us. She was my loyal and encouraging friend. I had the privilege to know her and observe her work with children. Her students at Alderwood experienced academic and social emotional success! She brightened our days and changed the trajectory of countless of lives through her teaching! I will miss her always! May peace softly replace your heartache. Sending big warm hugs to you, Richard, Andrea, Shane, Mike, Nate, Carolyn, and Cole.*  
*With Much Love,*  
*Josie*

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**Josephine Estrada** - March 15, 2021 at 12:00 AM

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“*Julie and I met when our boys were in school together at Assumption and we stayed in touch over the years. She was always full of energy and was one of the few people on my life who could talk as much as me! She raised sweet, respectful and amazing kids who will carry on her legacy. May she Rest In Peace.*

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**Connie Faria** - February 16, 2021 at 12:00 AM

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“ I’ve known Julie since the South Hill kids were small. She was always involved and enthusiastic in all their endeavours. Often when Shane came to pick up Owen on the way to school she had sent blueberry pancakes for them to eat on the way. She was totally involved in all their activities. She fought her cancer intently and bravely. My sympathy to Betty and Richard and the family and much love and concern to Andrea and Shane who bravely took such good care of her. Carol Lunney

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**Carol Lunney** - February 14, 2021 at 12:00 AM

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“ I’m so lucky to have met Julie and become a part of her family. Andrea and I were able to spend a lot of time over in Bellingham this past year, and I’ll always cherish those memories. I know that Julie spent a lot of that time in pain, yet she showed a tremendous amount of strength and resilience and was always still there for her family. I don’t know how she remained as strong as she did through it all. I’ll always remember that strength she had. I’ll always miss Julie, but I take solace in knowing that she’s happy and hurting no more and that someday we’ll all see her again.

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**Nate** - February 14, 2021 at 12:00 AM