



Paula J. Miller

March 29, 1954 - May 31, 2024

Paula J. Miller, 70, of Napoleon, Ohio, passed away on May 31, 2024. She was born in Napoleon, Ohio on March 29, 1954 to the late Leo “Butch” and Romaine Shafer. She was married to Glenn A. Miller at the Christ United Methodist church on November 28, 1992 in Napoleon, Ohio.

Paula taught for the Napoleon Area Schools for 36 years. Thirty-four of those in Kindergarten and two years in sixth grade. She was a long-time member of the Napoleon Nazarene Church where she assisted with vacation bible school, funeral meals, and her special IF Table Ladies bible study. She loved spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren. She enjoyed decorating and entertaining and put her whole heart into everything she did.

Paula is survived by her husband Glenn; children Aaron (Ashley) Miller, Napoleon, Ohio, Tiffany Thacker, Pikeville, KY; grandchildren, Ava Miller, Kellan Miller, both of Napoleon and Rylee Baker of Pikeville KY. Siblings; Steve (Pam) Shafer, Westerville, Ohio, John (Chris) Shafer, Archbold, Ohio, and Teresa (Brad) Brown-Welsh of Napoleon, Ohio and a host of special nieces and nephews.

Friends and family will be received at the Napoleon Church of the Nazarene, Napoleon, on Monday, June 3 from 2pm to 8pm and the funeral will be celebrated on Tuesday, June 4 at 11 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to a charity of your choice, in Paula's name.

Previous Events

Public Viewing

JUN 3. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Church of the Nazarene
630 Appian Ave.
Napoleon, OH 43545

Public Viewing

JUN 4. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Funeral Service

JUN 4. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

JK

“ *The world is dimmer, having lost a bright and shining spirit!! I grew up being Paula’s first cousin. We shared many family gatherings. She grew up, as did I, each going our own ways. She was always cheerful, optimistic, and loving to those she knew. She gave many kindergarten kids the best start at life they could possibly receive! In the past two years, she was my cheerleader, getting me through cancer treatment—sending me encouraging notes and praying for me. She recently helped me get through a debilitating illness and surgery with spiritual inspiration and more loving prayers. Glenn, please realize how many people’s lives she impacted. I rejoice she is now at home with Jesus and her beloved departed family. God is always good.*

Judy Neuhauser Kahn - June 04, 2024 at 07:34 PM

NV

“ *I was so blessed to have met Paula at Adrian College when she became a Tri Sigma sister. We shared many joyous times at alumni events over the years. A favorite memory is when a group of us attended Convention in Washington, D.C. What an amazing time we all had! Paula was a wonderful decorator and I will never forget the magazine-worthy Christmas trees she always had in her home. She was a lovely and generous hostess, always making everyone feel welcome. Little did we know that our last time to share our sisterhood with Paula would be a luncheon this April. I am so grateful for having known her.*

My sympathy is with Paula's family and loved ones.

Nancy Aiken Vail - June 03, 2024 at 11:35 PM

MC

“ *Mindy and Connie purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Paula J. Miller.*



Mindy and Connie - June 03, 2024 at 02:55 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Paula J. Miller.*



June 03, 2024 at 12:44 PM

LF

“ *Love Always, Your GA Family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Paula J. Miller.*



Love Always, Your GA Family - June 03, 2024 at 11:25 AM

CN

“ I spent my very early years playing with Paula as we were relatives and her parents and my parents were very close. I have two fondest memories with Paula at that time. One time we walked to the library together and picked out some books. Afterwards we stopped at her Grandmother’s house on W Washington Street where Paula lived now and Paula took me into her Grandmother’s kitchen and she opened the refrigerator and there in a Tupperware container were a batch of sugar cookies, To this day, they are the BEST sugar cookies I’ve ever ate!! Also, in the summer, the church her family attended, the old UB church downtown catty corner from Heller Memorial Hospital had Bible school. One summer when I was 4, she invited me to attend with her, I enjoyed it so much! And to this day, I still sing the song in my mind that I learned. “I have the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart”! I cherish those memories being with Paula. To the Miller family, the entire Shafer family, and all the cousins, my deepest condolences to you all! Always remember all the memories with Paula especially during the saddest times to get you through! Lovingly, Christa Neuhauser

Christa Neuhauser - June 03, 2024 at 11:24 AM

BM

“ Beth Meek lit a candle in memory of Paula Miller



Beth Meek - June 03, 2024 at 02:30 AM

PS

“ Heart felt condolences to the family. Paula was my kindergarten teacher. She was always so kind! Would run into her on occasion when I would visit Napoleon. Always enjoyed speaking with her.

