



## Paula Lucas

January 27, 1953 - August 7, 2007

Paula Ann Lucas, 54, Topeka passed away August 3, 2007. Paula was born January 27, 1953 in Topeka KS the daughter of Daniel and Elizabeth (Rome) Dreiling. She graduated from Topeka West High School. She married Jim Lucas in 1975. They were married for 23 years. Paula had worked for Heifner Nursery. She currently was working for the Kansas Lottery by going to events to promote the lottery. Paula was very involved with the Topeka lawn and garden show. She was a member of Most Pure Heart of Mary Catholic Church. She was a loving daughter and a most loving mother and wife. Paula is survived by her children, Danielle Lucas, Prairie Village KS, Nicholas Lucas, Fort Myers Fl; mother, Elizabeth (Betty) Dreiling, Topeka; sister, Martha Spurgen; a step son, Shawn Lucas and his family, Topeka and nephews. Family will greet friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Tues at Most Pure Heart of Mary Catholic Church, 3601 SW 17th Topeka KS 66604. Daughters of Isabella rosary will be prayed at 6 p.m. A parish rosary will be prayed at 7 p.m. at the church Tue. night. A Mass of Resurrection will be celebrated 10 a.m. Wed at the church. Inurnment will follow at Mount Calvary Cemetery. Online condolences may be sent to [www.kevinbrennanfamily.com](http://www.kevinbrennanfamily.com).

# Tribute Wall



“ *Paula Lucas*

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January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *Dani and Nick,  
I never in a million years thought I'd write something like this to you two. I just want you both to know how much Paula loved you . You were her "little munchkin" Dani and Nick was always "my little Nicholas" She loved you so much. You made her life complete. I can't even imagine how much you will miss her. She is in a very happy place now. I,too, will miss all the night time runs to Walmart and the grocery store with her. Also all the times she called on the way home from where ever she was. She is looking over you always and I just realized that she will get to meet my mother now. I love you two very much. Patty( We were always Patty and Ronnie to your family)*

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**Patty Miller** - August 10, 2007 at 08:28 PM



“ *Betty, We wish to express our sincere sympathy in the loss of your daughter Paula. We did not know Paula but you were so kind to acknowledge the death of our Mother Pauline Burkhart on July 12th. We will keep you and your family in our thoughts and prayers. Joe & Cheryl Burkhart and Pauline Burkhart Family*

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**The Pauline Burkhart Family** - August 10, 2007 at 11:55 AM

SN

“ To Paula's family: When I think of Paula, I smile! She cruised the halls at the Lottery like no other. I always knew when she was coming to my cube. She would come in and chat from time to time. She absolutely adored and cherished Nick & Dani. I will never forget how happy she was when I told her we had picked the name "Nick" for our own son. She loved her plants, her dog, eating mexican food at Lupita's or Tacos El Sol, but she loved nothing like she loved her children. I will always think of her when I smell Happy perfume. She would bring little samples that Dani gave her while working at Dillard's. You guys have a great Mom. Know that she will always be with you. We'll all miss her smiling face! God be with you all.

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**Shelly Noriega** - August 09, 2007 at 11:07 PM

RM

“ Dear Nick and Family,

*We grieve for your loss, and send our heartfelt love and prayers to you. If there is anything we can do please let us know anytime ... Liz and Ray McKamy*

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**Ray and Liz McKamy** - August 07, 2007 at 08:24 PM

SA

“ To the Lucas family,

*I would like to give you my condolences. My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

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**Sara** - August 07, 2007 at 07:52 PM

DF

“ *Danielle & Nick,  
Jim and I knew your mom years ago when your dad and Jim played  
slow pitch . Your mom was fun to be around and had a beautiful  
smile. This is such a tragic event that has robbed you of a vibrant,  
loving mother. Please know that our prayers and thoughts are with  
you and your dad. With sympathy, Diana*

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**Diana & Jim Frownfelter** - August 07, 2007 at 10:13 AM

KB

“ *Dear Dani, Nick and Lucas family: I worked with your mom at Bank  
of America and we kept in touch for quite a few years after that. It is  
so hard to believe what happened. My husband was one of the  
firefighters who worked on your mom to try to save her - I did not  
know at that time until later it was your mom. I am so sorry for your  
loss. I know that God has a reason for everything, even if we don't  
understand it. But she is in God's hands now watching over you.  
Your mom was always so kind, always ready to lend a hand to help  
whomever and always had a smile on her face. I think of all the  
times she was there for me. She will be so dearly missed! Our  
thoughts and prayers are with you both! Take care - you both were  
you're mom's pride and joy - she loved you both so much!*

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**Kim Brooks-Howbert** - August 07, 2007 at 09:23 AM

JC

“ *To all of Paula's family: We are truly sorry for your loss. Please  
know that our thoughts and prayers are with you. We came to know  
Paula through Amy & Shawn. We are Shawn's in-laws.*

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**John & Dolores Canon** - August 06, 2007 at 10:12 PM

MM

“ Danielle,

*We are so sorry for your loss, please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this time.*

*-Mike*

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**Michael McTeer** - August 06, 2007 at 03:51 PM

MM

“ Dear Lucas family, we here at Lupitas mexican restaurant are very sorry for your loss. Paula was a great person to wait on, she was always smiling. We will miss her alot. our prayers are with the entire Lucas family. from the staff at Lupitas.

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**martin munoz** - August 06, 2007 at 02:10 PM

DP

“ Dear Lucas Family: I worked with your mom at Highland Park Bank a long time ago and we still kept in touch. We had a lot of fun together. It's hard to belivie I won't get to see or talk to her anymore. My heart goes out to you both and I'll keep you in my prayers. Take care.

