



# Mrs. Julie Gilbert Cotney

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**M**emorial Service for Mrs. Julie Gilbert Cotney, 67, of Daviston, AL, will be Wednesday,

June 5, 2024 at 2:00 pm at the Chapel of Radney Funeral Home. Rev. Phillip Green will officiate. The family will receive friends on Wednesday, June 5, 2024 from 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm at Radney Funeral Home.

Mrs. Cotney passed away Tuesday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at East Alabama Medical Center following a brief illness. She was born October 30<sup>th</sup>, 1956 in Alexander City, AL to Russell Cozell Gilbert and Abcie Clovis Hardy Gilbert. She attended Russell School and Benjamin Russell High School graduating in 1975. She continued her education at Auburn University and Troy State University receiving her Nursing degree in 1979. She began her long nursing career of more than 40 years first as a Registered Nurse at East Alabama Medical Center. She then worked to establish the Occupational Nursing testing program at Plantation Patterns in Wadley, AL. She was subsequently hired as an Occupational Health Nurse by Russell Corporation where she worked for more than twenty years. She spent the remainder of her nursing career at Fresenius Medical Care tirelessly serving dialysis patients. Following her retirement, she volunteered extensively with the Russell Medical Center Auxiliary. She was also a trusted member of her local communities providing advice and in home care to countless numbers of people young and old, with everything from minor scrapes and injuries to major medical emergencies.

Beyond her work as a healer and caretaker to others, she was a devoted wife of 46 years to her husband Ronald Lee Cotney and a loving mother to her two sons, Justin Lee Cotney and Matthew Alan Cotney. She was a staunch proponent of education and pushed her sons to receive higher education and pursue successful careers. She was an active member of Daviston Baptist Church and the New Site Senior Citizens Group. Throughout her life she had a love of gardening and the



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outdoors creating a lush, beautiful landscape at her home in Daviston. She was a lifelong learner and received a Master Gardener certificate from the Alabama Cooperative Extension System in 2023. She was an active member of the Tallapoosa County Master Gardeners Association sharing her experience and love of horticulture throughout the area.

She is survived by her husband Ronald Lee Cotney; sons, Dr. Justin Lee Cotney (Dr. Jennifer You) and Matthew Alan Cotney (Caitlyn Cotney); grandchildren, Wyatt Cotney, Olivia Cotney, Ava Cotney, Russell Cotney, and Phoebe Cotney; sister, Polly Gilbert (John Rifenbark, dec.); nephews Will Rifenbark and Graham Rifenbark; brother-in-law Danny Cotney (Gaye Cotney); nieces Ryan Cotney Fincher and Rebecca Cotney Paton; and numerous cousins. She was preceded in death by her parents Cozell and Clovis Gilbert.

Private graveside services to be held at a later date and time.

The family requests those who wish to express sympathy to consider making a donation to their favorite charity in Julie's name.

Radney Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Julie Gilbert Cotney.



# Tribute Wall

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**Radney Funeral Home** shared a **Video**.



May 27 at 7:00 PM



**Danny And Mardy Parrish** posted:

Monk, our hearts are saddened by the loss of your beloved wife. Please accept our condolences in this trying times. Danny and Mardy Parrish

June 4 at 7:00 PM



**Alton & Lesia Freeman** posted:

"Mrs. Julie Gilbert Cotney" will remain in our hearts forever. Your smile and kindness will truly be missed.

June 3 at 7:00 PM



**Kristy Joiner** lit a candle in honor of Mrs. Julie.



June 3 at 7:00 PM



**Barbara Jennings** lit a candle in honor of Mrs. Julie.



June 3 at 7:00 PM



**Annette Forbes** posted:

Dear Cotney Family My heart goes out to the entire family. Julie and I worked together at Rusell. I worked in HR and Julie was our Occupational nurse who was very well respected and loved by many. Prayers to the family. Annette Forbes

June 3 at 7:00 PM



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KH

**Kathy Hill** posted:

Julie was a very special and loving person. She was our nurse at Russell for a while. Always had a big smile. She will be missed but Heaven has gained another angel. I am blessed to have known her.

June 2 at 7:00 PM

JG

**Joe And Pauline Goyette** lit a candle in honor of Mrs. Julie.



June 1 at 7:00 PM

ME

**Melissa Edwards** posted:

We will miss you're contagious laugh and all the conversations. Love and miss you! Until we meet again my sister in Christ!!

June 1 at 7:00 PM

SM

**Shirley Martin** lit a candle in honor of Mrs. Julie.

So sorry for your loss! Julie was a great nurse.



June 1 at 7:00 PM

DG

**Donna Greene** lit a candle in honor of Mrs. Julie.

Back several years ago, Julie was my mother's dialysis nurse. We loved her so much! She came to me when my son died during this time and when my mother passed! Since that time when I would see her around town we would have loads to talk about. What a beautiful person she was...inside & out !!!



