



Paula Briggs

February 17, 1932 - January 14, 2015

Paula Briggs, age 82 years, a resident of Vienna, IL, passed away Wednesday afternoon, January 14, 2015.

Paula was born February 17, 1932 in Evanston, Illinois. She was the daughter of Paul Helmuth Mueller and Elsa Louise (Eitel) Mueller.

Paula was united in marriage to Walter M. (Bud) Briggs on May 22, 1956 in Evanston. He survives.

Other survivors include:

2 daughters- Katherine (Katie) Briggs Hodges and her husband Parker Hodges of Fort Walton Beach, Florida and Joan (Jody) Marie Briggs of Josephine, Alabama; 2 grandchildren- Greta Katherine Kyburz and Brennan Scott Kyburz; other relatives and many dear friends.

In addition to her parents Paula was preceded in death by a brother- Paul Ferdinand Mueller.

Paula attended the North Park University and also the University of Illinois. It was through her college sorority Alpha Omicron Pi that she met and married Bud. Once married, they made Vienna their home. Throughout her life Paula

was extremely active in many community and church organizations and activities, particularly those that involved children.

In her spare time Paula enjoyed bird watching and gardening. Her favorite holiday was Christmas and she enjoyed decorating and making crafts for the holiday season.

A Gathering of Family and Friends were held Sunday afternoon, January 18, 2015 from 2PM-3PM in the Fellowship Hall of the Vienna First United Methodist Church. A Remembrance Service was held at 3PM. Pastor Jay Franklin officiated.

As per Paula's wishes, her body was donated to the Southern Illinois University School of Medicine.

Contributions may be made to High Hopes 4 Autism, PO Box 46, Elberton, AL 36530 or to Whistlers & Whittlers, PO Box 1372, Vienna, IL 62995

If you would like to leave an online condolence to the family or share a memory of Paula please visit www.baileyfh.com

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 18. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

First United Methodist Church
301 N. 4th St.
Vienna, IL

Service

JAN 18. 3:00 PM (CT)

First United Methodist Church
301 N. 4th St.
Vienna, IL

Tribute Wall



“ *Paula Briggs*

January 30, 2023 at 12:19 AM



“ *Bobby Rentfro lit a candle in memory of Paula Briggs*



Bobby Rentfro - January 28, 2015 at 04:56 PM



“ *Bud, Katie, Jodie,
Love you guys so much. The memories I have of the farm will never be forgotten!
Life passes by so fast. It feels like just a couple years ago I was spending summers on the farm. What great memories.. My prayers and thoughts are with you.*

Kenny Waters - January 18, 2015 at 06:33 PM



“ *Kenny Waters lit a candle in memory of Paula Briggs*



Kenny Waters - January 18, 2015 at 06:21 PM

JT

“ *JACK TRAVELSTEAD lit a candle in memory of Paula Briggs*



JACK TRAVELSTEAD - January 18, 2015 at 01:50 PM

JT

Sure enjoyed getting to know this fine lady.. I cleaned for them and enjoyed Bud and Paula's friendship. I loved hearing the stories these 2 would tell.. So sorry for your loss Bud , Katie, Jodie and families. She will sure be missed.

JACK TRAVELSTEAD - January 18, 2015 at 01:53 PM

KW

“ *Kenny waters*

kenny waters - January 18, 2015 at 01:13 PM

RM

“ *Rachael Mueller lit a candle in memory of Paula Briggs*



Rachael Mueller - January 18, 2015 at 12:13 PM

RM

“ *Aunt Paula will be missed. I will always remember celebrating Christmas with her and her bold Christmas sweaters and her generosity. She loved her family deeply. We will think of her daily.*

Rachael Mueller - January 18, 2015 at 12:12 PM

JB

“ Bud, Katie and Jody, I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Paula. I have so many fond memories of growing up and spending many hours in your warm home, during many play dates, family occasions, fire baton routines, 4-H, hay rides, playing with the dogs, riding in the orange volvo and listening to Paula laugh. I miss you all and wish I could be there in person to give you all a hug. You are in my thoughts.



Julie Wetherell Bernstein - January 18, 2015 at 12:02 PM

JR

“ James & Diane Rainbolt lit a candle in memory of Paula Briggs



James & Diane Rainbolt - January 18, 2015 at 12:00 PM

KM

“ Karl Mueller lit a candle in memory of Paula Briggs



Karl Mueller - January 18, 2015 at 11:52 AM

GT

“ Greg Taylor lit a candle in memory of Paula Briggs



Greg Taylor - January 18, 2015 at 08:49 AM

GT

Paula was such a great lady, and made a great impact on all who knew her. I have so many memories of her. She truly set the caring example for others to follow. Paula will be missed by all who were blessed with her love.

Greg Taylor - January 18, 2015 at 08:54 AM

LW

Dear Katie & Jody, I remember your mom with great warmth and admiration. I always felt immensely welcomed by all of you and your mom left an indelible impression with her open hospitality, as well as her infinite joyous laughter. My love and heart are with you always.

Leigh Wolf-Barnett - December 27, 2025 at 05:04 PM

MB

“ Bud was my Sunday school teacher for many years and he and Paula would host we kids at their home in the country. I always enjoyed going there so much and appreciate how they gave of their time.

Myra Wood Bennett

Myra Wood Bennett - January 17, 2015 at 11:18 PM

MB

“ *Myra Wood Bennett lit a candle in memory of Paula Briggs*



Myra Wood Bennett - January 17, 2015 at 11:16 PM

RL

“ *I have so many fond memories of Paula and Bud! She always had a smile on her face and a hearty laugh! I'm so sorry for your loss, Bud, Katie and Jodie.*



Ruth Veach Levinson - January 17, 2015 at 09:46 PM

SC

“ *Shane And Kristy Casey lit a candle in memory of Paula Briggs*



Shane and Kristy Casey - January 17, 2015 at 08:43 PM

JD

“ *Bud, Katie, Jody and family, I'm so sorry to hear of Paula's passing. She was always very kind to me anytime that I saw her. You all are in my thoughts and prayers.*

Jeff Davis

Jeff Davis - January 17, 2015 at 02:17 PM

RE

“ *A beautiful lady who always had a positive outlook. I will miss her friendship.*

Rachel Edmonds - January 17, 2015 at 02:05 PM

KH

“ *KathyBlack Holt lit a candle in memory of Paula Briggs*



KathyBlack Holt - January 17, 2015 at 10:06 AM

PW

“ *So sorry, Bud, Katie, and Jody, for your loss.....A great lady and friend.....*



Peggy Wetherell - January 17, 2015 at 09:17 AM

PS

“ *Peggy Jean Smoot lit a candle in memory of Paula Briggs*



Peggy Jean Smoot - January 17, 2015 at 07:28 AM

JG

“ Jason Grant lit a candle in memory of Paula Briggs



Jason Grant - January 17, 2015 at 01:57 AM

JB

“ Jody Briggs lit a candle in memory of Paula Briggs



Jody Briggs - January 16, 2015 at 03:56 PM

AM

“ Alice And Don Morris lit a candle in memory of Paula Briggs



Alice and Don Morris - January 16, 2015 at 02:51 PM

MK

“ Have many fond memories that make me smile of Paula. Especially when her and Bud were visiting at Grandma and Grandpa Veach's. Sorry for your loss and sending love to Katie, Jody and your families.
Margo Keene

Margo Keene - January 16, 2015 at 01:53 PM

RH

“ I am sooo sorry Bud, Katie & Jody and families. She was a great lady. Always loved her purchasing bricks and seeing her at the flower shoppe. She will be missed by the Heather Treat memorial and her fondness to give.

Robin Harper-Whitehead - January 16, 2015 at 08:42 AM



“ Jeannie McCall lit a candle in memory of Paula Briggs



Jeannie McCall - January 16, 2015 at 07:01 AM

DH

“ Dennis And Pat Harner lit a candle in memory of Paula Briggs



Dennis and Pat Harner - January 16, 2015 at 06:33 AM

LM

“ Larry And Carolyn McGill lit a candle in memory of Paula Briggs



Larry and Carolyn McGill - January 15, 2015 at 09:32 PM

DT

“ Don And Jane Treece lit a candle in memory of Paula Briggs



Don and Jane Treece - January 15, 2015 at 07:21 PM

BT

“ Becky Turley lit a candle in memory of Paula Briggs



Becky Turley - January 15, 2015 at 06:48 PM

LP

“ Lou And Sandy Parker lit a candle in memory of Paula Briggs



Lou and Sandy Parker - January 15, 2015 at 06:25 PM

JH

“ Jack And Jackie Harper lit a candle in memory of Paula Briggs



Jack and Jackie Harper - January 15, 2015 at 06:02 PM