



Julie Irene Kilty

November 18, 1958 - January 29, 2026

11/18/1958 - 1/29/2026: Julie Irene Kilty (Gardner) passed in the comfort of her home near LaGrange, WY, shortly after the sunset faded from her view of Mount 66. The word most often used to describe Julie was “classy.” Evident in every area of her life from the way she dressed with timeless elegance to the grace and professionalism she brought to her work. Whether engaging with friends, board members, customers, or business partners, Julie carried herself with integrity, warmth, and quiet confidence. Born in Belle Fourche, SD, to Edwin and Irene Gardner, Julie grew up on her grandfather’s homestead near Hammond, MT. The youngest of 5, her seat at the dinner table was second in line, right next to her dad, which was lucky, as it ensured she got her share before her big brothers could beat her to it. When the meal was finished, Julie was quick on her feet, often racing off to her treehouse; an expertly timed escape that just happened to coincide with dish duty. Those early years on the ranch with mentorship from her family, Julie learned many skills with lifelong love for family and home that would continuously thread through her life. Family was a consistent theme in Julie's life as an adult with many vacations planned around visiting family. She had a very special bond with her parents and siblings: visiting them often in Belle Fourche, SD, and across Montana. In 1978, Julie married her college sweetheart, Kerry Kilty, moving to LaGrange, WY in 1984. She raised two sons, was active in several community organizations, and founded many businesses over the years. Some of the most notable include the Broker Real Estate Guide (1989-present), a founding

member of the LaGrange-Bear Creek Community Library (1992), and Farm Girls Boutique (2011-2019). After the passing of Kerry in 2004, Julie was forced to demonstrate her grit and business savvy; actively maintaining the ranch, a hotel and restaurant, a magazine, and several partnerships; all while navigating creditors and mourning the loss of her husband. In later years, Julie enjoyed serving as a board of director for local and regional organizations: Wyrulec, Economic Development, EWC, Tri-state Generation, Wyoming Rural Electric Association (WREA), and Mid-West Electric Consumers Association. She enjoyed advocating for her communities, helping executives make hard decisions, and educating law makers. In Julie's entrepreneurial endeavors and board seats, she hired many capable men and women: empowered them, relied on them, and in many cases they became some of her closest friends. In 2007, a new chapter opened when Julie remarried to Dave Bartlett and inherited the Bartlett family whom she adored. Dave and Julie often traveled to visit family all across the country, and Julie had said on several occasions that she was twice blessed in love with two wonderful husbands. In 2013, Julie became a Grandma. She delighted in spending time with her grandkids: cooking them her famous spaghetti, playing dress up and cards, watching them put on comedy shows, taking them on shopping trips, and passing on the life skills she held so dearly. It is impossible in short form, to capture Julie's essence, the impressive nature of her accomplishments, and the impact that she had on her family and community. She will be missed, but her legacy will continue through those she has loved, mentored, and inspired. Preceded in death by her parents Ed and Irene Gardner (Lakson); husband Kerry Kilty; sister in law Patricia Gardner (Phillips); and nephew Geoffrey Gardner. Survived by her husband David Bartlett; siblings, Sue Anne (JR) Iman of Hamilton, MT, Dave Gardner of Ashland, MT, Doug (Kerry) Gardner of Broadus, MT and Greg (Lynn) Gardner of Polson, MT; sons Brennan (Amanda) Kilty of Bozeman, MT and Kyle (Taryn) Kilty of LaGrange, WY; bonus daughters Julia (Aron) Bartlett of Lakewood, CO and Liz (Jorge) Valverde-Bartlett of Cheyenne, WY; grandkids

Zoey, Lakson, Kerry, and Eli Kilty, Julia, Izzy, and Eloisa Bartlett. A member of First Presbyterian Church in Scottsbluff, NE. A celebration of life is planned for 10 AM, February 16th, on the ranch with the Reverend April Fiet presiding. All are welcome. Bar X Ranch 4569 Road 22 LaGrange, WY 82221 Memorials may be made in Julie's name to the LaGrange-Bear Creek Unity Association in support of the Library or the EWC Annual fund (please specify student scholarships).

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

FEB **16**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (MT)

Bar X Ranch
4569 Road 22
LaGrange, WY 82221

Tribute Wall



“ Sending our condolences to the Kilty, Bartlett and Gardner families. When a person thinks of grace and class, Julie comes to mind. It's amazing how much Julie reminds me of her mother. Irene and my mother, Anita Lakson Andersen were close. Thoughts and prayers to all.

