



Julie A. Stephens

January 7, 1931 - March 5, 2024

Julie A. Stephens, 93, born January 07, 1931, in Slovakia as Julie Anne Vacval, closed her sparkling blue eyes for the last time March 05, 2024. She is preceded in death by her parents Gaspar and Anna Vacval; her adopted mother and father Helen and Joseph Sanko; her husband George Stephens, his children and her siblings. She leaves her daughter-in-law Phyllis Stephens (James), several nieces and nephews, two granddaughters and five great-grandchildren. Known by family and friends as a passionate animal lover, Julie also left her faithful canine companion, Bella Button.

Julie was a longtime resident of Lake County. When a single, young woman she was one of the early flight attendants for a Chicago based airline. Once married, Julie came to live in Lake County with husband George. The Stephens raised Appaloosa horses and were active in organizing and participating in horse shows in Lake County and throughout the country.

Julie also joined her lovely soprano voice with the Prince of Peace parish choir and sang with the Waukegan chorus for many years. She especially enjoyed performing with the community at the Waukegan Chorus' annual Christmas "Do-It-Yourself Messiah".

Her quick wit and quirky sense of humor will be missed by those who knew and loved her.

Those interested in recognizing Julie's life may make contributions to Save-a-Pet, Inc. in Grayslake.

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