



## Paula Gail Shaffer

September 8, 1958 - July 21, 2024

### Afterglow

I'd like the memory of me to be a happy one. I'd like to leave an afterglow of smiles when my life is done. I'd like to leave an echo whispering softly down the ways. Of happy times and laughing times and bright sunny days. I'd like the tears of those who grieve, to dry before the sun. Of happy memories that I leave when life is done.

# Tribute Wall

CO

“ *What an amazing person Paula was. She was a part of our Bunco gals and we all loved her. She had this calming voice that I used to love hear. Her strength and determination through her illness was to be admired. She never complained, she was so much fun, she made us laugh and cry. I have three of her acrylic art pieces that she made, and they hang on my wall. the picture is one of our Halloween bunco parties, she came as the SNL person that is on the show, so funny. She was a wonderful cook as well, loved the dishes she would bring to bunco. As we all do, I only wish we had more time to spend together, but she will be in my heart forever. I was blessed when I met her.*

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**Carrie Onorato** - August 17, 2024 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ *I imagine Paula is finally fishing with Randy. trying to catch the big one first!  
So thankful for the memories I have with special folks. Paula's smile made a gray day brighter. Love, Tom*



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**Tom Hilburn** - July 27, 2024 at 12:00 AM

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“ Tom and I will never forget the wonderful times we had out at Shaffer Acres with our family and Paula, Randy, Holly, and Matt. The 4th of July celebrations, the fishing at the pond, Christmas get-togethers, games, and visiting with Randy's folks Ed and Elsie and Paula's sister Dorothy and her furbabies. Tom loved Paula's candied pecans and I never met a dessert I didn't love. Paula and Holly really knew how to put out a spread! While we were saddened with Paula, Holly, and Jeremiah's move to Las Vegas, they had many adventures, and Paula formed meaningful friendships with folks who loved her and appreciated her kindness and cheerfulness. From what has been written by others, she stayed strong and positive while dealing with her pain. That doesn't surprise me. In the times during mom-to-mom talks, she always offered a positive side and words of support to me. So grateful for the special memories we have of time spent with Paula and her family. Thinking of Holly and Matt and their families. Imagine big hugs from the Hilburn clan as we all send our love.



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**Sue Hilburn** - July 27, 2024 at 12:00 AM

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“ TO OUR DEAR BEST FRIENDS, JEREMIAH & HOLLY

JANET & I ARE NOW LEFT WITH 2 BROKEN HEARTS WITH THE UNFORTUNATE PASSING OF OUR BELOVED FRIEND AND ONCE NEIGHBOR PAULA. SHE WAS NOT ONLY SO VERY MUCH LOVED BUT ALSO A BEST FRIEND THAT CANNOT BE REPLACED! THROUGH OUR YEARS OF FRIENDSHIP SHE WAS A PERSON THAT WAS SO COMFORTING TO TALK TO BECAUSE SHE WAS ALWAYS SO KNOWLEDABLE ABOUT SO MANY THINGS. SHE WAS VERY INTELLIGENT AND ALWAYS CARING TO JANET AND MYSELF! I ALWAYS AFFECTIONATELY CALLED HER \*MA\* BECAUSE TO ME SHE WAS A MOTHER FIGURE! SHE WILL BE ALWAYS & FORVER LOVED & REMEMBERED! OUR DEAR LORD I THINK NEEDED HER HOME WITH HIM TO MAKE HER DELICIOUS CANDY SNACKS!! OUR PRAYERS & THOUGHTS ARE ALSO ALWAYS WITH OUR BEST FRIENDS WHO WE CONSIDER FAMILY JEREMIAH & HOLLY! WE LOVE YOU GUYS ALWAYS!! WITH MUCH LOVE & SYMPATHY! GOD BLESS YOU AND REMEMBER WE ARE HERE FOR YOU.  
RICHARD & JANET PELLEGRINI

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**RICHARD and JANET PELLEGRINI** - July 27, 2024 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ I enjoy calling Holly, Paula's daughter, my best friend. As such, I adopted Paula as Mom. Through the years, we have done many things together that one would do with one's mom-shopping, swimming together, game nights, dinners, lunches, and my favorite Christmas baking. I am so glad she is no longer in pain, but I loved the family time we spent together and will miss her terribly. Michelle

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**Michelle Pallares** - July 26, 2024 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ *Paula was my brother's mother-in-law and I had the pleasure of knowing her for over a decade. Most of my memories reside in the year and a half or so that I lived with Paula, Holly, and Jere in Law Vegas. Paula had a warm nature, most everyone found her to be pleasant and kind. She was also brilliant and shared in her wisdom through the years as a mother and a supervisor.*

*I loved Paula's affinity for eating well and cooking. How we'd go to Sprouts and she would light up. She made so many wonderful desserts, notably for me was a banana cake that she perfected. Paula was patient and friendly, through chronic pain, everyday. Instead of allowing that to consume her, she shined only in her positive attributes.*

*Anytime anyone says, "Have a wonderful day!" it'll remind me of her and her love.*



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**David Lawrence** - July 26, 2024 at 12:00 AM

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David Dean - July 25, 2024 at 12:00 AM

PD

“ I am mourning the loss of my wonderful cousin, Paula. We were fortunate enough to see Paula in 2022 and enjoy the time with her. I will cherish that and the many, many memories from over the years. Paula was literally nothing but always kind to me and my family. Holly, Jeremiah and Dorothy, you continued your family's incredible legacy of taking such great care of Paula for so many years. I was always grateful to know that she was in such great hands. I'm sure everyone who knew Paula is so very thankful. I love you, Paula, and I will miss you ❤️

Paul Dean - July 25, 2024 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ Paula was my supervisor at DLI and she was wonderful! She told me one time that I was way better at my job than I thought and to keep going! She was always so supportive and positive! She was a wonderful person!!!



Mandi Frazier - July 24, 2024 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ I had the best Mother-In-Law anyone could ever have asked for. Paula was and still is my 2nd mom, and I will always be extremely thankful for everything she has done for Holly and I. I'll never forget all of the amazing memories from the first time Holly introduced me and we played Rook with her and Randall, to our wedding day and how magical and glowing Paula was, to seeing her climb Mayan ruins in Belize, swimming in the ocean in Grand Cayman, and all of the amazing memories here in Las Vegas. I love you and miss you mom!



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**Jeremiah Lawrence** - July 24, 2024 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ Paula was my first supervisor at Discount Labels years ago. She quickly became a friend. Always kind, always patient and always willing to help. She reached out to me a week before she passed. We had a good conversation with a walk down memory lane. I'm honored to have known her. May she rest in peace. Prayers for peace and comfort for Holly and family. 🙏❤️



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**Christina Harris** - July 24, 2024 at 12:00 AM

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**Terese Stanek** - July 23, 2024 at 12:00 AM

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“ Paula was my first friend here when I moved to Las Vegas. I love her and will miss her very much.



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**Becky Hellams** - July 23, 2024 at 12:00 AM

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“ I had the pleasure of being one of Paula's neighbors. She always had a smile, kind words, grateful and filled with God's love. No matter how she was physically feeling, she never complained. Paula would light up a room with her smile and sweetness. Paula was a warrior. She earned her wings. She made this world a better place. Paula will always have a special place in my heart.



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**Kathryn Huson** - July 22, 2024 at 12:00 AM