



Pauline "Paula" Lynn Ward

February 9, 1957 - September 26, 2021

Pauline "Paula" Lynn Ward, 64, of Traverse City passed away peacefully on Sunday, September 26, 2021 after living her best life with her cancer diagnosis. Pauline Glasson was born on February 9, 1957 in Detroit, Michigan to the late Edwin and Joann (Dauer) Glasson. She married the love of her life, Paul J. Ward on August 11, 1979 in Livonia, Michigan. Paula graduated from Churchill High School in 1974. She received a Bachelor's Degree in education from Eastern Michigan University and later a Master's Degree in Special Education from Michigan State University.

Over the course of her teaching career, Pauline touched and impacted the lives of countless children. Her career began in Livonia, then Lansing. She most recently worked her "Dream Job" at Pathfinder School in Traverse City. Teaching young children, the important social skills of today's world. She retired in 2016 after over 20 years of service.

Paula was an accomplished musician, playing the flute beautifully. Music was in her heart, she played for weddings, funerals and at her church. Paula was a member of the NMC Concert Band for 30 years. She was both a humble musician and athlete, competing in various 10K and VASA events, quite often winning her age group. She loved to dance and do yoga. Above all, spending time with her family was her greatest joy.

Pauline lived her life by the "Golden Rule" and in the spirit of the Dalai Lama. The world is made a better place through kindness, love and a connection with all people.

Pauline is survived by her loving husband of 42 years, Dr. Paul J. Ward, a son, William (Sierra Isard) Ward and a daughter, Anna (Kyle McElroy) Ward Also surviving are a sister, Cyndi (Joe) Wolf as well as many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Joyce Glasson.

Friends are welcome to visit with Paula's family from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. on Friday, October 1, 2021 at the Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home, 305 Sixth Street, Traverse City, Michigan

49684.

A memorial service honoring Pauline will take place at 11:00 a.m., with visitation starting at 10:00 a.m., on Saturday, October 2, 2021 at the Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home. Rev. Alex Jensen will officiate. A public virtual webcasting will be at www.rjfh.tv.

In lieu of flowers, those planning an expression of sympathy may wish to consider a memorial donation to the American Breast Cancer Foundation, 10440 Little Patuxent Parkway, Suite 300, Columbia, MD 21044 or the Traverse Bay Children's Advocacy Center, 2000 Chartwell Dr. #3, Traverse City, MI 49696.

Please feel free to share your thoughts and memories with Pauline's family at her tribute page at www.reynolds-jonkhoff.com.

The family is being cared for by the Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home and Cremation Services.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 1. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home
305 Sixth St
Traverse City, MI 49684
info@reynolds-jonkhoff.com
<http://www.reynolds-jonkhoff.com/>

Visitation

OCT 2. 10:00 AM (ET)

Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home
305 Sixth St
Traverse City, MI 49684
info@reynolds-jonkhoff.com
<http://www.reynolds-jonkhoff.com/>

Memorial Service

OCT 2. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Public Virtual Funeral Webcasting

OCT 2. 11:00 AM (ET)

www.rjfh.tv

Tribute Wall



“ *Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Pauline "Paula" Lynn Ward*



Reynolds Jonkhoff Funeral Home & Cremation Services - September 30, 2021 at 08:51 PM



“ *Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Pauline "Paula" Lynn Ward*



Reynolds Jonkhoff Funeral Home & Cremation Services - September 28, 2021 at 11:24 AM

CE

Such a beautiful soul. Thoughts and prayers to Paul and family.

Cindy Edmonson - October 01, 2021 at 06:49 PM

BG

A beautiful person. Her soul will be a bright star in the evening skies.....Barb Gibson

Barb Gibson - October 02, 2021 at 12:04 PM



“ *Send BEAUTIFUL Flowers Locally to the family of Pauline "Paula" Lynn Ward. Express your condolences, giving comfort and support. Click here to view selections on our website*

Send Flowers - September 27, 2021 at 04:53 PM

LG

“ *“Sometimes you will never know the value of a moment until it becomes a memory.” Each of us had many moments with Paula that have become priceless memories. Paul, William, Anna thank you for sharing her with all of us. Until we meet again Cuz love and hugs.*

Linda Glasson - November 11, 2021 at 07:32 PM

PC

“ *After arriving home Sunday night from two weeks out of town, I was made aware of Paula's passing and tribute page. My condolences and deepest sympathy are extended to Dr. Ward and his family in their sorrow. Having met Paula only a couple of times, it was apparent that she was held in high esteem by acquaintances, friends, and those close to her. Dr. Ward, my thoughts are with you as you heal from your loss.*

In friendship, Peggy Core

Peggy Core - October 05, 2021 at 06:49 PM

PL

“ *Pat Light lit a candle in memory of Pauline "Paula" Lynn Ward*



Pat Light - October 02, 2021 at 12:07 PM

RL

“ *Paula's celebration service was lovely. Well-done, family. Thank you for sharing her with us; a special soul indeed. Sending continued love and prayers your way.*
Mary Alice and Rick

Rick and Mary Alice Lauzon - October 02, 2021 at 12:02 PM

BG

“ *Barb Gibson lit a candle in memory of Pauline "Paula" Lynn Ward*



Barb Gibson - October 02, 2021 at 12:01 PM

MW

“ I will always remember Paula as a wonderful, caring person to know and be with. Her smile and kindness will not be forgotten.



