



Julie Becker's Story

Julie Becker knew how to light up a room. She lived a life filled with laughter, love and a soulful wisdom that touched each person she met. Her vitality and enthusiasm were contagious and inspiring.

Jules LOVED to dance. She danced her whole life, beginning lessons at the age of 3. She attended the Washington School of Ballet in DC for her first 2 years of high school and performed in the Nutcracker at Kennedy Center as a candy cane during that time. When Jules danced she felt love, peace and clarity. Her soul was free.

Jules was passionate about her children, dancing, decorating, gardening, natural health, personal growth, and experiencing each moment with all of her senses.

Jules knew she had cancer 2 months before she was diagnosed with bile-duct liver cancer. After feeling a hard ness beneath her right rib Jules went to the doctor. She was told it was a pulled muscle. Julie never believed it. She would lift her shirt for anyone, anywhere, and say “feel this”. A month later she went back to the doctor and an ultrasound revealed an enormous tumor encased in her liver. She had 75% of her liver removed in January 2006 and recovered beautifully. She was back dancing with her Adult Jazz class (No Limits – featured dancers for DFAC) by fall.

In September 2006 Jules was given a clean bill of health. But over the holidays in Hawaii she began to feel nauseous and flew home early. On January 3rd, 2007 Jules was told she had 2 to 6 months to live. The cancer had returned with a vengeance in her intestinal wall. She thanked the doctor for all he had done and went home to make plans for how she would live her last days. Jules and her friends planned a Living Memorial where she was able to touch and be touched by hundreds of people who came to say goodbye. She then cuddled up with her dog Rocky, her husband Michael and three children, Ali 11, Joe 9 and Frankie 6 and bravely faced her final journey.

Julie passed away peacefully at her home in Redmond on April 13, 2007 at the age of 44. It was 100 days from the day she was diagnosed terminal. She is missed every day by those who loved her.

In her own words from her living memorial, Jules shared this message about life:

“We are not here just to survive and live long. We are here to live life in all its dimensions. To experience life in its true richness, exploring all available possibilities, never holding back from life’s challenges, pushing forward in curiosity. Only then does life fully bloom. My life has bloomed, and for that I thank you.”