



## Julianne (Julie) Adkins Sutch

June 14, 1949 - November 20, 2021

Julianne “Julie” Adkins Sutch passed away November 20, 2021 at her home in Memphis, TN surrounded by her adoring family after a brave battle with brain cancer.

She was born in 1949 in Memphis at St. Joseph Hospital, the daughter of Octavia and James Brunson Adkins of Proctor, Arkansas. She moved to Memphis in high school eventually graduating from Messick High School, Class of 1967. She continued her education at Southern Methodist University where she obtained a Bachelor’s degree and was a member of Chi Omega Sorority. She then went on to Memphis State University where she obtained a Master’s degree and was a member of the Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society.

While at Memphis State, she met her loving husband, Don Sutch, and the pair married in 1979. Julie gave birth to two beautiful girls, Jennifer Sutch Slager (Joseph) and Stephanie Anne Sutch. She is also survived by the light of her life, her grandson William Grant Slager.

After 50 years of service, Julie retired in June, 2021 from the University of Tennessee Health Science Center where she gave her life’s work to helping students and staff navigate the campus she ran with a kind word, quick wit, and unparalleled dedication. It was often said that if you needed information at UT, go see Julie, but be prepared to take a number at the door because everyone needed her.

Julie had a strong Christian life and was a member of Christ Methodist Church for many years. Julie had friends too numerous to count and would often be found on a Sunday afternoon in her kitchen making a bread or casserole for a friend in need of comfort. She took great pride in helping people – friends and strangers alike – whether that be through monetary donations, a smile and a prayer, or advice that so many sought and greatly valued.

Julie brought happiness to all who knew her. She will be deeply missed by her family, but

we know she will have peace in Heaven in the loving arms of her mother and father.

The family will receive relatives and friends on Thursday, December 2 at 12:00 p.m. with a memorial service to follow at 1:00 p.m. all in the Riverside Chapel of Memorial Park Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made in Julie's memory to the Glioblastoma Foundation or St. Jude Children's Hospital.

Memorial Park Funeral Home and Cemetery, 5668 Poplar Ave, Memphis, TN, 38119.  
(901) 767-8930.

# Cemetery

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## Memorial Park Cemetery

5668 Poplar Ave

Memphis, TN, 38119

# Events

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**DEC 2 Visitation 12:00PM - 01:00PM**

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Memorial Park Riverside Chapel

5668 Poplar Avenue, Memphis, TN, US, 38119

**DEC 2 Memorial Service 01:00PM**

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Memorial Park Funeral Home-Riverside Chapel

5668 Poplar Avenue, Memphis, TN, US, 38119

# Comments

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“ Julie was a dear friend, confidant, and advisor. She was, indeed, a treasure. I will miss her sweet smile and ready laugh.

Debbie Smith

**Debbie Smith** - December 01, 2021 at 07:29 AM

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“ Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Julianne (Julie) Adkins Sutch.



November 30, 2021 at 11:47 AM

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“ Julie was a special "friend" who loved life, family and community. She supported my family on many occasions. Whether she attended my son's state choir concerts (clapping and rocking along with the performers) or through prayer during my own loss - her kind soul was present. I will forever cherish Mrs. Julie Sutch and send my condolences to all who love her. May God bless and keep each of you.

Jennifer Stewart - Friend and UTHSC Colleague

**Jennifer Stewart** - November 30, 2021 at 11:26 AM

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“ Julie was one of the first people I met when I begin working in the payroll office at UTHSC in 1997. We had many chats through the years; so easy to talk with and to confide in. She was a beautiful and kind sou.

So thankful knowing she is with Jesus.

God bless her family.

Barbara Jerden

**Barbara** - November 30, 2021 at 10:29 AM

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“ Julie was a rare spirit in that one always felt safe around her. At work, if she didn't have an answer, she didn't treat one (me) as if I should already know the answer. She was the embodiment of Maya Angelou's quote in that "people will forget what you said and what you did, but will never forget how you made them feel." Her moral compass was palpable and I will miss the "lightness" that she brought to me...and others. Continuing sweet peace to her, her personal family, and her professional work colleagues ~ Jean Perdicaris

**Jean Perdicaris** - November 30, 2021 at 09:56 AM

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“ Julie was the consummate professional and a caring and loving spirit. We will miss her at UTHSC. - Jackie Cotton

**Jackie Cotton** - November 30, 2021 at 09:24 AM

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“ Joyful Memory was purchased for the family of Julianne (Julie) Adkins Sutch.



November 29, 2021 at 11:08 AM

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“ Love Always: Jim and Dawn York purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Julianne (Julie) Adkins Sutch.



Love Always: Jim and Dawn York - November 29, 2021 at 09:10 AM

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“ Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Julianne (Julie) Adkins Sutch.



November 28, 2021 at 08:49 PM

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“ My deepest sympathies and condolences to Julie’s family.....husband Don, daughters Jennifer & Stephanie and grandson Grant.

Julie has been one of my dearest & closest friends and UTHSC colleague for the past 35 years. She’s one of the sweetest, kindest, empathetic & compassionate people I’ve ever met.

I never heard her utter an unkind word about anyone nor did I ever hear her say a “bad” word. She was always thinking & doing for others rather than herself. In times of need, she was always asking her family, friends and even strangers “What can I do to help?”

She’s always been a calming force & voice of reason in my life both professionally & personally. Everyone who knew her loved her!

On Wed, 11/17/2021, I was honored & privileged to speak & say a few words of tribute to & about Julie’s 50th year anniversary @ UTHSC’s employee service recognition ceremony. What an incredibly successful professional career accomplishment & blessing! Julie & her family were watching the program via Zoom. I hope she realized just how much she was truly appreciated, respected & loved by her UTHSC colleagues & friends. She is and will always be a UTHSC iconic legend!

Julie has always been such a strong person and a fighter. This past year, she fought one heck of a fight but God decided this Angel on Earth was needed in Heaven! And God certainly got a great one, too!

There will never be another person quite like her. She is one in a million. I’m so sad and heartbroken as I know her entire family is. I loved her dearly.

Thank you, Julie, from the bottom of my heart for being a true friend to me for over 3.5 decades. I’m sure going to miss our talks, your advice, your life’s wisdom and your always smiling face! I’m a better person in life today from having known you as a true friend.

Her family are in my thoughts and prayers.

Douglas Cook  
Friend & UTHSC colleague