Marsha Walton - October 02, 2021 at 08:54 AM

CL

“ Sadness is all around me at this time. We really loved and always will love dear Paula. It is amazing how brightly the memories burn. Savored and celebrated: a walk in the redwoods, a hike up a trail, a generous afternoon together - her kindness and laughter found in every word and gesture. ... Our love to Paul and to you all at this time, Carl & Shirley Laur

Carl Laur - October 01, 2021 at 05:17 PM

CM

“ God bless your precious fur baby, who is also certainly experiencing this loss. Your pet's love for, and devotion to Paula comes through so clearly in the various pictures of the two of them together which you included in the video tribute. Very touching and beautiful.

Carol Moore - October 01, 2021 at 03:02 PM

DL

“ We are with you all in spirit . We will miss Paula's smile and laugh but she will always be in our hearts . God Bless all of you , Love Don and Carmen



don carmen laur - October 01, 2021 at 11:49 AM

KN

“ I'm so sorry to hear about the loss of Mrs. Ward. She was my Pre-School teacher the year my dad passed away and she was endlessly kind and patient with me. I remember on father's day when my aunt and uncle came to spend the day with me, she made me feel so special that I had two family members there. Mrs. Ward knew it would be one of my hardest days and because of her, I made it through. Her kindness was contagious and I'm so thankful to have known her. I'll always remember fondly the days she played her flute for the class while we sat there mesmerized.

Kate Norgaard - September 30, 2021 at 10:33 PM

JB

“ My 31-year-old daughter still has fond memories of her pre-school teacher, Mrs. Ward. She tells me she remembers her teacher as kind and gentle. She specifically remembers Paula taking her aside and being especially comforting on grandparents day.....when my daughter’s grandparents were unable to attend. My daughter never spoke a word in pre-school, but her heart was always listening and she has life-long memories of her teacher’s kindness. As a mom, I could not have asked for a better role model for my young daughter. Wishing peace and comfort for your family.

Joy Byington - September 30, 2021 at 07:32 PM

RH

“ Paula was kind-kind-kind, especially to the smallest among us, who need it the most. She made every child feel loved and valued, and THAT never leaves them. She was the angel that came at the beginning of their lives. She gave them all a reason to smile. And she taught all of us to be happy in public! What a wonderful way to create eternity.

Rob Hansen - September 30, 2021 at 05:36 PM



“ Drew & Carol Jarman purchased Lantern Bouquet (White) for the family of Pauline "Paula" Lynn Ward.



Send Flowers - September 30, 2021 at 04:44 PM



“ Aunt Georgia McKay and cousins Karen McKay-Zielinski, Patrick McKay and Patty Sharon McKay purchased Larger Memorial Garden Stone - In Memory (with flowers) for the family of Pauline "Paula" Lynn Ward.



Send Flowers - September 30, 2021 at 02:52 PM

AS

“ I will so miss Paula. She was a good and caring friend. I will miss her smile and laughter.
I thank her for suggesting an outing with friends to Arcadia. I recall good times when our sons went to cross country ski meets - one in the UP during which we waited in the cold to see Will and Jesse fly by.....and then later to go out to dinner with Paul and Paula. Two months ago she went swimming/sunbathing with myself and friends. She will be missed.
Sincere condolences to Paula's family.

Ann Smith - September 30, 2021 at 02:09 PM

TB

“ Paula was kind to everyone... she made the world a better place.

T. Boles - September 30, 2021 at 09:02 AM



“ Doug and Jennifer Stacer purchased Captured Memories for the family of Pauline "Paula" Lynn Ward.



Send Flowers - September 30, 2021 at 08:26 AM

DW

“ Paula was a lovely person, who will be deeply missed. Her smile could light up a room. Praying for the whole family at this difficult time.

Dave and Donna

Donna M Woiderski - September 29, 2021 at 01:18 PM

AT

“ Paul Ward & family

I'm so sorry, Paula was such a lovely person my sincere condolences, sympathy and prayers that peace may offer comfort to ease the burden of sorrow. Paula's spirit shines bright the memory of her smile is of hope and joy.

Lanie

Anna Turner - September 28, 2021 at 09:56 PM

HK

“ *I was so sorry to hear of Paula's passing. My heart goes out to Paul, Will and Anna. Paula was such a bright light - so joyful and enthusiastic about the world around her. May her memory be a blessing and a comfort to you all.*

Holly Knibbs - September 28, 2021 at 03:37 PM



“ Dawn and Denny Lott purchased Thoughts and Prayers for the family of Pauline "Paula" Lynn Ward.



Send Flowers - September 28, 2021 at 03:10 PM

JF

“ *I had the pleasure and honor to work with Paula at the Pathfinder School. I can still remember Paula with her pre-school classes of children. What a legacy she gave to us all! Paula was such a compassionate and competent early childhood educator. She gave hundreds of children such a great start to school and their lives.*

She knew how to motivate as well as educate all the while providing such loving guidance for every child along the way. She definitely made the world a better place!

JD Friley

JD Friley - September 28, 2021 at 02:45 PM

TS

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Terry Stellingworth - September 28, 2021 at 11:31 AM

AB

“ Paula always inspired happiness and love of family, friends, and nature to shine for us all! She will always be with us.
Audrey and Scott



Audrey and Scott Behlow - September 28, 2021 at 08:24 AM

SH

“ Paula is a bright light that shines love on all of us. 💕💕



Susan Hall - September 28, 2021 at 05:38 AM