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Pauline (Polly) Carol T. Joyce Magargal, age 80, of Lewes, DE, passed away peacefully in her home on Friday, October 13, 2017. She was born January 2, 1937 in Wilmington, DE, daughter of the late Harris and Mary Joyce.

Polly was a beloved wife, mother, and grandmother. Growing up, her childhood was narrated by the voices of radio hosts covering Yankees games, ultimately leading to her persisting affinity for Yogi Berra. Upon graduating from Henry C. Conrad High in 1954, Polly continued her education at St. Francis Hospital in Wilmington and became a registered nurse in 1957. Her passion for education and learning spanned decades, earning her both a B.S. in Nursing from the University of Delaware in 1979 and an M.S. in Nursing from Widener University in 1984. Polly was a lifelong caretaker with a remarkable 60-year nursing career, bringing her to Wilmington's St. Francis Hospital, Medical Center of Delaware, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Delaware, Newark's Christiana Care VNA, and Cape Henlopen School District.

Outside of her career as a nurse, Polly was a contributor to medical journals, an avid athlete and outdoors enthusiast, community activist, and talented writer. She spent her free time volunteering at local events, practicing yoga and tai chi, quilting, swimming, gardening, reading, painting and writing. Her love of animals, nature and organic gardening grew from her time living on their Landenberg, PA farm, which she and her late husband Howard renovated with their family in 1978, taking a piece of history and making it their own.

An especially talented poet, she participated regularly in local writers' guilds, poetry readings and workshops, feeling that writing was her way of leaving behind a record of what she found most important to her; her loves, dreams, and fears. Traveling, the ocean and family all held a special place in her heart.

Polly is survived by her two sons, Scott Magargal of Oxford, PA and Brian Magargal of Hockessin, DE; a daughter, Amy Campagnone of Milton, DE; eight grandchildren: Taylor, Alli, Colton, Liam, and Clare Magargal, and Ben, Tucker, and Christian Campagnone.



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A memorial service will be held Wednesday, October 18, 2017 at 7:00 PM at Parsell Funeral Home, 16961 Kings Hwy, Lewes, DE, where friends and family may begin visiting at 6:00 PM. A Mass will be held at Resurrection Parish 3000 Videre Drive, Wilmington, DE 19808 in Wilmington, DE at 10:30 AM Thursday, October 19, followed by graveside service at All Saints Cemetery in Wilmington, DE and a luncheon.

The family wishes to extend its deepest gratitude to friends, the supportive Lewes family, the fifth-floor nursing staff at Beebe hospital, and the compassionate caretakers at Delaware Hospice for the incredible companionship, support and care Polly was provided in her time of greatest need.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests all donations and contributions be sent to the Cancer Support Community Delaware's annual Pink Affair event. Donations can be made online at www.cancersupportdelaware.org or send to 18947 John J. Williams Highway, Suite 312, Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971 with "attention Pink Affair" included.

Please sign her online guestbook located on this site.

FLORIST NOTE: PLEASE HAVE ALL FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS DELIVERED BY 2 PM, WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2017 TO PARSELL FUNERAL HOMES, LEWES, DE.



Events

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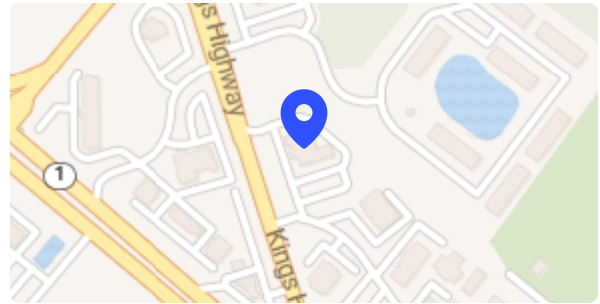
Visitation

 **Wednesday**, October 18, 2017

 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM ET


 **Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium-
Atkins-Lodge Chapel**

16961 Kings Highway, Lewes DE 19958



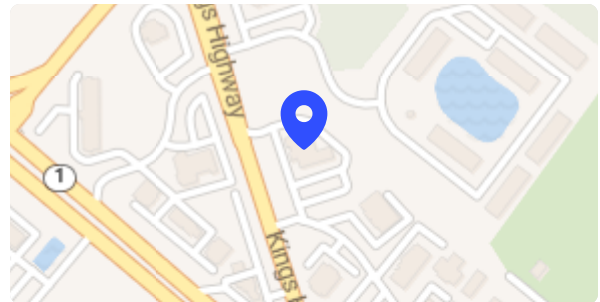
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Beth Heid posted:

Amy, Fred and boys, I am so sorry for your loss. I so enjoyed sharing time with Polly as an enthusiastic supporter on the lacrosse sidelines for so many years. Your tribute to her is wonderful. I knew she was a nurse but should have known she was a poet and writer, too. I know you will miss her dearly. All of the Heids are wishing you peace and comfort. XO

October 26 at 7:16 AM



Jenn Barrows lit a candle in honor of Pauline.

I met Polly and three of her friends in Lewes at one of my listings. They were a lively and delightful bunch of people and I thoroughly enjoyed the tour. We kept in touch and she invited me to see the beautiful home they built. We kept in touch and I was thinking of her on the day she passed away and intended to call. Unfortunately I was behind on the paper otherwise I would've come personally to express my condolences. Polly was definitely a straight shooter with lots of talent and energy and I thoroughly enjoyed our talks and meetings. I am so very sorry for your loss. The world has one less bright light.



October 25 at 6:53 AM



Mary Cochran posted:

Polly was my longest and dearest friend from the time I came to DE in 1970. Our lives have crisscrossed in so many ways over the past decades from tennis games to picking raspberries, summer picnics, Christmas, spinning wool to our shared profession as nurses. Our families are more than friends - we are family. Thank you Polly for your generosity. Our deepest thoughts and prayers are with your family. We will miss you.

October 19 at 5:43 AM



Anne Pikolas posted:

I played pickleball with Polly many years ago and always had fun with her on the court. She played hard and was very competitive but she was funny too because she knew her limits. I am thinking of all of you at this time. You have lost a special person and I am lucky to have known her. Anne Pikolas

October 18 at 2:20 PM



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Tom Hoyer lit a candle in honor of Pauline.



October 18 at 5:28 AM

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Tom Hoyer October 18 at 5:31 AM

I lit the candle because it reminds me of the racks of votive lights in the backs of churches and because I lit candles for my mother. Polly was irrepressible. I'd like to think that she did not just die: she completely used up her life.

PB

Patty Bennett posted:

Polly was a member of my Panera Poetry Critique Group. She was also a frequent contributor to Art in the AM and the Nights of Songs and Readings, both run by the Rehoboth Beach Writers Guild, of which Polly was an active member. I took several classes with her, including one at Judy Catterton's home. There Polly read to us the most beautiful story of a trip back to her farms with one of her granddaughters. I hope it was completed, and that lucky grandchild will treasure it always. Polly was always upbeat and direct. She would tell it like it is. A piece of our Panera Group is gone forever...may she rest in peace.To Polly's family, I am so sorry for your loss. I hope you will seriously consider publishing a collection of her poems some day.Love, Patty Bennett

October 17 at 3:51 PM

MD

Mimi Dupont posted:

Polly brought light and laughter to everyone she met, including me. I'm so grateful for the time we shared in writing workshops, at readings and other events, and sharing an occasional meal. Her writings on her "tour" of family homes with her granddaughter were thoughtful, thorough and masterful storytelling. I hope those memories give her family many moments of joy when the sadness of her loss has lessened.Mimi Dupont

October 16 at 2:47 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Pauline by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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