



Paula Gail Johnson

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Paula Gail Johnson, age 63 of Milton, DE, breathed her last breath, following a sudden battle with cancer, on Saturday, January 30, 2021 at Beebe Healthcare in Lewes, DE. She was born on October 16, 1957 in Baltimore, MD, daughter of the late Roswell Paul and Patricia Anne (Fee) Johnson.

Paula was committed to fitness and she attended 'built' where her smile would welcome the members of her exercise tribe. She will be lovingly remembered by her students, teachers, administration colleagues of her education profession and was remembered by her past animated conversations of her departed cats that she treasured.

Paula is survived by her favorite aunt, Doris Lauer; her cousin, Gail Lauer-Miller; her second cousin and godmother, Julie Moreland and her husband, Chad; her second cousin, Mark Miller, and his wife Lovena, and their respective family members. On her father's side, she is survived by her oldest sister, Deborah Kinder and her husband, John; her niece, Leah Apgar and her husband, James; her older sister, Jacquelyn Rush and her husband, Mark; her nephew, Christopher Rush and his wife, Tracy, and their respective family members. She also leaves behind her dog Cupid, who was her first puppy and ultimate companion; her friends: Diane and Patty whom assisted Paula with shopping, errands, and appointments when she was physically unable; and her confidant, Joy who was by her side until the very end and is considered her dearest friend.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, there will be no in-person service.

A Celebration of Life via live streaming will be held on Saturday, March 20, 2021 at 11:00 AM. All are welcome to join the stream by visiting the following link:

<https://webcasts.lifetributes.com/1118617>

Memorial contributions may be made in Paula's memory to the Brandywine Valley SPCA, 22918 DuPont Blvd., Georgetown, DE 19947, www.bvspca.org, or your local animal shelter.




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Please sign the virtual guestbook located on the tribute page.



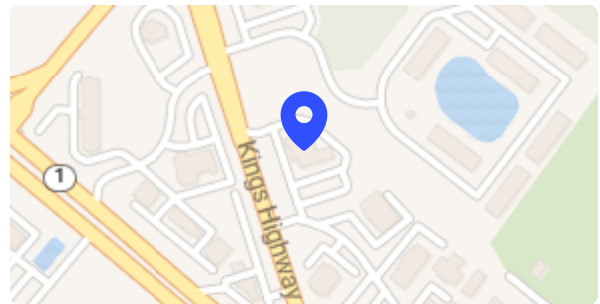
Flowers

 **Friday**, March 19, 2021

 3:30 PM ET


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

16961 Kings Highway, Lewes DE 19958



Virtual Service

 **Saturday**, March 20, 2021

 11:00 AM ET

 **www.parsellfuneralhomes.com**
DE



Tribute Wall

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LA

Leah Apgar posted:

Thank you for the service! Leah & James Apgar

March 20 at 7:43 AM

SS

Steve Schwartz posted:

I had the pleasure of working over 45 years with Paula at several stages of her career and life. I first got to know her as a student at Seaford Senior High School (Class of 1975). While naturally quiet, she was a mainstay of the band program (marching band, pep band, concert band); I especially appreciated her in helping to keep the rather flamboyant band director/conductor somewhat under control while she played the clarinet in the pit orchestras for school musicals (especially "The Sound of Music" her senior year). She was also a key leader with the Seaford literary magazine "Insight"; she always followed through on whatever task needed to be done. Some years later, after her stint of teaching and leading at the Cape Henlopen School District [Thank you Gary Wray!], I was happy to be part of the team which welcomed Paula back to the Seaford Schools as a principal. Paula knew good instruction and she did a fine job shepherding the students and teachers at Frederick Douglass Elementary. Her final role in Seaford was as the Elementary Supervisor where she oversaw all of our elementary schools; she was a joy to work with when I consulted with the district. Paula was an exemplary daughter as she cared both for her mother and then for her father in their final years. Further, she was a primary caregiver for her aunt. In recent years, when I occasionally met Paula and Diane Kichline for lunch, Paula would always have a funny story or two to tell about the challenges with her four-legged companions. She died too young but she made her mark as an excellent educator and a wonderful human being. Gone but not forgotten by hundreds of students, parents, teachers and friends! Rest in peace, Paula!

February 17 at 10:30 AM

DW

Dr. Gary D, Wray posted:

I had the pleasure to be Paula's principal at Lewes for several years when she was one of our key teachers. She was a super teacher...always very well prepared and spoken, self assured and very warm to the kids. Always with a great smile and laugh, she would quickly throw herself into any job that needed to get done either on her grade level or on the school level. I could always count on Paula to do things well. Later when she told me that she would like to go into school admin and that she would like me to recommend her for several available statewide positions, I was more than happy to do it. She was a fine teacher and a better person. She will be missed. Dr. Gary D. Wray
Cape Henlopen School District

February 15 at 8:06 AM



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DA

Dianne Abrams posted:

Paula was an amazing educator and a great person. She really cared about both her kids and her staff.

February 12 at 3:57 PM

PK

Patricia Kough posted:

I taught at Fred Douglass in Seaford while Paula was principal there. She was an excellent principal. For the past few years she and two other friends of ours got together for lunch once a month. We have missed those lunches because of Covid and had hoped to continue them soon. Paula was a good friend and will be truly missed.

February 8 at 4:23 AM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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