



Paula Gordon Thomas

November 1, 1953 - February 9, 2020

Paula Gordon Thomas, 66, went home to be with the Lord on February 9, 2020, following a long and courageous battle with leukemia. She was born in Jacksonville, FL, on November 1, 1953. She was a graduate of Vanguard High School, Rollins College and the University of Florida.

With the love of her life and husband, Chuck, Paula lived life to the fullest. Whether it was on their trips to Scotland and England, their more than 150,000 miles on their Harley motorcycles or cheering on the Gators baseball team at McKethan Stadium, Paula brought joy, energy and laughter to everyplace she went. She was also a talented, amateur genealogist, working with her late mother, June, to trace the history of her family. Through tireless work, Paula traced her family roots to the early Florida pioneers, the Civil War and American Revolution. Paula loved sharing the research with her family and teaching them about the many characters that populated the family tree. She was also proud of and devoted to her Nash heritage, faithfully helping organize the annual family reunion, which was always the source of great fun.

Paula also made the hard job of being a stepmother look easy. She loved Elizabeth (aka Bunny), with all her heart and embraced her as her own.

Paula spent 30 years in law enforcement, retiring as a supervisor with the Florida Department of Corrections Office of Community Corrections. As a parole and probation officer, she was known for treating each person with grace, respect and dignity. She made it her goal to provide a path for a better life for those with whom she worked.

She was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, United Daughters of the Confederacy, and Florida Pioneer Families. Paula was also active in the FOP Gator Lodge #67, serving as president of the social auxiliary.

She is survived by her father, Stanley; her husband, Chuck; her stepdaughter, Elizabeth (Chase) and many loving cousins, in-laws and friends. She was predeceased by her

mother, June, and her brother, Brian.

A celebration of life will be held on February 15, 2020, 11 a.m., at First Presbyterian Church, 106 SW 3rd Street, Gainesville, FL, with the Dr. Karl Kling officiating. In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting memorial gifts be made to the Nash Family Trust, 627 Old Lloyd Rd., Monticello, FL 32344.

Events

FEB **Celebration of Life** 11:00AM

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First Presbyterian Church

106 SW 3rd Street, Gainesville, FL, US, 32601

Comments



“ I am so sorry to be late hearing this. Paula and I went to high school together. We'd stayed in touch over Facebook the past few years. I realized that I hadn't seen her post in several days, and so I went to look and saw that she had died. She was someone I liked and admired.



Sarah Bewley - March 14, 2020 at 03:05 PM



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“ What a beautiful montage of a beautiful woman, who had charity and strength and a love of life to the very end. Tears flowing, but now she's in no pain. An angel on earth, now a guardian angel in heaven.

Pat Wheaton Harrison

Pat Wheaton Harrison - February 20, 2020 at 12:13 PM



“ Dear Chuck,

It was with great sadness we read about Paula's passing. I thought so much of Paula and had great respect for her. She was a good friend and I feel fortunate to have known her. Even though we didn't see each other very often, when we did it was wonderful spending time catching up on how you were doing.

It sounds like both of you made many very special and happy memories during you time together. I hope those happy memories carry you through this sorrowful time and help ease the pain you are going through now.

We send our heartfelt sympathy for your loss.

Dave and Julee Kienast

Dave & Julee Kienast - February 15, 2020 at 01:49 PM



“ Paula was my best friend in high school. We shared many fun times in Fidessa Club and on the Drill Team. Her fighting spirit is an inspiration to all of us - we can endure much more than we think we can and I will remember her when the going gets rough.
Kathryn Koch (fka Kathy Clyatt)



Kathryn Koch - February 14, 2020 at 01:40 PM