



## Juliana Schlenker

February 20, 1941 - March 3, 2016

Julie Schlenker, daughter of Ed and Marjorie Schlenker and sister to John (Jack) Schlenker, was received into heaven on March 3, 2016. Born February 20, 1941, Julie grew up in Ankeny, Iowa and was a graduate of Ankeny HS and then Central College in Pella, Iowa. Upon the death of her father, Julie managed and relocated the family dairy farm to land on Spring River, south west of Alba Missouri in 1979. A great equestrian, Julie's love of and horses was evidenced in her life by her raising beautiful Arabians and competing in horse shows regularly where she received many accolades and awards. She enjoyed camping and riding with friends all over the country in different scenic areas including Colorado, Arizona, Wyoming, Montana, Canada, Arkansas and Missouri. Julie and her cousin, Bill Schlenker, enjoyed camping in Colorado together and she rode often in the Mark Twain National Forest on Lake Table Rock, with friends Kelley Myers, Susan Hughey, Traci Lusatter and Marilyn Colburn. Julie was an expert on wild flower identification and a true nature lover. Family and friends looked forward to receiving her annual Christmas cards containing photos of her on horseback in breath-taking locations and great stories of her riding adventures and "sleeping under the stars" in our beautiful country. Julie will be greatly missed by her many friends and especially by her nephews Randy Schlenker (Cherie), Byron Schlenker (Vicki) and Steve Schlenker (Susan). As she wished, and to the relief of her family, Julie was able to pass quietly in the comfort of her home thanks to the compassion and care given by friends, Kris and Tracy Stapleton. Services will

be held at 1:00 p.m. Sunday March 6, 2016 at Ulmer Funeral Home, 1208 South Garrison Ave, Carthage, MO. Visitation will be held prior to services from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. Sunday March 6, 2016. Online condolences can be made at [www.ulmerfh.com](http://www.ulmerfh.com). Additional services will be held at 12:00 p.m. Wednesday March 9, 2016 at Hamilton's near Highland Memory Gardens, Des Moines, Iowa. Visitation will be held from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Wednesday prior to the service at Hamilton's near Highland Memory Gardens, Des Moines, Iowa. Burial will follow at Oralabor Cemetery in Ankeny, Iowa.

# Tribute Wall

MA

“ I've known Julie since I was in high school. Her independence and sense of adventure was an inspiration to me. She was a good friend of our family and a great person to know. I'll really miss seeing her when I come to Missouri. RIP, Julie..now you're riding over the fields of the Kingdom.

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**Melanie ackBI** - March 21, 2016 at 09:50 PM

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“ Julie has been a wonderful neighbor and friend through the years and she will be greatly missed by our family.

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**Michael & Heather Lundy & Family** - March 04, 2016 at 06:08 PM

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“ We were acquainted with Julie for about 25 years. That friendship opened up a new world for us. She was a tall, relaxed, lanky horsewoman. Julie was a single lady. She told me once that she didn't want to marry a boss. Independent, was what she was. We met Julie through our friend Kelley and heard all about riding in the Mark Twain National Forest which we had never done. It sounded great, so we arranged to borrow a trailer and gain the use of an extra horse, plus get one of ours hauled so that we could ride in the Forest near Mano with all three of our sons as well as Julie and Kelley. It was a beautiful day and we made the most of it. After that, we got our own trailer and started riding there frequently, sometimes with Julie and Kelley and sometimes on our own. Julie broadened our horizonss by encouraging us in this way. Julie rode her Arabs all over the western part of the country as well as in southwest Missouri and northern Arkansas. She influenced many others to get out and enjoy our beautiful country and was a voice for conservation. She was still riding a few weeks before she died. She will be sadly missed by her friends and family. She was dauntless in spirit; no challenge dismayed her. And best of all, she was never a doom and gloom person; she was ever cheerful —especially if she was astride a horse.

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**Judy and Mark Meadows** - March 04, 2016 at 05:59 PM