



Paula Jean Ross

January 5, 1944 - June 14, 2018

Paula Jean Grover Ross, 74, passed away at home on June 14, 2018, after a brave 21-year battle with cancer. She was born at St. Francis Hospital in Topeka, Kansas, on January 5, 1944, to Vernon Weir Grover and Bernadette Catherine McGinnis Grover.

Paula was a member of the first graduating class at Topeka West High School in 1962. She received her teaching degree at Emporia State in 1967 and her master's in education at Pittsburg State University. Paula began her teaching career at Central Park Elementary School teaching first and fifth grade and for most of her career she taught special education in the Joplin R-8 school district, retiring in 2004.

Paula loved spending time with her teaching colleagues, friends, family, grandchildren and her beloved grand-dog, Larry. Her many activities included attending her grandchildren's activities and playing bridge with her friends.

Survivors include her husband of 47 years, Frank Ross, Topeka; daughter, Jennifer Sykes (Michael), Olathe; son, Ryan Ross, Topeka; two grandchildren, Jack and Maggie Sykes; two sisters, Pamela Parry and Pat Wells; and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, brother, Jerry Grover, and sister, Phyllis Fry.

Memorial service will be at 12 p.m. Tuesday, June 19, 2018, at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614, where family will greet friends one-hour prior. Inurnment will be at a later date in Mission Center Cemetery in Topeka.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions be made in her honor to Cancer Action, and the Topeka Helping Hands Humane Society, sent in care of the funeral home.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **19**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home
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Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall



“ Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Paula Jean Ross



Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home - June 15, 2018 at 05:30 PM



“ Paula Jean Ross

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Paula Jean Ross.



June 18, 2018 at 10:21 AM

DA

“ So sorry to hear of Paula's passing this morning. We met and were friends at Topeka High School during the 1959 school year. It was so enjoyable having classes together and becoming high school friends. Over the years before she transferred to Topeka West we lost contact but will always remember her friendship and having been her friend and classmate. Seems just like yesterday we were running the Halls of Troy but times do so change. Rest in peace Paula and remember our friendship. God Bless You. Your friends and classmate Diann Edwards Arbuthnot.

Diann Edwards Arbuthnot - June 18, 2018 at 09:27 AM

WW

“ Frank, sorry to hear about the passing of Paula. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your children. Warren and Beth Wells.

Warren Wells - June 17, 2018 at 03:51 PM

PB

“ Paula was a special friend and will be missed by all her bridge friends in Pittsburg.

pamela Beer - June 17, 2018 at 01:47 PM

J(

“ I am so sorry to hear of Paula’s passing. I remember her well. We were best friends at Capper Jr. High School where we were cheerleaders together. Then on to Topeka West High School where we were the first graduating class in 1962. We had so many wonderful “adventures” together that I remember fondly. I remember Phyllis, Pam and Pat as well. I was at their house frequently and I became friends with Pam and Pat as well. Paula had the most wonderful foreign make car that I was so envious of. She would let me drive it often and I was in 7th heaven. I think of her often and was always so sorry we had lost touch with one another over the years. She was the greatest friend ever!!

Judy K. Nyman (Jones) - June 17, 2018 at 12:54 PM

DF

“ David and Maureen Huerter and family. purchased the Godiva Chocolate Celebration Signature Gift Basket for the family of Paula Jean Ross.



David and Maureen Huerter and family. - June 16, 2018 at 08:57 AM

MH

“ Share a memory, how can I choose one? Paula was a vision of hope, a shoulder to cry on, a smile that warmed my heart. Her joy for life, her love of family will always be etched in my memory. Our walks in the evenings around Bitner Terrace were more than exercise, they were the best of times. We all were blessed to call her friend.

Maureen Huerter - June 16, 2018 at 07:46 AM

RM

“ So sorry to hear about Paula Ross. She was a friend of many years ago when we lived in Pittsburgh. We play bridge together and enjoyed her Family very much. Daughter Jennifer and our son Nathan good good friends.

Ron and BETSY Miller - June 16, 2018 at 06:57 AM

MH

“ Deepest sympathy to Paula’s family. She was a co-teacher in my room at Stapleton for a few years. Always professional, caring, and such a hard worker and a friend to all.

Mary Heseman - June 15, 2018 at 01:38 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Paula Jean Ross.



June 15, 2018 at 06:23 AM

BG

“ I am so sorry! Paula was a good friend. I worked with her at Stapleton School in Joplin. My students loved to have her come into our classroom to do special lessons. She was a joy to be with. I always looked forward to the times we worked together.

Brenda Guillory - June 14, 2018 at 08:51 PM