



## Julian "Jule" Huffman

March 31, 1924 - April 16, 2015

Julian Robert "Jule" Huffman, 91 of Huntington, W.Va. passed away, Thursday, April 16, 2015 at Heritage Center, Huntington, W.Va. He was born March 31, 1924 in Cincinnati, OH. the son of the late, Leroy and Ceilia Silverman Huffman. In addition to his parents he was also preceded in death by his loving wife, Gladys V. Kramer Huffman; one daughter, Julie Huffman and one son-in-law, Lindsay Joel Cogar. He is survived by two daughters and son-in-law, Nancy Lynn and Bob Palmer and Cynthia Ann Cogar and one son, Marvin Scott Huffman of Huntington, W.Va; one grandson, Jeremy Robert Huffman of Huntington, W.Va. Originally hired in 1953 as a vocalist for the WSAZ daytime variety show, Coffee Time, Jule wore many hats in his 42 years with the seminal TV station. As well as his work as a singer, he directed, was an voice over announcer, did commercials, was a weatherman, & was in two kids shows prior to becoming Mister Cartoon. It was when he took over the reins as Mr. Cartoon in 1969, that Jule Huffman truly became a beloved & trusted icon in the Tri-State community. He loved children, & was dedicated to providing not just entertainment, but to giving kids a fun place they could go & be safe from an ever-changing society. He was adamant in his teaching of the fundamentals of life to them as well. Showing the kids that respect, patience, manners, & compassion were the cornerstones of a good life. He was a major part of the March Of Dimes Telethon every year locally, & was recognized personally by Jerry Lewis for his efforts. He is a member of three Hall Of Fames...The West Virginia Broadcasters HOF, The Huntington HOF, & the

Western Hills High School HOF in Cincinnati. Jule was a man of deep faith, & was committed to his church. He was a loving husband & father, and was always the first to support & champion the lives of his family. He & wife, Gladys, were together for 70 years, & raised four children and a grandson, (that they adopted after the death of their daughter, Julia Jean). Jule was a member of both the Knights Templar & Scottish Rite Masonic Orders. He was Past Master of Huntington Lodge #53, AF & AM, Past High Priest of Huntington Chapter 6, RAM, and Past Commander of Commandery #9, KT. He was also the recipient of the Knights Templar Cross Of Honor. He served in The US Air Force in WWII, working as a aircraft repair & maintenance technician on a carrier in the South Pacific. A native of Cincinnati, Jule was an avid Reds & Bengals fan, & sang the National Anthem at several Reds games, as well as participating in many Reds Caravans. He loved golf & gardening. Most of all he loved to sing. He was always in demand in the Tri-State area to sing at a myriad of events. He never said no to an opportunity. Funeral services will be conducted at 1:00 PM on Thursday, April, 23, 2015 at First Presbyterian Church, Huntington, W.Va. with Rev. Skip Seibel and Rev. John Minahan officiating. Burial will follow in White Chapel Memorial Gardens, Barboursville, W.Va. with Masonic Rites conducted by Masonic Lodge #53 Huntington and Military Honors by American Legion Post #139 Milton, W.Va. The family will receive friends from 5-8 PM on Wednesday, April 22, 2015 at the church on Wednesday. The family would request, that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to children's programs & charities at First Presbyterian Church, WSAZ, The Scottish Rite & Knights Templar Masonic Orders of Huntington, & the March Of Dimes. Henson & Kitchen Mortuary, Huntington, W.Va. near Barboursville is caring for the family. Online condolences and memories may be shared with the family by visiting [www.hensonmortuary.com](http://www.hensonmortuary.com) .

# Tribute Wall

DS

“ My wife and I just watched the WSAZ documentary of Jule Huffman. Awesome individual. I met him in The Mr. Cartoon show, I was about 8 and was totally amazed with “Mr. Cartoon”. I’m 58 now and admire him more than ever. We were blessed with his presence.

