



Paula E. Butler

May 21, 1945 - March 8, 2018

Paula E. Butler, age 72, of Newark, DE, passed away, surrounded by loving family, Thursday, March 8, 2018. Paula was an inspirational educator. She began her career as an elementary teacher in Cooperstown, NY, and retired as a Parent Educator with the Parents as Teachers Program in DE. Paula was always finding joy in the little things such as nature and her book club. Her greatest joy was found in cherished family and friends. Paula loved family get togethers and celebrating special occasions.

Paula is survived by her loving husband of 50 years, David Butler; daughter, Jennifer Lammers (Kevin); son, Eric Butler; grandchildren, Kaysa (Connor) and Brynley; brother, Steven Erickson (Jean); sister, Joy Skeers (Chris); and 14 nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, Carl and Gertrude Erickson.

Services and burial will be private. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent in Paula's memory to the Newark Senior Center, 200 Whitechapel Dr., Newark, DE 19713. To send an online condolence visit www.stranofeeley.com

Cemetery Details

Private

Tribute Wall

JD

“ *It is now seven years after Paula died that I found this page. I did a search for her and her husband Dave.*

Dave was my dorm director at SUNY Oneonta for two years, 1967-1969. During my second year in the dorm I got my student teaching assignment at Cooperstown Central School, which coincided with Paula's first teaching job: kindergarten in Cooperstown. She drove every day to school in Cooperstown, and I was lucky to have that ride to school and back to campus after school.

Paula was an absolute delight. It was a pleasure to know her.

Jay Davidson - September 29, 2025 at 06:12 PM

DK

“ Hello to PAULA’S family. I am a First Baptist Church, Beacon NY NERVIK!! I am Dianne. Hi Steven, Hi Joy. I am so sorry for the loss of Paula in your lives. I loved Paula my entire younger life. She was the HOME COMING QUEEN! I was in 9th grade and she was a graduating senior at Roy Ketchum High School. She was possibly the nicest friend I ever had and I know she hated her middle name. I still know it, but out of respect for those of you who may not,I’m not going to say!! I remember little Jennifer being born and was so cute, and Dave, you were so nice to me, the younger friend. I remember Paula’ s excitement when she received her beautiful engagement ring.

Time and distance don’t mean a thing, I am here crying because I miss her. RIGHT now I miss her, crazy isn’t it?

JOY, did you know that my baby brother Don died in January 2012. Brain tumor. And my lovely brother Douglas died 10 months later 2012. Massive stroke. I still can’t deal with the loss of my brothers. They spoke of you ALL THE TIME.

STEVEN ERICKSON! I am so sorry that your sister died. You go back to possibly my earliest memories Steve. I remember getting to James S. Evans grade school before your bus got there. I would wait in the lobby near the BUSY BEE second grade little school supply store, JUST TO SEE YOU, The high light of my second grade life. I

I married Bill Sprague. He died in 1982. It was heart breaking. I miss and love him to this day.

My email is gloryannie3@gmail.com if any one want to say hi. HI GUYS. Hi Jean. I met you at Aunt Gertrudes house at least once. Was nice to meet Stevens wife.

*Well this day will be interesting thinking about all of you.
Love from Dianne*

dianne nervik keller - September 26, 2020 at 11:16 AM

JD

“ *Losing a family member is always hard. Paula was one of the 10 Swanson cousins whose smile was like sunshine when she entered a room. She is now at peace with her Heavenly Father. She will be missed dearly.*

Joel and Kendra Davidsen

Joel and Kendra Davidsen - May 01, 2018 at 12:23 AM

BC

“ *My sincerest sympathies on Paula's passing. I remember her fondly from our high school days. She was a wonderful friend.*

Bruce Cameron - March 13, 2018 at 08:57 AM

WP

“ *I am deeply saddened to hear of your loss. Paula was a shining light and blessing to all who came in contact with her. I always admired her smile and love for her family, and the children and families she faithfully served through Parents as Teachers. She was a national trainer for PAT, and helped make my transition into the organization a smooth one over 17 years ago. Paula will be dearly missed. May God keep and comfort you in His loving care. May the love she gave bring you peace and joy. God bless you, Whitney Williams*

Whitney Williams, Supervisor PAT - March 12, 2018 at 11:00 AM

RB

“ *Kevin, Jen, and fam., we are very sorry for your loss. We pray that God gives you all, the strength you need to get through your mourning. May God fill your hearts with peace and comfort, knowing that Paula is at peace in Heaven. Love, Ron and Ginnette.*



Ronald Brayman - March 12, 2018 at 10:36 AM

SD

“ Joy shared this picture with me at the time of mom's memorial service and it speaks of the long lasting love of our amazing family. It is a nice reminder that if our family gatherings were this much fun here on earth, we can only imagine the reunion that is happening in heaven. Our thoughts are with you now and in the challenging days ahead. Our prayer is that God grants you peace that passes all understanding as you navigate this new life without your shining light.

-Sarah Daigle (and Freeman family)



Sarah Daigle - March 11, 2018 at 10:36 PM

MF

“ Paula was a wonderful person and a pleasure to work with. My deepest sympathy to her family. Mary Rose Femia, Parents as Teachers

Mary Femia - March 11, 2018 at 12:58 PM

PS

“ Paula was a source of joy, good book recommendations, life advice, and friendship. We have missed her at the pool during her illness and will continue to miss her always. My sympathy to her family.

Peggy Sacher - March 11, 2018 at 11:10 AM

 Paula
Cooper

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Paula was a bright light that is gone way too soon. She was a loyal friend and kind to all. She was always ready with a quick positive comment when advice was requested. The Senior Center pool will never be the same. We miss her greatly. Again our deepest sympathy to all.

Paula and Roger Cooper

Paula Cooper - March 10, 2018 at 03:25 PM

BT

“ I know for certain that we never lose the people we love, even to death. They continue to participate in every act, thought and decision we make. Their love leaves an indelible imprint in our memories. We find comfort in knowing that our lives have been enriched by having shared their love. R.I.P. Paula
(Barbara Tritelli)

Barbara Tritelli - March 10, 2018 at 08:52 AM

BS

“ SINCERE CONDOLENCES TO FAMILY/FRIENDS...REST IN PEACE PAULA...BLESSINGS/LOVE TO ALL FAMILY/FRIENDS...BEVERLY/ARNIE SAMSON

BEVERLY/ARNIE SAMSON - March 10, 2018 at 01:09 AM