

Julia Reeve Herrick

Julia Reeve Herrick (Julie) died In Newport, Rhode Island, on July 31, 2025, after a long illness.

Julie was born to Walter D. Herrick Jr. and Julia R. Herrick on March 1, 1943, in Oak Park, Illinois, a suburb of Chicago. She spent her early years in Oak Park and later a neighboring suburb, River Forest. Since both parents had been long-time summer residents of the Crystal Lake area of Benzie County, Michigan, she spent many of her summers there as well. She is survived by her brother Walter D. Herrick III (Wally) of Benzie County, Michigan, and numerous cousins scattered about the United States.



Her secondary school was Oak Park — River Forest High School where she graduated at the top of her class and was one of the speakers at her graduation. She graduated college from Mount Holyoke in South Hadley, Massachusetts, and received her Master's Degree in Hospital Administration from Columbia University in New York City. A sailor from her early days at Crystal Lake, she lived for a substantial portion of her life on her 40-foot ketch, Panacea, which was docked mostly in Stamford, Connecticut. She sailed it frequently on Long Island Sound and hosted an annual sail for her college friends for many years. For a time, she also lived on a trawler on Puget Sound in Washington. After her retirement she moved to Newport, Rhode Island, where she spent the rest of her life. There she became a very active member of the Channing Unitarian Church. Julie was married twice, first to Thomas Pyle who passed while they were living on Puget Sound and then to David Adams who is also deceased.

Julie had a keen mind which was evidenced by her successful career as hospital administrator in the New York City area. Most of those years were spent as a head administrator at Montefiore Hospital in the Bronx and her later years at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine.

Julie will be remembered for her passion for sailing as well as her generosity, kindness, and sense of humor.

A Memorial Service was held at Channing Memorial Church in Newport, Rhode Island, on September 13, 2025. Her ashes were interred at Crystal Lake Township Cemetery, North. A Memorial Service was expected to be held there during the 2026 summer season.

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