David Spradlin - December 24, 2024 at 02:31 PM



“ Julian "Jule" Huffman

October 23, 2023 at 01:49 AM

BY

“ He lit up my day as a kid with the Mr. Cartoon show. RIP Jule



Beverly Young - August 24, 2023 at 06:48 AM

MC

“ I would like to extend my greatest sympathies to all of Jule's family. I thoroughly enjoyed watching him on "Mr. Cartoon". More than that, he was a good Christian on and off the show. I will miss him. I know his family will miss him more than that because of his important role in their lives.

Mary Connerton - April 26, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ I will never forget about the "seven magic words" he taught during the show: "please", "thank you", "yes, ma'am"/no, ma'am", "yes, sir"/no, sir", "excuse me", "you're welcome", "I'm sorry" - at least, I think the last one is - plus encouraging kids to go to their favorite church or synagogue. He had a great happy-go-lucky spirit about him that was infectious. I will truly miss that! He made watching "Mr. Cartoon" and talking with him worthwhile.

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**Mary** - April 26, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AC

“ Mr. Huffman had a remarkable life and we in the tristate were blessed to have had the chance to be a part of it. I remember at 7 years old when I realized Mr. cartoon was also the weatherman! He started on WSAZ way back in 53, I mean wasn't TV invented that year or the year before? He really he was a pioneer in the Television industry, one of the first people on TV. WSAZ is and always has been #1 and Jule is a big reason for that. He was so good at Mr Cartoon that little is mentioned about his work as a weatherman. I remember the personal touch he put into each broadcast. He put his heart and soul in every job he did at WSAZ in the 42 years he was there. With a heart as big as his, no wonder he did such a great job. He's the only weatherman I've ever seen apologize when the weather wasn't as he forecasted! A true professional, Mr. Huffman may you rest in peace!

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**Andy Brown of Catlettsburg** - April 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ I always thought I was so lucky because I grew up living across the street from Mr. Cartoon! Whenever my friends learned that fact, I immediately became popular! He was always so happy to sign autographs when I brought my friends to his house! He was not only Mr. Cartoon to me, but a great neighbor. I still remember hearing him sing (he was inside his house) while I was outside playing!! The neighborhood will not be the same! Nancy, Cindy, Marvin, and Jeremy... my thoughts and prayers are with you.

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**Jami Hughes Burns of Ringgold, GA** - April 23, 2015 at 12:00 AM

WS

“ Very sorry I couldn't attend Marv and family. I am so grateful for the loving contribution your dad made to my life with his Mr Cartoon persona. He not only entertained me with cartoons, but he reinforced the good manners my family was teaching. His was a major contribution to many young lives. I still eat the heel of the loaf because Mr Cartoon told me that piece was just as good as the rest of the bread. Practical advice for any kid from Huntington, WV.

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**Whitney Lynn Eskew of United States** - April 23, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PO

“ Thanks to this good man. I would like to see Huntington name a street or something after him. May God bless him and his family .

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**Pat Canaday of Rio Grande Ohio** - April 23, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CK

“ I love to watch Mr. Cartoon when I was younger and he was a great weather manga62

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**Char Sparks of Prestonsburg Ky** - April 22, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ I am sorry to hear that Mr. Jule Huffman is gone. I enjoyed watching 'Mr. Cartoon' his commentary about the magic words. All these years I did not know that Mr. Jules Huffman was from Cincinnati, the Western Hills area. (I went to Xavier University, class 1972.) Great entertainer, worked with children, (my dad was a pediatrician.) I am sorry Mr. Jules Huffman is gone.

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**John Konieczny of Huntington, WV** - April 22, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ You will be missed and were loved by thousands of children in the Tri-State Area!

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**Bryan of Conner** - April 22, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ Well done Sir, a friend and neighbor.

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**Theia Young-Woodall of Huntington** - April 22, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DE

“ RIP Mr. Cartoon! Heaven has just gained another angel! If only the children today had someone like you to look up to. You touched so many lives and they were better because of you! See you on the other side one day! Thanks for the memories!

