



## Juliet d'Lancey Morford

June 6, 1951 - April 6, 2023

Rye - Juliet d'Lancey Brigham Morford, 71, of Rye, NH, passed away on April 6, 2023 from a sudden illness. She was born on June 6, 1951, daughter of the late Lindsey R. Brigham and Frances P. Brigham.

Julie grew up in Newfields, NH and was a graduate of Exeter High School. She attended Smith College in Northampton, MA where she studied theatre arts. After graduating with her bachelor's degree, she spent some time in New York City and New Haven, CT before returning to Northampton to work as an admissions counselor for the college that she loved, Smith. She was extremely intelligent, was a passionate advocate for women's education, and enthusiastically touted the benefits of women's colleges to all who would listen. Julie worked her way up through the admissions office at Smith, eventually becoming the Director of Admissions before she retired.

In 1994, Julie moved to Greens Farms, CT, where she married Doran Morford. Julie became an active participant at Greens Farms Academy, serving as a substitute teacher and volunteering in their drama department. Using her knowledge of her first love, theatre, Julie was a great asset to the department, making sets, sewing costumes, working stage crew, coaching students, and anything else that was needed. She was also active at Trinity Baptist Church as a member of the worship team and church choir.

Julie moved to her family home in Rye, NH with her husband in 2003. She became an active member of Middle Street Baptist Church in Portsmouth, where she served as moderator, worked on the missions committee and sang on the music team. She was a member of Sounds of the Seacoast Women's A cappella Chorus for many years, performing in concerts all over the east coast.

She loved gardening, theatre, music, the many birds and animals that visited her yard, walks on the beach with her husband, and attending the various concerts, sporting events, and recitals of her many nieces, nephews, and granddaughters.

Julie is survived by her husband, Doran B. Morford; niece Deborah Welsh Ibanez; nephews Robert L. Welsh, John D. Welsh, and Peter A. Welsh; stepsons Zachary Morford and Lucas Morford; granddaughters Melanie Morford and Grace Morford; and grand-nieces and nephews Hunter LeRoux-Porter, Emilie LeRoux, Katarina Ibanez, Miriam Welsh, Mateo Ibanez, Cyprian Welsh, Noah LeRoux, Alex LeRoux, Robert Welsh, Gemma Welsh, and Veronica Welsh. Julie was predeceased by her older sister Linda B. Welsh in 1989. In 1994, Julie and her husband Doran became the guardians of Linda's two youngest children, who they raised through their teenaged years into adulthood. They also took on the role of grandparents for all of Linda's grandchildren with love and generosity. She will be greatly missed.

Visiting hours will be from 4 to 6 pm on Wednesday, April 12, 2023 in the Remick & Gendron Funeral – Crematory, 811 Lafayette Rd., Hampton. A memorial service will be held at 11 am on Thursday, April 13 at the Middle Street Baptist Church, 18 Court St., Portsmouth. In lieu of Flowers contributions may be made to the Blue Ocean Society or Smith College.

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

APR **12**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Remick & Gendron Funeral Home - Crematory  
811 Lafayette Road ·  
Hampton, NH 03842  
(603) 926-6500  
info@remickgendron.com  
<https://www.RemickGendron.com/>

## Memorial Service

APR **13**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Middle Street Baptist Church  
18 Court Street  
Portsmouth, NH 03801

# Tribute Wall

HH

“Doran, For some very odd reason (!), I thought of you last night and wondered how you were doing, where you were doing, and what you were doing. I googled your name and came upon Julie's obituary and a sermon you preached at your church earlier this year on remembering, which I just listened to. I only met Julie through you, when we visited you on a furlough in Green Farms, and then when you visited us in Boauké. Even reflected, she was wonderful. I'm so sad to read of your sudden and tragic loss, equal is pain to the joy she brought you for so many years. I would love to re-connect, if/when you have energy for it. Ralph and I will be in Rhode Island early August and could possible drive up for a walk on the shore, for example. Living in Phoenixville, PA now. Please give my condolences to Zac and Lucas.