June 1 at 7:00 PM

BG

**Brenda Grogan** lit a candle in honor of Mrs. Julie.



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**Vickie Campbell** posted:

Our hearts are heavy with sorrow at the loss of Mrs. Julie, a woman whose love knew no bounds. The joy she emanated during our shared times as she volunteered at the gift shop at Russell Medical will be indelibly imprinted on our memories. Her laughter will forever echo within our hearts. May her gentle soul rest peacefully in eternal tranquility. We miss you already. Until we meet again.....  
❤️.Love you bunches!Vickie Peters Campbell

May 31 at 7:00 PM



**Beverly Tease** lit a candle in honor of Mrs. Julie.



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**Rachel Hamlet Belcher** lit a candle in honor of Mrs. Julie.

My life was blessed by the crossing of the life trail of Ms. Julie Cotney. We attended the same Sunday School Class for years at Daviston Baptist. I taught her oldest son Justin in the Daviston First Grade Class. She was excellent mother to work with. She not only pushed Justin in his class work but encouraged him to do his best in all areas of school life. Julie truly had a servant's heart. She was always thinking of ways to help others or just to show her gratitude to others for what they did for her and her family. Not only was she one of my student's mothers, but I also considered her a very precious friend. My heart is heavy from this loss. My love goes out to her family.



May 31 at 7:00 PM



**Debra Dunn** lit a candle in honor of Mrs. Julie.

Julie was such a wonderful person. She will truly be missed. My prayers are with your family.



May 31 at 7:00 PM



**Natalie Jennings** posted:

Praying for Julie's entire family. Also, praying God will give each of you the strength you will need in the days ahead. Natalie and Donald Jennings.

May 31 at 7:00 PM



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DW

**Danny And Cindy Whatley** lit a candle in honor of Mrs. Julie.

Cindy Whatley

May 30 at 7:00 PM



LT

**Lumos Dental Team** posted:

We are truly sorry for your families loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult time.

May 30 at 7:00 PM

GJ

**Glenda And Rodney Joned** lit a candle in honor of Mrs. Julie.

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GW

**Geraldine Willoughby** lit a candle in honor of Mrs. Julie.

The family is in our thoughts and prayers! Julie was very compassionate and caring! She will be missed! Clifford and Geraldine Willoughby

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LM

**Lisa Moncrief** lit a candle in honor of Mrs. Julie.

Prayers for our sweet Jesus to cover Julie's family with peace and comfort during this sad time. Julie was a beautiful person. She genuinely cared for others. Her sweet smile radiated pure love and kindness. Heaven has a beautiful angel walking the streets of gold. Rest in Peace Sweet Beautiful Friend ❤️!!

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LS

**Linda Slaughter** posted:

My deepest sympathy.

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**Linda Slaughter** lit a candle in honor of Mrs. Julie.

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NC

**Nancy Crew** lit a candle in honor of Mrs. Julie.

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TS

**Tammie Storey** lit a candle in honor of Mrs. Julie.

Wesley and Tammie Storey

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JS

**Jimmy Sanford** posted:

Julie will be missed by all that knew her. Julie was as good a person as I ever have known, RIP my friend.

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KV

**Kim Vandiver** posted:

Radiating boundless kindness, Mrs. Julie touched hearts as our dialysis nurse. Enveloped in her gentle warmth, we discovered astounding courage; wisdom and wit manifested through laughter infused seances, while selfless dedication set a high human standard. Her passionate splendor was a beacon of inspiration; forever will this beautiful soul bring forth light in our lives, urging us to share love unabashedly. As the heavens receive an angel, let's reflect Mrs. Julie's luminescent legacy upon the world.

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WV

**Wendy Voss** lit a candle in honor of Mrs. Julie.

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**Kenneth & Lafaye Neeley** lit a candle in honor of Mrs. Julie.

What a blessing she has always been to all of our family. She and Ronnie were always a cute couple, always willing to help anyone. Not too long ago she showed me the picture of an old tractor that Ronnie had restored. She was always so proud of him and the great craftsman he is. She talked a lot of her children and her precious and beautiful grandchildren. Family you will always have a lot of wonderful memories that you will always cherish. The last time I saw her was on a very windy Saturday in March in the parking lot at River Bank & Trust. She was helping hand out the many trees that the organization was giving free to the community. She helped me pick mine out and gave me all kinds of pointers on how to plant them. She was very knowledgeable in caring for plants and trees. She has left us all with a very special place in our hearts, Family you will be in our thoughts and prayers in the days ahead. May God give you the comfort and strength that you will need. We love you, Kenneth & LaFaye Neeley & Family



May 29 at 7:00 PM



## Media

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## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Mrs. Julie by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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