



Pauline Teresa Saxton

August 6, 1948 - February 14, 2025

Pauline Teresa (Lawler) Saxton of Newark, DE, passed away peacefully at home on Friday, February 14, 2025. Born on August 6, 1948, to Edward James Lawler, Jr. and Pauline “Mickey” (McGrane) Lawler in Philadelphia, PA. Pauline grew up with a strong sense of compassion and dedication. A proud Irish family, she had fond memories of time with family and spending hours with coloring books in her grandfather’s Irish Pub in South Philadelphia.

Pauline graduated from Archbishop Prendergast in Upper Darby, PA and went on to earn a nursing degree from Villanova University in Pennsylvania. Over the course of her career, she cared for patients on dialysis, in medical surgery and geriatric, and concluded her career in psychiatric care. Her commitment to serving others extended to her time in the military, where she proudly served her country. She was active Army during Desert Storm, with duty as an Emergency Room/Triage nurse in Ft. Sam Houston and later Ireland Army Hospital in Ft Knox, Kentucky. While at Ireland Army Hospital, she established the psychiatric unit for returning soldiers with PTSD. She remained in the Army National Guard when returning to Delaware, retiring as a Lt. Colonel with 22 years duty.

In her retirement years, she participated in Bible Study and enjoyed travel, making memories in frequent visits to Williamsburg, VA, family fun in Orlando, FL and seeing castles in Europe. Pauline especially liked celebrating the

holiday season with the Grand Illumination in Williamsburg. Most of all, she enjoyed time with her family, hosting Easter and Christmas brunches and other family gatherings. She also loved her trips to the hair salon to talk with the ladies and getting her nails done at the nail salon.

Pauline will be remembered for her kindness, her generosity, and her dedication to family. She touched the lives of many and will be dearly missed.

Pauline was predeceased by her beloved parents. She is survived by her devoted husband, Elmer David Saxton, Jr.; and her loving children: Donald (Sharon) Wiegner, Jr., Amy Saxton, Karen (Michael) Peyton, and Kimberly Saxton; and several nieces and nephews. Pauline was blessed with wonderful grandchildren: Ashley (Jacole) Wiegner Baker, Donald (Alexis) Wiegner III, Matthew (Emily) Wiegner, Michael Peyton, Jr., Katy Peyton, Luke Saxton Watson, Evelyn Saxton, and Anthony Saxton. She also lovingly welcomed her great-grandchildren, Donald IV and TJ, in 2024.

Services to honor Pauline's life will be held on Saturday, March 1, 2025, at Strano & Feeley Family Funeral Home, 635 Churchman's Rd, Newark, DE 19702. A visitation will be held from 10-11AM followed by the funeral service at 11:00 AM. Interment will follow at a later date. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Tunnel of Towers (<https://t2t.org/>) or the VFW National Home (<https://vfwnationalhome.org/>).

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 1. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Strano & Feeley Family Funeral Home
635 Churchmans Rd.
Newark, DE 19702
(302) 731-5459

Service

MAR 1. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

SN

“ I dated Paula way back in the 60s. She was, without a doubt, one of the most fun females I have ever known. Unfortunately, it wasn't until a year after she passed that I found about it. When I returned from Vietnam, I looked her up and she knew how to deal with the difficulty I was experiencing. May she rest in peace. I visited her place at the veterans cemetery today and was sorry that I hadn't known before now.

Stephen Nash - March 18 at 08:34 PM

LS

“ My Aunt Paula, what a fabulous person, someone to look up to. She fit into our family seamlessly. I love ❤️ you and respect you and will miss you. It was an absolute pleasure to know you. I was the lucky one. I also adored your mom Mickey, two women who showed me what being an independent person means. XO

Lara Saxton-Nicol - February 28, 2025 at 10:03 PM

TB

“ Mr. Saxon I'm so very sorry for your loss. I was the switchboard operator and also Mrs. Jo Daly's daughter from Mitchell Bldg..I really liked Mrs. Saxton and you also, you both were very kind to my late Mother. Thank you! I will keep you in my prayers. 🙏

Tammy Parsons Bugra - February 28, 2025 at 03:32 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Pauline Teresa Saxton.

February 28, 2025 at 11:52 AM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Pauline Teresa Saxton.*



February 28, 2025 at 11:52 AM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Pauline Teresa Saxton.*



February 26, 2025 at 09:37 AM



“ *Dearest Paula, You were my mentor in 1973 at my first job, held a bridal shower for me soon after, and remained a dear friend and confidante through the decades! We visited and chatted long distance between Maine, Ft. Knox, South Jersey and Delaware. Rest well, Dear Friend! You are loved and missed...
Barbara Valdez*

Barbara Valdez - February 26, 2025 at 07:52 AM



“ *Please forgive the error in my previous post. Mrs. Saxton, not Paxton.*

Fawn Palmer - February 25, 2025 at 10:17 PM

FP

“ I worked with Dave Saxton at DPC and they kindly let me and my family use their timeshare in FL. When we were set to return home, there was terrible weather in the DE area, so we weren't able to return for another 3 days. They graciously extended our stay the extra days. My daughter, mom, sister, and nephews still talk about how much fun they had on that trip 15 years ago. Mrs. Paxton, thank you for giving that gift to my family. We will always remember and appreciate your generosity, caring, and beautiful heart. Rest in peace.

Fawn Palmer - February 25, 2025 at 10:15 PM

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“ Ill always remember the hours we spent talking, giggling and marvelling at our families, the world, and our God.

Clara Saxton - February 24, 2025 at 05:04 PM