



Paula J. McCorkle

September 30, 1948 - October 30, 2020

Paula J. McCorkle, age 72 of Highland, IL, died Friday, October 30, 2020, at her residence in Highland, IL.

She was born on September 30, 1948, in Taylorville, IL, the daughter of Max and Carrie (nee Etherton) Wilson.

On July 21, 2001, she married John L. McCorkle at St. Louis, MO. He survives in Highland, IL .

Paula was born in Taylorville, IL. She grew up in Edinburgh, IL and went on to attend S.I.U Carbondale College. She later attended and graduated from S.I.U. Edwardsville, IL. She was married to Joseph Schaefer in 1969 and was married for 24 years before divorcing. She married John McCorkle on July 21, 2001 and spent 18 wonderful years as his wife. John was the love of her life and was a devoted loving husband all of their days together. Paula substituted for ten years in the Highland Illinois School District before going on to teach for 24 years in the Triad Community Schools. She loved teaching, reading and writing to the children she taught and hoped that each left with a better appreciation of books and writing. She loved reading books and sometimes read two at a time. She enjoyed cooking and taking walks with her husband, John. But more than anything she loved her family and friends. Spending time with them brought her great happiness.

Survivors include :

Husband - John L. McCorkle, Highland, IL

Son - Brian J. (Kim) Schaefer, Festus, MO

Grandchild - Molly Redman Coons

Great Grandchild - Makenna Coons

Step Children - Four

Step Grandchildren - Several

Step Great Grandchildren - Several

Nieces and Nephews - Many

Cousins - Many

Brother - Greg Wilson, Taylorville, IL

Sister - Pamela Woodward, Shawnee Mission , KS

Sister In-Law - Marilyn Kniburys, Albion, MI

She was preceded in death by :

Father - Max Wilson - Died 7/6/1992

Mother - Carrie M. Wilson nee Etherton - Died 1/9/1997

Arrangements are being handled by Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL.

Private graveside funeral services and interment will be at Highland City Cemetery in Highland, IL, with Rev. Dan Perry officiating.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, American Cancer Society or any library of donor's choice..

Tribute Wall

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“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



John McCorkle - November 14, 2020 at 11:26 PM

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“ *Paula was the sweetest person ever. The best wife a man could have. She was the absolute love of my life, my buddy and sole mate for sure. I am a better person because of her . I am so very thankful for the wonderful 18 years we shared . At the end she was so very brave and loving. Words can not describe how very very much I miss her. I love you Paula Jean.*

John McCorkle - November 14, 2020 at 11:17 PM

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“ *Thank you, Paula, for being the best friend a girl could ever ask for in this lifetime. We enjoyed each other's company so much and oh how I miss our emailing and phone calls. As my heart aches to have lost my "Bestie", I am comforted in knowing that you are now healthy, happy, and at peace with our Heavenly Father. A great heart has stopped beating and a great soul has ascended into Heaven.*

Barbara Swims - November 11, 2020 at 02:47 PM

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“ *An absolute ray of sunshine. I could not have asked for a more caring and loving Mother-In-Law. Paula will be deeply missed by many, the remembrance of her smile will last a lifetime.*

Kim Schaefer - November 03, 2020 at 12:21 PM

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“ *Thank you Paula for attending church with me until your cancer and the covid put an end to that. Thank you and John for sharing flight interest with my grandchildren. Thank you for the walks we took. You were a caring and giving lady. Also thanks for the zucchini bread as well as other goodies you gave Larry and me!*

Carolyn Iftner - October 31, 2020 at 04:10 PM