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**Dawn Easterling** - April 22, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SK

“ Cindy, Nancy and Marvin: we of my generation grew up watching Jule on TV and learned life lessons from him while we had a good time. Only after coming to First Presbyterian Church and teaching his Sunday School class did I get to know just how good a person he really was. He always complemented me on the lesson, even when I felt I stumbled through it. We of the Tristate share just a small part of your loss but hope to continue to do good in his memory. May the love of God shown through us help you in this time of sadness.

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**Sidney and REbecca Wheeler of Kenova** - April 22, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RI

“ Cindy and Family..Just wanted you to know you are in my thoughts and prayers...Much love your way.

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**Regina Brown of Jeffersonville Indiana** - April 22, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TO

“ Nancy, Cindy, and Marvin, your dad was so wonderful with my own children when they would visit the studio during the special, employees' Christmas show. But my fondest memories of your dad are of his great love for your mother and for all of you. My mother and I send you our deepest condolences. Terri Ann, and Helen, Daugherty

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**Terri Ann Daugherty Foglesong of Athens, OH** - April 22, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BA

“ Dear Friends,As public a person Jule was in his career, I knew him as a family friend. Kind, warm, down to earth...he and Gladys were a perfect match. My deepest condolences on his passing and perhaps we can take comfort in knowing the joy he brought to so many children and adults over the years. Julie was a good man with a good heart and I believe that is why so many people liked him. They sensed his innate goodness and responded to his kindness and charm. May he rest in peace now and we will always have him on video! Much Love, Bob Beuth

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**Bob Beuth of Los Angeles** - April 21, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AW

“ Our dearest sympathy in the loss of your love one.

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**Alison Tomkies and Elizabeth Veitch of Huntington, WV** - April 21, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GW

“ Cindy, Marvin, Jeremy and Family: Our deepest sympathy in the loss of Jule. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

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**Greg Lee & Benita of Barboursville WV** - April 21, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ Our' Sincere sympathy in Your' loss. He was a fine man. May God wrap His' arms around each of You and comfort You. Very Sincerely,Richard, Penny & Richard Blake

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**Mr. & Mrs. Richard Blake of Huntington** - April 20, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LO

“ I send my deepest condolences to this wonderful man's family, including those of us who felt like his children. I recently lost my own beloved Mama, and while going through some of her things, came across beautiful pictures; strange how he has been on my mind. I was working at St. Mary's several years ago while volunteering here with Holzer's for a Cancer Survivor's Day event. I picked up the phone and simply called, speaking with his gracious wife for a time, then with Mr. Cartoon himself! I told him about being a cancer survivor and the upcoming event. He happily agreed to come and what a day it was. He joyously spoke with every single person who wanted a bit of his time, and we had trouble finding him anything to eat at the end of the day. That did not bother him in the least; he was just so pleased to be sharing himself with all of us! He helped raise me, my brother and my daughter by reminding us of what our family taught us. I feel with absolute clarity that this saint of a man is rejoicing in Heaven with our Lord and all the Angels, maybe even reminding them of a few magic words...

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**Lee Ann Baker of Gallipolis, OH** - April 20, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ I am 46 years old and when I read the news, I was a little boy again, and I cried. Mr. Huffman, in his role as Mr. Cartoon, was a beloved "uncle" that I watched regularly growing up. He was a good man and he radiated a kindness to, and love for, children that was genuine. I still remember him telling us the magic words, "please, thank you, you're welcome, and excuse me", and I remember him encouraging us to attend the church or synogogue of our choice. Mr. Cartoon, your message was not lost on me, and I dare say, a lot of us carry that message with us today. Godspeed sir.

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**Rome Maynard of South Carolina** - April 20, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ I have many fun memories from the Huffman household and Jule. He was a terrific singer, father and man. Condolences to Nancy, Cindy, Marvin and Jeremy. May your memories built together see you through your sorrow.

