

Julie was born and raised in Orange County California to Kenneth and Clara Kersting. Julie is the 3rd generation born in Orange County. She is number 2 of 5 children, 4 girls and 1 boy. Julie went to St. Columban's Catholic school in Garden Grove and graduated from Mater Dei Catholic high school in Santa Ana before she went on to Cal State Fullerton for college.

Growing up Julie and the sisters would put on plays in the garage and use their dad's work bench as their stage. They loved playing in the back yard and making tents to campout in. They only lived a few miles from Disneyland and all the kids in the cul-de-sac would meet outside in their PJ's to watch the fireworks from Disneyland during the summer.

Julie's nickname given by her siblings is Ju-Ju, like the JuJube candy. Julie loves to read, play cards, travel, go camping at Wally World every year in September with her family, needlepoint, knit and quilt. She also enjoys working in her yard.

Julie has never had kids of her own, but she is the best Aunt anyone could ask for. Julie has 11 nieces and nephews and 15 great nieces and nephews who all love Aunt Julie so much. Aunt Julie is the first to play cards, games, puzzles, sew or read to them. They love to cook with her, especially if it's her yummy waffles or chocolate chip cookies.

Julie was the first in her family to finish college and the first to own a home. Over the years Julie had many jobs. Her first jobs were babysitting and gift wrapping for a Jewelry store while in high school. She worked for Sears paint department, Toshiba Medical, Disneyland and St. Joseph Hospital HR where she retired in April 2019.

Julie joined #247 Holy Angels On March 13, 2002. She served in many positions in her Institute and District 23. In 2008 Julie decided to run for Grand Office. She was Grand Sentinel in 2008, Grand Marshal in 2009, Grand Director 2021-2023 and started moving up the chairs to Grand President in 2023. Julie was installed as Grand President July 23, 2025.