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**Harriet Hill** - May 21, 2023 at 07:17 AM

LT

“ I wish to express my very, very sincere condolences to you, Doran, and the entire Morford family.

*My memories of Julie go back to 1969 when I first met her in Exeter. We shared wonderful times together our senior year (along with Karen Savage Bark) before we graduated from high school. I was thrilled when she and I were accepted to attend Smith College that year. I kept in contact with her through my years at Smith (she was in Wilder House and I was in Northrop). I followed her career in the Admissions Department. She constantly amazed me, since she achieved so much with a smile on her face, and glowed with warmth, humor and a love for people and life.*

*Julie left a lasting impression with me the rest of my life. I was heartbroken when I read she passed away last month. Now 54 years later, I feel as though I lost a dear friend whom I had just spent time with yesterday.*

*Lynn Dahlstrom Traficant (Winnacunnet High School, Class of 1969)*

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Lynn Traficanti - May 05, 2023 at 09:14 AM

SH

“ So sorry for Julie’s passing—fabulous humor, kindness, wisdom, creativity, friendship over decades!

*So grateful to have been part of the wonderful Julie—Smith College admission team and the awesome extended Morford family. Didn’t get funnier than putting on our cowboy boots and boot scoot line dancing in Northampton! Loved regularly sharing the gorgeous world she and Doran created in Rye. Such a loss. 💕💕*

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Sarah Hoffman - April 19, 2023 at 10:30 AM

MI

“ My condolences to Doran and all the family. I worked with Julie when she served as Acting Director of Admissions at Smith College. She was an inspiring and energetic manager with a terrific sense of humor. Julie oozed kindness and would always lend a thoughtful ear to staff, faculty and prospective students and their families. May she rest in peace.

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**Mary Irwin** - April 13, 2023 at 11:00 AM

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“ One of the kindest, sweetest people I have ever had the privilege of meeting and working with. Julie lit up the room when she walked in. Doran, my deepest condolences on your loss...our loss. Beautiful memories.

*Carole Laliberte*

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**Carole Laliberte** - April 12, 2023 at 04:10 PM

CD

“ My condolences to Doran and family. You cannot help but smile just saying her name. She spread light everywhere. Beautiful, gentle, funny - just a wonderful person to know and be around.

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**Camille Duffy** - April 12, 2023 at 09:37 AM

LK

“ My heart goes out to Doran and the whole family. Julie was such a kind, generous and loving woman. We had such wonderful times as roommates during our travels with Sounds of the Seacoast. Her spirit will certainly live on through all the lives she has touched. The world was a better place because of her.

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**Lucille Karatzas** - April 12, 2023 at 09:17 AM

PS

“ *Julie was such a joy to be with and a talented addition to the Sounds of the Seacoast chorus when she sang with us. She was well loved by all! Peggy Scott*

Peggy Scott - April 12, 2023 at 09:03 AM

MN

“ *I am so heartbroken that Julie is gone. One of my favorite memories of Julie when we worked together at Smith in the 80s is her regular appointment to get her eyelashes dyed every month or two since she worried that her pale blond hair and eyelashes would make people think she had no eyelids. She was a beautiful person inside and out, with or without dye. I shall miss her dearly. I hope her entire family will find comfort in memories of that amazing, funny and kind soul of hers. Margi Nareff*

Margaret W Nareff - April 11, 2023 at 08:24 PM

YF

“ *Your Friendship PCS family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Juliet d'Lancey Morford.*



Your Friendship PCS family - April 11, 2023 at 07:53 PM

SW

“ *Julie each Christmas would buy me and my family a Stonewall Kitchen Pancake Mix and drop it by my office as a gift. Such a nice lady! Scott W*

Scott T White - April 10, 2023 at 03:57 PM