Patrick Spangler - June 02, 2024 at 04:53 PM



“ *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Paula J. Miller.*



June 02, 2024 at 02:31 PM



“ *I was very fortunate that Paula and I chose each other to room together in the sorority complex for three years. I was so blessed to find an amazing friend to share our college years together. Paula and I were in different majors. She tolerated my science experiments in our room at times and I helped her with her elementary ed. projects. She loved teaching and was so creative. She also took several of us to her home to meet her amazing fun loving family. So many great memories. You were deeply cherished and loved and will forever be in my heart. My deepest sympathy to her family and friends whom she loved so much.*

Ruth M Courtade - June 02, 2024 at 02:25 PM



“ *Love, Ruth (Miser) and Mark Courtade purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Paula J. Miller.*



Love, Ruth (Miser) and Mark Courtade - June 02, 2024 at 02:08 PM

WW

“ Glenn and family. We are saddened to hear of Paula’s passing. Such a beautiful person A caring person to teach kindergarten and give children a caring loving beginning. She will be missed by those that knew her. Pat and Will

will pat wagner - June 02, 2024 at 01:12 PM

BF

“ Becky and Steve Kebe and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Paula J. Miller.

Becky and Steve Kebe and Family - June 02, 2024 at 12:14 PM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Paula J. Miller.



June 02, 2024 at 12:14 PM

LS

“ I worked at the same school as Paula when she taught kindergarten. She was always thoughtful of others and had a great sense of humor. My husband and I later then had the pleasure of seeing her and Glen and they're friends at our place of business. She still had the same concerning loving personality. We will certainly miss her. We send deepest heartfelt condolences to Glen and family. Lori and Jerry Shaver

lori and jerry shsver - June 02, 2024 at 11:50 AM

CY

“ So sorry for your loss Glen. May God comfort you and your family.

carl yarger - June 02, 2024 at 08:03 AM

FX

“ Frank, Sharon, Stephanie & Xavier purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Paula J. Miller.



Frank, Sharon, Stephanie & Xavier - June 02, 2024 at 03:03 AM

SA

“ My heart is broken & so sad for everyone. I use to babysit Paula & had the pleasure of her being in my wedding. So many memories over the years from special Xmas's with Grandpa & Grandma Neuhauser to Paula sharing the house with Grandma. I know life will be so different & sometimes difficult without her. Knowing she's rejoicing to be reunited with family forever gives me comfort. Gone to soon Paula. Strength comfort & prayers during the das ahead. Love you forever 🕊️🙏😊

sharon White Allgair - June 02, 2024 at 12:50 AM

“Where do I begin? Paula and I met at West Elementary School in Mrs. Shartzer’s first grade class. We became best friends who loved to play with little rubber dolls during indoor recess. We made them clothing and furniture out of cardboard and catalogs.

On her birthday a few years ago I dug through my collection of old toys in the attic, and wrapped that rubber doll up for her to open!!!! I wish you could have seen her face!!!! She said she would cherish it forever!!!!

In high school Paula and I were always together. My Mom taught us how to shuck corn to throw at people’s windows during those October weekends. We would go to the football games, and then leave at half- time to soap windows and throw all that corn!!!

Paula and I were in Pep Club together and loved putting on our navy blue skirts, and sweaters and white gloves to scream for those Wildcats. Paula was the president of that club. There is a picture of Paula and I in the year book, our mouths are wide open as we scream for that Wildcat basketball team!!! We had sooo much fun together.

After High School we went our separate ways. I went to the University of Toledo and she went to Adrian College. During the summer months we were able to work for the recreation dept. as the official arts and crafts teachers. The dream job for 2 artsycrafty people. We had a ball coming up with all kinds of things for children ages 5-12 to make on those hot summer days back at West Elementary School. On some days we actually had over 200 children!!!! It’s not really surprising that we both became teachers, spending the last 30 years or so, teaching preschoolers and kindergarteners. I’m proud of the difference we made in al those young children’s lives. One of our favorite things was introducing them to the Letterpeople. I would “marry” Mr. Q and Miss U at the end of the school year. One year Paula wrapped up an old toaster and spatula for wedding gifts!!!! And then of course I had to “ooh” and “ahh” over each one!!! Our students loved our antics!!!

There will never be another Paula Joanne Shafer Miller. The day she passed was one of the saddest days of my life. We still had so much we wanted to do together. Rest easy my dear friend. My heart is broken.

Pam Downey

Pam Downey - June 01, 2024 at 11:40 PM

RS

“ *Rochester & Columbus Shafers purchased the Pink Potpourri Bouquet for the family of Paula J. Miller.*



Rochester & Columbus Shafers - June 01, 2024 at 11:11 PM