Myron and Vonda Andersen

Myron Andersen - February 16 at 09:07 PM



“ A grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Julie Irene Kilty.

February 13 at 11:42 AM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Julie Irene Kilty.



February 12 at 06:01 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Julie Irene Kilty.

February 12 at 06:01 PM

TD

“ Tri-State Board of Directors. purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Julie Irene Kilty.

Tri-State Board of Directors. - February 12 at 03:34 PM

TD

“ Tri-State Board of Directors. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Julie Irene Kilty.

Tri-State Board of Directors. - February 12 at 03:34 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Julie Irene Kilty.



February 12 at 12:32 PM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Julie Irene Kilty.



February 12 at 10:49 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Julie Irene Kilty.

February 12 at 10:49 AM

MB

“ Morgan Biddison purchased the Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet for the family of Julie Irene Kilty.



Morgan Biddison - February 11 at 03:37 PM

CG

“ C Bar J Ranch - Tom,Pam , and girls. purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Julie Irene Kilty.



C Bar J Ranch - Tom,Pam , and girls. - February 11 at 12:00 PM

CG

“ C Bar J Ranch - Tom,Pam , and girls. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Julie Irene Kilty.

C Bar J Ranch - Tom,Pam , and girls. - February 11 at 12:00 PM

WR

“ WREA Board of Directors, Shawn & Robin purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Julie Irene Kilty.



WREA Board of Directors, Shawn & Robin - February 10 at 03:35 PM

WR

“ WREA Board of Directors, Shawn & Robin planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Julie Irene Kilty.

WREA Board of Directors, Shawn & Robin - February 10 at 03:35 PM

TB

“ The Cheyenne Rotary Club Board purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Julie Irene Kilty.



The Cheyenne Rotary Club Board - February 09 at 04:35 PM

TB

“ The Cheyenne Rotary Club Board planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Julie Irene Kilty.

The Cheyenne Rotary Club Board - February 09 at 04:35 PM

BW

“ Sending love, comfort and strength to the Gardner, Kilty and Bartlett family. Of all of her significant accomplishments and impacts, she took the most joy and was immeasurably proud of all of you. I am grateful to have known her, to have had her influence in my life, and already miss her deeply.



Brigid Woodward - February 09 at 03:52 PM

LE

My beautiful cousin! We had so much fun in our late teens (when we could drive and get into a little trouble!) Julie endured so much - all with a beautiful smile and twinkling eyes! She will always have a special place in my 'memory bank'!

Lennis - February 10 at 06:53 PM

LK

“ Lisa Tiffin and Anastasios Kolovos purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Julie Irene Kilty.



Lisa Tiffin and Anastasios Kolovos - February 08 at 02:16 PM

LK

“ Lisa Tiffin and Anastasios Kolovos planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Julie Irene Kilty.

Lisa Tiffin and Anastasios Kolovos - February 08 at 02:16 PM

RT

“ Randy & Cynde, Rick, Gary & Theresa purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Julie Irene Kilty.



Randy & Cynde, Rick, Gary & Theresa - February 07 at 11:08 AM

RT

“ Randy & Cynde, Rick, Gary & Theresa planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Julie Irene Kilty.

Randy & Cynde, Rick, Gary & Theresa - February 07 at 11:08 AM

BK

“ Julie was an amazing woman and she will be missed by everyone that knew her.



BETH KORELL - February 06 at 10:23 PM

CL

“ Carbon Power & Light purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Julie Irene Kilty.



Carbon Power & Light - February 06 at 02:07 PM

CL

“ Carbon Power & Light planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Julie Irene Kilty.

Carbon Power & Light - February 06 at 02:07 PM

BT

“ I am so sorry for your loss, Julie was a very special lady and her presence will be missed dearly. I will keep all of you in my thoughts and prayers, may you find peace and comfort in her memories.
Brenda Trumbull

Brenda Trumbull - February 06 at 01:35 PM

AC

I am so sorry to learn of Julie's passing. We worked on projects together at EWC and I found her to be warm and delightful. She was truly someone who made a difference.

Angie Chavez - February 07 at 10:50 AM