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**Debbie Pearson** - August 06, 2007 at 01:34 PM

JT

“ Lucas Family:  
*Our thoughts and hearts go out to you. Nick is like a second son.  
We will always be there for you.  
Jim Toomay,Phyllis Hayden*

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**Jim Toomay** - August 06, 2007 at 12:27 PM

SE

“ To Paula's Family. Paula was a very special person. very caring anytime someone needed help she was always there. and she always had a smile no words can express her loss. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. she will be missed by so many people.  
Shirley Eagles

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**shirley eagles** - August 06, 2007 at 10:44 AM

DC

“ Dear Lucas Family, May God be with you in your time of mourning. Your family will be in my prayers. I worked with Paula indirectly through the Lottery's vendor, GTECH. She was always a very kind, sincere and happy person to be around.

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**Dennis Christian** - August 06, 2007 at 09:50 AM

SW

“ Shawn, Amy and Paula's entire family: My Mom, Shirley worked with Paula at the Lottery. Paula always wanted to see the new pictures of my kids when they were taken. She always made sure she had candy for them when I would bring them to the office on Halloween to visit. Paula was such a sweet, and caring woman and will truly be missed by so many. May God comfort you in your time of sorrow and please know that we are thinking of you during this difficult time.

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**Shari & Craig Westfall** - August 06, 2007 at 08:33 AM

KB

“ To Paula's family: Paula was such a wonderful, full-of-life person. I don't think I have ever known anyone with as much energy as Paula. She was always running around the office, wizzing by my cubical, and never failing, would run into someone who was coming around the corner in the other direction. Very seldom did you ever see her without a smile on her face. She was also doing what she loved most...riding her bicycle. I know God needed one more bicyclist for his team, thought Paula was the best and that she would win the race for him. God Bless. My thought and prayers are with all of you.

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**Kathy Barnard** - August 06, 2007 at 08:12 AM

LD

“ Dearest Betty,  
It was nice talking to you earlier today.

*My entire family's thoughts and prayers are with you and Martha,  
and most certainly Paula's family  
Let us know whether we can help in any way. And please --let us  
keep in touch! Love, Lila and family*

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**Lila DREILING** - August 05, 2007 at 06:17 PM

DB

“ Dear Betty and Family, Words cannot express how deeply sorry I am for the loss of your beloved Paula. Ever since I heard of this terrible tragedy, I have played over and over in my mind the many wonderful memories I have of Paula from childhood. She was my first "best friend". She was always so exciting and fun to be with. Whether it was running through the sprinkler, playing babies, riding bikes, playing baseball with my brothers, it was always great fun being with her. Even though Paula and I didn't see much of each other in our adult years, everytime we would talk she always spoke with such pride about her children, Dani and Nick. I know she felt they were her greatest achievement. There are many people that come in and out of one's life and leave an impression. Paula was one of those people for me. I have never forgotten her and I never will. Love, Diette  
never for

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**Diette Bailey** - August 05, 2007 at 01:44 PM

BF

“ Betty & Norine,  
We are very sorry for your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers. God bless you and your family.  
Bill & Jean Fitzgibbons

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**Bill & Jean Fitzgibbons** - August 05, 2007 at 12:52 PM

BM

“ *Those we love are never really lost to us--  
we feel them in so many special ways--  
through friends they always cared about  
and dreams they left behind,  
in beauty that they added to our days...  
in words of wisdom we still carry with us  
and memories that never will be gone...  
Those we love  
are never really lost to us--  
for everywhere their special love lives on.*

*Paula came by my desk and talked to me just before she left work on Thursday night, she was such a kind, wonderful person, with a ready smile for everyone. I will always remember her, for she was a part of my life. Losing a loved one is never easy, but God had other plans for her, as He needed another angle in heaven. She will be missed greatly. My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

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**Barbara Martin** - August 05, 2007 at 12:18 PM

TG

“ *Although I did not know Paula, I feel very close to her since I too am a biker. I can think of many ways to die--and none of them are good--but what better way to go than doing something you love? Paula is gone; taken too early. But when I go I would count myself lucky to go as Paula did. My thoughts to her family and friends and as I take my ride today I will say a prayer.*

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**tom goodrich** - August 05, 2007 at 09:23 AM

MH

“ OUR PRAYERS AND THOUGHTS ARE WITH YOU , YOU HAVE OUR DEEPEST SYMAPATHY.

MARK & BEV HENRY  
(WE WORKED WITH PAULA AND JIM SEVERAL YEARS AGO

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**MARK & BEV hENRY** - August 04, 2007 at 07:07 PM

PD

“ Dear Lucas Family,

We are so sorry for your loss. We saw Paula a lot at Heifners and she always seemed to be enjoyiing life. We share a lot of great memories and know that we are thinking of you during this difficult time.

Sincerely  
Rich and Pat Darnall  
and Family

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**Pat Darnall** - August 04, 2007 at 07:04 PM

DR

“ Paula was a great person to know and work with.

"Some people come into our lives and quietly go.  
Others stay for awhile and leave footprints on our hearts and we are never the same."

Paula left an endless trail of footprints in everyones hearts she knew.....

darlene

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**Darlene B. Rutledge** - August 04, 2007 at 05:02 PM

SS

“ *We all extend our sympathy and prayers at this difficult time.*

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**St. Francis ER staff** - August 04, 2007 at 09:25 AM

GH

“ *Dani,  
I just saw you and Paula at Amy's shower a few months ago. Your mom had such a contagious personality. She is already very missed. We are praying for you. Let me know if you need anything!*  
*Gretchen (March) Ryan, Charlie and Samantha Hembree*

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**Gretchen "March" Hembree** - August 04, 2007 at 09:20 AM