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**Steve Kirwan of Barboursville** - April 20, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ Jule, you will be sadly missed here on earth. I always watched Mr. Cartoon of the evenings after school. Fly high, Mr. Cartoon.

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**misty muncy of Barboursville, WV** - April 20, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ What a wonderful man, God has gained another angel. May the peace of Jesus surround his family.

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**Kathy Rogers of United States** - April 20, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ I worked with Jule many years before he retired. He was a joy to work with. I witnessed how much he was loved by all of the cartooners, young and old. He had such an impact on so many people in the tri-state area.

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**Doug Overla of WSAZ Alumni** - April 20, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ Though I never had the privilege of meeting Mr. Huffman in person, I felt as though I knew him. Every afternoon I'd come home from school to watch Mr. Cartoon at 4:00 on WSAZ. I remember him teaching the magic words, "Please, Thank You, and You're Welcome." He was an inspiration to generations of kids and a model for adults. He will be missed, but he will always be remembered.

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**James McTyre of Knoxville, TN** - April 20, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AK

“ RIP Mr. Cartoon. You made our childhoods soar with laughter! He was so kind to me when I was on the show.

Angela Nunley of Ashland, Ky - April 19, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ Cindy, Sorry for your loss enjoyed watching your dad thru the years.

Kim Waldron of FL - April 19, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ Nancy so very sorry to hear this...loved mr cartoon!!

Mike culp of Hilton head sc - April 19, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ I had a great time when I traveled from Floyd Co., KY to Huntington to film a Tiger Bread commerical on the Mr. Cartoon set. Our science club had gone on a field trip & we were ask if we wanted to do that. Of course, it was a joy! RIP, Mr. Cartoon

James "Jim" Wade Stewart of Prestonsburg, KY - April 19, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KK

“ Wow, Mr. Cartoon's passing brings back memories of childhood. I never missed a show; daddy took me to the Nat'l Guard Armory in Olive Hill, KY when I was a little girl to see him. RIP...you were a good role model for children in the Tri-state.

Kitty Holbrook of Elliott Co., KY - April 19, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TO

“ R.I.P. You made my childhood a wonderful time thank you so much Mr Cartoon.

Teresa Wilson Klingel of Marion Oh - April 19, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BA

“ THIS MAN MADE MAJOR CONTRIBUTION TO MANKIND;FONDLY REMEMBERED BY THOUSANDS;MAY GOD REST HIS SOUL AND HIS FAMILY FIND PEACE.

BILL PHELPS of ST. ALBANS,WV - April 19, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ rip mr cartoon, your kindness and compasion will be missed

louise marcum of United States - April 18, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GO

“ So sorry for your loss, what a wonderful and fulfilled life Jule lived....May he rest in peace!!!

Gloria Ferguson of Chesapeake, OH - April 18, 2015 at 12:00 AM

J2

“ So sorry for your loss, I grew up with him as part of my life for many years through channel 3 television until his retirement. He paved the pathway for today's telecasts.

Joyce Vaughn of Red House, WV 25168 - April 18, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CS

*“ I know my words will soon be lost in the great flood of memories, but I just wanted to say that I will always remember him. He brought joy and happiness to all around him, and we will not see his like again soon. Rest in Peace, Mr. Cartoon*

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**Chad Howard of United States** - April 18, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BW

*“ With my sincere sympathy I am very sorry for the loss, he was my hero has a kid and I loved him, and family dearly, prayers love and thoughts to you, he was a brother also . Bob McComas*

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**Bob McComas of Beckley WV** - April 18, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JT

*“ Such a good man that gave sage and common sense advice to all of us growing up in Huntington. He will truly be missed.*

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**Jeff Carico of Houston, TX** - April 18, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KW

