



## Mrs. Julie Howell Robinson

February 18, 1945 - August 1, 2016

Julie Kaye Howell Robinson, 71, went to be with Jesus on Monday, August 1, 2016, after a three-year battle with pancreatic cancer.

Her smile and sweet spirit blessed all those who knew her. She was a beautiful daughter, sister, mother, and grandmother whose life reflected the selflessness and kindness of her Savior. She loved life, loved her children and grandchildren, and loved God.

She was born to William Lawrence Howell and Doris Tomberlin Howell on February 18, 1945, in Jacksonville, Florida. She grew up in Fort Lauderdale and, later, Plant City, graduating from Plant City Senior High School in 1963. She met her husband Gary A. Robinson at Florida State University, and they were married in August 1965. They raised their three children in Delray Beach, Florida. For most of the ensuing two decades, she balanced homemaking and work.

She earned her bachelor degree in Elementary Education at FSU and Florida Atlantic University, and taught in Palm Beach County from 1984 to 1989. Prior to this, she was the children's librarian at the Delray Beach Public Library. Reading and books were one of her passions throughout her life, and in 1994 she started a new adventure by earning a graduate degree in Library Science from the University of South Florida. She spent the final years of her career at

the Plant City Public Library.

She was preceded in death by her father, William Lawrence Howell; mother Doris Shirley Tomberlin Howell; and husband Gary Arthur Robinson. She is survived by her daughter Diana (Keld) Petersen and their children Austin and Kendall, of Plant City; son David (Sonia) Robinson and their daughter Abigail, of Lakeland; son Stephen (Marjorie) Robinson of Boynton Beach, and their children Cole, Mark, and Alice, of Boynton Beach, FL; brother, Lawrence (Sarah) Howell of Lakeland; and brother Stephen (Kathy) Howell of Plant City.

A celebration of life will be held on Friday, August 5 at 11:00 A.M. at Gracepoint Plant City, 1107 Charlie Griffin Road, Plant City, where the family will receive friends beginning at 10:00 A.M. Committal to follow at Springhead Cemetery, Lakeland. Expressions of condolence at [www.HopewellFuneral.com](http://www.HopewellFuneral.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Springhead Cemetery

County Line Road  
Lakeland, FL

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 5. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Gracepoint Plant City  
1107 Charlie Griffin Road  
Plant City, FL 33566  
<http://www.gracepointpc.org>

## Celebration of Life

AUG 5. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Gracepoint Plant City  
1107 Charlie Griffin Road  
Plant City, FL 33566  
<http://www.gracepointpc.org>

# Tribute Wall

VM

“ *Julie had truly been a fine example of a Christian. By living her life to the fullest, she had demonstrated that life is what you make of it despite the detours and problems we all face. Her radiant smile always greeted me and I'm sure she is smiling in Heaven.*

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**Vince Marciano** - August 07, 2016 at 09:24 AM

KE

“ *I miss you Nana.  
Walking into your empty room automatically makes me heart drop. I don't think it will set in for a while that you are actually gone. You were my best friend, my favorite secret keeper, my favorite artist, my life coach. To this day I never understood how your love can be so strong for so many people who didn't deserve it. I keep telling myself that you're looking down on me and continuing to share my laughs and cries as you always have. You were taken too soon from us. You built one heck of an army behind you. You left such a legacy and so much love down here on earth. Tell gaga and papa I said hello. I love you nana so much. I pray our family can continue to make you proud and be close. I know that's what you want.  
Kendall*

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**kendall** - August 06, 2016 at 03:33 PM

“ Mom,

*I miss you so much. The world seems to be a little less bright, for you're no longer here. I know you're with Jesus, and I don't know if these words I'm now writing can be heard by you where you are. Regardless, I want to say them, and I hope that anyone who reads them, any one of your family or friends, will be encouraged by these thoughts.*

*Since you went home on Monday, I've been continually remembering a thousand little moments in our lives. I could not imagine having been blessed with a more wonderful mother than the mother you were to us. You were so young for us to lose you. All of our lives, you thought of everyone else before yourself. You loved Diana, Stephen, and me, and laid down your life for us from the time you brought us into the world until the end.*

*When Abby was born, you sent me a card which said, in effect, "Now you understand how much I've always loved you". I could write a book detailing the many stories which illustrated that love. How could someone go through life sharing so much love and kindness to everyone around them? Never an ill thought, always willing to think the best of others. Never a critical spirit, and certainly not a complaining spirit.*

*You were so thoughtful, not just "thoughtful" meaning "considerate", but also thoughtful as in "intellectual, curious, wise". You loved to learn, and I'm sure that to the extent we, your children and grandchildren, share that characteristic, we owe much of it to you. You were my conversational partner for discussing life, theology, philosophy, or anything else. You always listened to me without getting bored; or, if you were bored, you were far too kind to tell me so. Maybe you are even now getting answers up there to some of those questions that, here in this life, seem to have no answers (I Cor. 13:12).*

