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Hols gran found dead in a swamp

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A GRAN who vanished 12 hours into a dream holiday in Mexico has been found dead in a swamp - five weeks after disappearing.

Tragic Julia Howard left daughter Julia Brock, son Henry Harvey, 56, and his wife Glynnis for a 35-yard walk to her room to grab a sun hat but never returned.

Farm workers found the 77-year-old widow's remains on Wednesday, three miles from the Moon Palace resort where she was staying.



Mystery ... Julia disappeared as she went for a sun hat

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The party had arrived in Cancun on June 16 for gran-of-eight Julia's fifth visit to the sprawling 3,000-bedroom resort.

Daughter Julia, 50, said: "She never went out of the complex, she rarely even went further than five minutes from the pool.

"To say she walked three miles and in the wrong direction is just ludicrous. She just wouldn't.

"We can't prove it, but we know she was not capable of that."

Julia added: "Everyone liked my mum, she was always cheery and smiling. We've got to try to find out what happened to her."

Pensioner Julia, of Edinburgh, is the **THIRD** tourist in the area to vanish in mysterious circumstances.

In April, American Ron Scheepstra, 49, disappeared from nearby Xcalak while on a fishing trip and his family claimed Mexican cops used his hire car for ten days after he disappeared.

In 2007, Israeli tourist Dana Rishpy, 25, also vanished while travelling near Cancun.

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