Julia Lorraine Hill was born on 18 February 1974. The first ten years of her life were spent on the road travelling with her family in a caravan. When she was six, a butterfly landed on Julia's finger while her family was out hiking. They nicknamed her Butterfly and even today she is known as Julia Butterfly Hill.

Julia's family eventually settled in a city in Arkansas in the United States. Julia grew up as an ordinary teenager. She finished school at sixteen, then worked as a waitress and restaurant manager. She wanted at that time, like most other people, to build a career, make money and own things.