*“ I remember watching Mr. Cartoon when I was a kid. I would rush into the house to get to turn on the TV. He used to come to Owens-Illinois for the employees kids Christmas parties. I got to meet him several times as an adult and talked to him. My dad and Jule belonged to several different Masonic lodges together. I remember the last time I saw him, we were at a picnic in Barboursville and I got to tell him about watching him as a kid. I also told him about me thinking that he as Jule the weatherman and Jule as Mr Cartoon were two different people. He laughed, but it was the age of innocence. I told him that my favorite episodes of the show was when it was Christmastime and he brought his own family in and they would sing and play piano. Goodbye Mr Cartoon. Heaven's got an angel.*

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**Kathy Sanders of Wayne WV** - April 18, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KI

“ *Such a magnificent person! Thank you, Mr. Huffman, for touching the lives of so very many of us.*

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**Keith Petrie of Indianapolis, IN** - April 18, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ *Sorry for your loss. Jule (Mr. Cartoon) is a great Huntingtonian that had great love for his community and the children that grew up in it.*

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**Joe Sarvas of Huntington** - April 18, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ *I'm saddened at the passing of fellow veteran and Masonic Brother Jule, who has entered that "house not made with hands". I was an audio engineer at WSAZ TV and worked with Jule for about a year after my active duty tour in 1970. I remember him as never having a cross word to say and when not "Mr. Cartoon", Jule performed the weather duties and booth announcing for off-air production work. I always had fun working with him and I know he will be missed. Goodbye, Brother Jule.*

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**James Taylor of Melbourne, FL** - April 18, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RK

“ *I grew up watching Mr Cartoon after school. Always ending his shows with attending the church or synagogue of your choice; the magic words, those things I fondly remember. As a fellow Master Mason I appreciate Mr Cartoon even more today. Prayers of sympathy for the family. Roger Ford Master Mason Thomas DeVenny #928*

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**Roger Ford of Pikeville KY** - April 18, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KW

“ *Condolences to the Huffman family. Nancy, Cindy, Marvin, and Jeremy- My love to all of you. Jule was such a wonderful man and will be missed by many...*

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**Kerry Westermann Cloyd of Culloden, WV** - April 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

NW

“ *"Mr. Cartoon" was a must see at our home, and I am certain the same would be said of nearly every household in the tristate! I had the privilege of meeting Mr. Huffman at a store in Barboursville in recent years and it was the highlight of my day. I will treasure this unique opportunity to talk with him and share my gratitude for the joy he brought to me as a child and my children too. Our community has lost a great friend and our thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends. Our family will always treasure the memories of after-school viewing of the Mr. cartoon show and his daily words of wisdom. Thank you, Mr. Cartoon, for your many years of dedicated service to our communities.*

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**Nancy Godby of Chapmanville, WV** - April 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BO

“ To Jules family I am saddened to hear of your fathers passing my childhood and even my adulthood along with my children was spent watching this man interact with the children...he brought joy love and compassion to all who he touched... I do not remember where he and beeper were going one time but they came and ate at the restaurant i worked at in Athens and i was with a group of kids that came to see him at the radio station...childrens worlds and lives were made better by this man...but i believe he is up there taking care of all the little ones up there entertaining them once again...those who knew him and those who did not.....peace be with you and your family ...and may God bless you and comfort you and when you miss him look into your heart because there he will be...so from all the cartooners out here....Goodbye Mr. Cartoon ..Mr> Cartoon has left the building...

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**Brenda Camp Desiree and Devlin Clemons of Shade, Columbus, and Canal Winchester Ohio** - April 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

G2

“ My sincere condolences to all the family, your father was a wonderful kind hearted man. My prayers are with you all during this sad time. Nancy, Marvin, & Cindy treasure all the beautiful moments you guys had together. He will be missed greatly, but he is now with the loved ones that went before him, take comfort knowing they are all together and smiling down on us.

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**Greg Pinkerman of Barboursville, WV. 25504** - April 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ Very big part of my childhood as well as many others. Never will see another likeness of Mr Cartoon.

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**John Henson of Pittsburgh PA** - April 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ Oh so many memories,,,RIP Jule,,,we loved you then,,,and  
continue to do so. You will be missed...

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**Debbie Smith of Huntington** - April 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM