



Mrs. Paula Sue Vickers

March 3, 1947 - March 27, 2019

Paula Sue Vickers, age 72 of Alexandria, Virginia passed away at her home on March 27, 2019. She is survived by her beloved husband of 52 years, James W. Vickers; her daughter Lisa Johnson (Paul), sons Bryan Vickers (Katie), and Scott Vickers (Jennifer); and her seven grandchildren whom she adored, Lindsay, Natalie, Alex, Lucy, Campbell, Belle and Bryan. She is also survived by three brothers, Gary Moore, Dean Moore and Chris Moore (Susan), and her brother and sister in law, Ron and Betty Vickers. She is preceded in death by her parents, Paul and Carnell Moore, and her brother Michael Moore. She is also survived by nieces and nephews, family and friends.

Paula was born in Newport News, Virginia, the oldest of five children and the only girl. When she was a young girl her family moved to Alexandria. Paula attended George Washington High School, and in the summer of her junior year, met Jim while he was working as a lifeguard at the neighborhood Warwick Village Pool. They had their first date at the Peter, Paul and Mary concert at the Carter Barron Amphitheater, and the rest was history! They dated through the rest of high school and college. Paula relocated to Salem, Virginia after a year at Greensboro College to work for the Selective Service, while Jim finished his studies at Roanoke College. Paula and Jim married on August 5, 1967. After school they moved back to Alexandria, and in October 1971 welcomed their daughter Lisa. They knew they wanted two or three

children and that was settled when they discovered they were expecting twin boys. They moved to the house they would spend the next 44 years in, and two months later in August of 1975, Scott and Bryan were born.

In the 1980s, Paula worked at the Department of Justice and she ran the Attorney General's Honor Program and the Summer Law Intern Program for many years. She retired from the Justice Department in 1998, and started looking for her next adventures! Always looking for a new project, she pursued her lifelong dream of acting. After taking just a couple of lessons, she was cast after her first audition. She spent many years doing plays, commercials, medical acting for drug companies, and standardized patient acting and instructing for George Washington University medical students.

Paula was very active and made friends everywhere she went. She was passionate about exercise and healthy living. She loved her time in the gym, and at her pilates, yoga and meditation classes. Just last year at the age of 71 she took up her latest activity—tap dancing! She tap danced as a child and always wanted to return to it. She loved to show off her latest moves to her kids and grandkids!

Paula also loved to read, and she loved her time with her friends in book clubs. She delighted in finding and recommending books to her friends, especially advance copies she picked up at the beach. In the past five years Paula and Jim were able to travel, taking four phenomenal cruises. Their favorite travel companions were their close friends Jackie and Barry, and they were lucky enough to do a transatlantic cruise. Just this past fall they took a dream river cruise from Amsterdam down the Rhine and Danube Rivers.

Paula's favorite place was her beach house, Carolina in my Mind, in the Outer Banks of North Carolina. She loved spending time in Corolla with her family and her cherished dog, Arnie. When at the beach, Paula woke up every

morning without fail to watch the sunrise and take a long beach walk. Paula and Jim celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a beautiful vow renewal on the beach at Topsail, North Carolina in 2017, surrounded by all their children and grandchildren.

Nothing brought her more joy than her role as Mom Mom to her beloved seven grandchildren. Lindsay, Natalie, Campbell, Alex, Lucy, Belle and Bryan are the light of Mom Mom and Pop Pop's lives. They came to every dance recital, soccer game, basketball game, performance, competition, play and musical the kids were involved in. All the kids' friends knew Mom Mom, and many thought of her as another grandmother in their lives. Her family is so grateful for all the memories they will carry with them, even though her time here was cut far too short.

There will be a visitation on Monday, April 1st from 2-4pm and 6-8pm at Jefferson Funeral Chapel, 5755 Castlewellan Drive, Alexandria, VA 22315. Funeral service will be Tuesday, April 2nd at 1pm at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 8009 Fort Hunt Rd, Alexandria VA 22308. A reception will be held immediately following the service for family and friends at the church.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in Paula's memory to Homeward Trails Animal Rescue at www.homewardtrails.org or the American Cancer Society, www.cancer.org.

Previous Events

Gathering

APR 1. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Jefferson Funeral Chapel
5755 Castlewellan Drive
Alexandria, VA 22315
(703) 971-7400
info@jeffersonfuneralchapel.com
<https://www.jeffersonfuneralchapel.com>

Gathering

APR 1. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Memorial Service

APR 2. 1:00 PM (ET)

Saint Luke's Episcopal Church
8009 Fort Hunt Rd
Alexandria, VA 22308

Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Paula Sue Vickers*

October 27, 2022 at 09:45 PM



“ *Paula,*

A few minutes ago, I learned you were called home to our Lord. We were best friends in high school. I remember when you met Jim and I was at your wedding. I remember when you gave birth to Lisa.

Always, I loved you and your family.

It is difficult for me to write you now. I was thinking of you last week and I thought, after all these years, I will call you and we would share our stories. My career was an officer in the Fortune 100s and that meant so much travel and other demands on my time.

I was married twice - both I thought would last forever, but deeply disappointed that neither did. I will talk to you because I know now you can hear me.

Always, I thought you were so beautiful inside and out. I am so happy that you and Jim had such a lovely family. I hope to talk to Gary if he sees this.

May our Lord give Jim and your family the strength each needs.

I love you. We will meet again.

*Judy Pack Durand
703.751.1872*

Judy Pack Durand - April 01, 2019 at 02:30 PM

BH

“ *I met Paula at LTA. She and I worked the Box Office. She was always smiling and pleasant to all of us at LTA. She will be missed....*

Barbara Helsing

barbara j helsing - April 01, 2019 at 10:47 AM



Margaret
Kline

“ This is a re-post from the Caringbridge webpage.

I met Paula Vickers in the summer of 2005 shortly after Katie and Bryan became engaged. Paula invited Katie and me to join her for lunch in Shirlington. I'll always remember how lovely she looked when I first met her. Warmth, light, and energy seemed to surround her.

I liked her immediately.

As the years passed I had opportunities to observe Paula. I noted things about her that impressed me. First and foremost, Paula loved her family. Not only did she love her three children, but later on, their spouses and eventually the grandchildren, as each entered the world. Their house was grand central station and filled with the hum of laughter and happy chatter. Meanwhile during gatherings, the grandchildren scooted about and through the kitchen like they were on go carts. Paula and Jim were calmly oblivious or heavily sedated, as they tended to taking care of everyone and catching up on everyone's busy lives. Delicious aromas wafted from Jim's kitchen area as he prepared wonderful food. The younger grandchildren would stop by the kitchen to chat with MomMom and PopPop, followed by a warp speed departure for some search and destroy mission in another part of the house, generally the play room.

Visiting the Vickers' home was always fun.

Paula had an incredible eye for colors. The fact that all her color selections were calm, muted, and soothing was very impressive. She used color schemes to generate peacefulness, serenity and a feeling of well being. Her knack for colors also spilled over into stunning family photos, many taken at the Outer Banks (OBX), North Carolina. Katie Vickers commented that Paula was years and years ahead of the photography field. Indeed, each photo tells a story, of time and family joy. Paula nailed it.

Paula's thoughtfulness ran through everything. She was the perfect hostess, warm, gracious and noted people's interests. Paula read a lot and would cut out articles or forward information she felt would be helpful to others. Her information was current, relevant, and helpful. This character trait was touching.

Many Vickers' family gatherings centered-around frequent visits to the OBX. Paula enjoyed walking the beach in the early morning to scout shells and would return with gorgeous sea conchs/shells. The lovely sea treasures decorated their beautiful home. The size of these things was amazing. When asked how she managed to find such treasures Paula replied, "Go after a big storm."

The OBX is color, warmth, light, serene, energy - it is Paula.

Margaret Kline - March 30, 2019 at 05:31 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mrs. Paula Sue Vickers.*



March 29, 2019 at 11:46 PM

JR

“ My heart is deeply sadden to hear of the passing of my friend Paula. I met Paula at Lee Recreation center some three years ago and was always happy to see her going about her workout routine in a very determined and focused pace. I left the Gym but remained in touch with Paula through a network of other members of the Lee Recreation center who would from the to time have lunch or breakfast when we could all get together. More importantly, Paula provided me words of comfort in my losses of brothers (4) during the time that we knew each other. Her up beat attitude and infectious smile always brighten my day and workouts. I'm fortunate to have made her acquaintance, and am a much better person from having known her. May God provide you Jim, and the rest of your family the comfort and strength that is needed during these trying times. please know that my prayers and deepest sympathy is with you.

Judd Ray

judson m. Ray - March 29, 2019 at 04:45 PM

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“ Sheila Palazzolo and IT Testing & Validation Team purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Mrs. Paula Sue Vickers.



Sheila Palazzolo and IT Testing & Validation Team - March 29, 2019 at 04:08 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Mrs. Paula Sue Vickers.*



March 29, 2019 at 11:41 AM



“ *We wish to offer our condolences from the staff and consultants of the Glass Packaging Institute. Joe Cattaneo*

joe cattaneo - March 29, 2019 at 10:56 AM