

Memorial Resolution for Julie Gray**November 4, 1956 – August 23, 2015**

Julie Gray passed away on August 23, 2015 at the age of 58 after a long battle with cancer. Prior to her retirement from UW-Madison in 2013, she served for 5 years as the house manager of Olin House, which is the Chancellor's official residence.

Julie was the consummate professional and held deep respect for the chancellors she served during her tenure at Olin House. Despite the close relationships she had with Chancellors Biddy Martin and David Ward, she insisted on addressing them by their titles and was annoyed when others were less formal.

She had a keen attention to detail, which was critical to her success in coordinating dozens of high-level events each year. One colleague noted that she was certain that "there may have been stains in those linens that only came out because Julie said they had to." Yet, despite the seriousness with which she approached her responsibilities, she was loved by the students and repair people who worked at Olin House and was adored by Chancellor Martin's dog, Oscar.

Julie did an excellent job of realizing that, despite the fact that Olin House is an historic landmark and the site of important university events, it is also a home to the chancellor who resides there. That sensitivity was evident in the manner in which she carried out her duties. A colleague who worked closely with Julie remarked, "Under Julie's supervision, two chancellors moved in and out of Olin House without a hitch. Julie simply wouldn't allow anything to go wrong!"

Event planning is a demanding endeavor. Forbes magazine recently placed it at number 5 on a list of the 10 most stressful jobs for 2017, noting that it is slightly less stressful than being a firefighter but more so than working as a senior corporate executive. Yet colleagues remember her as being unflappable and always quick with a smile.

Julie's love for hosting extended beyond her professional life and she would often tell stories of entertaining friends and family at her home. Her grandchildren were a constant source of joy. She had a giving spirit and used her talent for crafts to make hats for Head Start children and for the homeless.

Julie's time with the University was short, relatively speaking, but she touched many lives while she was here. Those of us who worked with her are richer for having known her.

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