

## Julian P. Ceike

November 13, 1946 - September 1, 2019

TOWNSEND: Julian P. Ceike, 72, of Townsend was removed from life support Sunday, September 1st, 2019. He was never able to recover from complications of an undetected heart attack, and his heartbroken family was at his side.

Born in Manhattan in 1946, the only child of Frances Naughton and Peter Ceike. Julian came from a family of artists, both visual and musical. He rollerskated the streets of New York City as a child, and took the subway alone to sing in Saint Luke's choir. He sailed to Spain on the yacht, Vilasar, with his grandmother's husband when only a boy, where, curiously, he fell in love with the French language. He graduated from the Hotchkiss School and Union College, and partially completed a Master's degree in French at the University of Colorado. It was there that he met and married his wife of 44 years, Fredda, who was an instructor in English.

With prospects for finding employment teaching French virtually disappearing, he returned to the East coast, and took a job offered to him at Bates Corrugated Box company in West Townsend. Quickly realizing he was not cut out for office work, he decided to take his natural athleticism, love of the outdoors, willingness to do physical labor and overall competencies, to cut down trees. With a chainsaw he bought at a yard sale, he became his own business, which he owned and operated for over thirty years, Neighborhood

Tree Service.

In addition to his wife, he leaves his sons Seymour of Montana and Colin of Colorado, his daughter Lauren of Rhode Island, and their partners, his granddaughter, JaeLee Ceike-Cleary of Ashby, as well as his sisters, Katherine Lopez of Colorado, Myra South of Oregon and Helen Ceike Ojeda of California.

Julian was greatly admired by the hundreds of people he guided through their first time on skis in his 19 years as a ski instructor at Wachusett Mountain; by the much younger men with whom he did arduous labor; by his teammates and competitors in the Wachusett Nighttime Race League; by cats and dogs he encountered who could sense his animal magnetism and were drawn to him; even by the many squirrels and birds whose homes he would try to protect when taking down a tree.

In other words, Julian was a legend, not in his own mind, but in ours.

Mr. Ceike's family will receive family and friends at calling hours on Sunday September 8, 2019 from 2-5PM at the Anderson Funeral Home, 250 Main St., (RT 119) Townsend Center. For further information or to leave an online condolence please visit [www.andersonfuneral.com](http://www.andersonfuneral.com).

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

SEP 8. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Anderson Funeral Home - Townsend  
250 Main Street ~ Route 119  
Townsend, MA 01469  
(978) 597-2692

# Tribute Wall

MM

“ *Such a wonderful soul and human being. Always smiling. Never complaint. As a physician, I sometimes worried and expressed concern, but there is always smile in his face. My deepest condolences for his family.*

*-mmowla*

mmowla - October 10, 2019 at 01:27 PM

GE

“ *Gail English lit a candle in memory of Julian P. Ceike*



Gail English - September 14, 2019 at 08:56 AM

GE

*I am So Very Sorry to Hear about Your Husbands & Fathers Loss..I Enjoyed seeing him around Town & at My house for Our Yearly Big Party's..RIP*

Gail English - September 14, 2019 at 08:56 AM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of Julian P. Ceike.*



September 07, 2019 at 08:56 AM



“ *Multicolor Bright Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Julian P. Ceike.*



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September 06, 2019 at 01:58 PM



“ *Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Julian P. Ceike.*

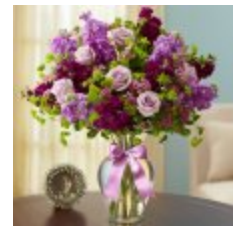


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September 06, 2019 at 09:41 AM



“ *From your friends at Santosha purchased the Shades of Purple for the family of Julian P. Ceike.*



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**From your friends at Santosha** - September 06, 2019 at 06:22 AM



“ *Dear Lauren and Fredda and Family -- I'm so sorry to hear of your loss. Sending love and light. I'll be holding you all in my heart. -- Janie Ganga of Santosha Yoga*

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**Janie** - September 05, 2019 at 01:33 PM

AB

“ So very devastated to find out about Jules' passing. Although I haven't known him for many years, I am very heart broken. My deepest sympathies go to my dear friend Fredda and her family.

Aaron Becker - September 05, 2019 at 12:10 PM



“ Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Julian P. Ceike.



September 04, 2019 at 05:57 PM

LY

“ Jules was a strong, funny, loyal and loving man. I will deeply miss his sense of humor and the twinkle in his eye when he smiled. Anyone who has met Jules and Fredda know in an instant they are soulmates. Their love, strength and commitment to one another cannot be expressed in words. My heart goes out to you my dear Fredda. I am blessed to have known him and will always have a smile when I think of him. My hopes is that he is soaring the oceans and visiting every port while he awaits his true love. My condolences go out to his family and friends.

Lyn - September 04, 2019 at 04:51 PM

GF

“ Dear Family,  
So sorry to hear of Jules' passing, words can never truly express what we feel, so in his time of dying we ask God to accept Jules into his kingdom, protect and console those that he leaves behind and shine his light on all our lives. Forever in Peace  
The Grant Family  
Pepperell, Ma.

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**Grant Family** - September 04, 2019 at 01:39 PM

PS

“ Dearest Fredda,  
  
I am so very sorry for the loss of your Julian. I enjoyed talking with him at our yoga gathering earlier this summer and he was as full of life as ever.  
  
My heartfelt sympathy,  
  
Pam Snaith

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**Pam Snaith** - September 04, 2019 at 11:46 AM

KI

“ My condolences to Julian's family, I'm stunned to see this sad news! He was a very interesting man who I'm sure will be sorely missed. May God bless him as he returns to His loving arms, and may God bless his family in their grief. All my love, Kirsten

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**Kirsten** - September 04, 2019 at 11:20 AM



“ *Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Julian P. Ceike.*



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September 04, 2019 at 09:17 AM



“ *With a heavy heart, and great respect I send my deepest sympathy to the family of Julian Ceike. In death as in life he will be remembered as a wonderful wild man. My dearest Fredda, I was happy to see you find the man that you would love throughout his life, as he loves you ♡ Words cannot express, so with thoughtfulness and grace I wish for you, that you may all stay strong, may you all be blessed. In love and light,  
Kirsten Zahn*



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**Kirsten Zahn** - September 04, 2019 at 12:47 AM



*Dear Fredda....My sincerest prayers and sympathy over the loss of Jules.....my birthday boy. I will most recently cherish memory of walking with him during Gregory Reeves Run in Townsend.....and 40+ years of friendship! Jules will be missed by many wonderful friends.  
Love, Lindsay*

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**Lindsay Morand** - September 06, 2019 at 03:55 AM