*Your life was filled with faith. You and Dad took us to church, and helped us find our way to the Cross. You didn't really preach to anyone, for the most part, but actions speak louder than words. You walked the walk. Each of us is a unique and priceless creature made in God's image, but to me, you were a particular masterpiece.*

*And you did all of this in spite of the burdens and crosses you had to bear. I know that you had struggles and heartaches.*

*I know how much Diana is going to miss you --- you were her rock, to be sure. I know that cousin Billy is going to miss his movie buddy. Abby, Austin, Kendall, Cole, Mark, and Alice, are going to miss their Nana. I know my Abby is going to miss her Nana, and miss all of the conversations that the two of you had about the various books they read and shared. I know you must be so happy seeing Papa, and Gaga, and Sarah, and Lorene, and Joyce and everyone else.*

*In the last month I have prayed many times that, when I think of you, your memory will inspire me, by the grace of God, to be a better Christian, better husband, better father, better teacher --- in every way to be more Christ-like; that I will spend the rest of my life trying to serve others before myself; that I will honor your memory by growing in faith and being conformed to the image of Christ.*

*I pray that anyone who was at your funeral service and heard the Gospel preached there, anyone whose own heart may not yet be at peace with God, would be drawn by the Holy Spirit to repentance; that their heart would be turned back to God, even as God has been so merciful to me, despite all my doubts and unfaithfulness.*

*God bless you, Mom. I love you, and I know we will all think of you every day.*

*Love,  
David*

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**David Robinson** - August 06, 2016 at 11:20 AM

MA

*Thank you David that was beautifully said & inspiring. Love Marjorie*

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**marjorie** - August 06, 2016 at 01:23 PM

FB

“ *What a beautiful family you all have shared with us... Ms. Julie was and is a beautiful woman from sunrise to sunset! We at the the Bruton Memorial Library have been blessed immensely to be a part of her life's journey.*

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**Felecia Broome** - August 04, 2016 at 05:53 PM

DR

*Thank-you, and God bless you. I met so many of Mom's friends from the library at the funeral yesterday, and I thank you for coming to honor her memory, and to say good-bye to her.*

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**David Robinson** - August 06, 2016 at 11:24 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Mrs. Julie Howell Robinson.*



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August 04, 2016 at 12:37 PM

DC

“ *Julie was a wonderful friend and a joy to work with. She trained me when I came to the Bruton Memorial Library and was always kind and funny. She will truly be missed by all her fellow librarians. Julie can now do all the reading she wants and snack on her favorite candies, Werther's and Tootsie rolls.*

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**Debbie Clark** - August 04, 2016 at 08:55 AM

DR

*Thank-you, Debbie. I'm going to take the liberty to speak for my whole family in thanking you, and Felecia, and everyone else at the library, for attending the funeral. It really says a lot that her co-workers from several years ago thought enough of her to take the time to come out, to say good-bye to her, and to honor her memory. Of course, I understand from speaking to you, that many of you considered Julie a friend. Thank-you so much.*

David Robinson - August 06, 2016 at 11:40 AM



“ 44 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Hopewell Funeral Home - August 03, 2016 at 11:04 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Mrs. Julie Howell Robinson.



August 03, 2016 at 07:56 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mrs. Julie Howell Robinson.*



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August 03, 2016 at 02:04 AM



“ *Lee, Alice, Jennifer, Lee,Levenson & family purchased the Garden of Serenity Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Julie Howell Robinson.*



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**Lee, Alice, Jennifer, Lee,Levenson & family** - August 02, 2016 at 09:51 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss. May God grant you his strength and peace at this time.*  
*Robin and Patti Young*

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**Patti Young** - August 02, 2016 at 09:18 PM



*Thank-you. God bless you.*

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**David Robinson** - August 06, 2016 at 11:41 AM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss. sHe was a beautiful lady inside and out . Your family is in my prayers .*  
*Amy Tinkle*  
*Dental Associates. At Walden Woods.*

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**amy trinkle** - August 02, 2016 at 07:34 PM

DR

*Amy,  
Thank-you so much. Yes, Julie truly was beautiful, inside and out.  
Thank-you for taking the time to remember our mother. God bless you.*

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**David Robinson** - August 06, 2016 at 11:43 AM

GV

*“ Julie was such a great friend and coworker, I will miss her. I know she is at peace and will spend her time in Heaven doing what she enjoyed most, reading. My condolences to her family. In this trying time know that Julie was an awesome person, well respected and will be missed by many.*

*Julie's friend  
Gale Vaccaro*

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**Gale Vaccaro** - August 02, 2016 at 03:53 PM

DR

*Gale,  
I don't know you, but I want to thank you for taking the time to express your condolences. I always wished that I could have known all of Julie's friends. Even though that isn't possible, I know that the life of anyone who knew her was richer for having known her. God bless you.*

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**David Robinson** - August 06, 2016 at 11:53 AM