



Paula Gray Havlik

April 17, 1955 - January 15, 2022

Paula Gray Havlik, 66, a resident of rural Vienna, passed away at her home Saturday morning, January 15, 2022, at 12:45 AM.

Paula was born April 17, 1955 in Champaign, Illinois. She was the daughter of Harold Gray and Betty (McHenry) Gray.

On January 1, 1994, Paula was united in marriage to John Havlik in Champaign, Illinois. He survives.

In addition to her husband, Paula is survived by: 2 children – Ben (Tamkin) Havlik of Lisle, Illinois and Katrin Havlik of Naples, Florida; 2 grandchildren – Isa Havlik and Iman Havlik both of Lisle, Illinois; and 2 brothers – Alan Gray and Kevin Gray both of Memphis, Tennessee.

Paula was preceded in death by her parents.

Paula was a 1973 graduate of Rantoul Township High School. She earned a Master's Degree in Oral Interpretation from the University of Illinois in 1979.

Paula served as a University of Illinois Alumni Relations Officer and was affiliated with the University Master Naturalist Program.

Paula served as membership director for the Friends of the Cache River Watershed and edited the organization's quarterly newsletter.

In accordance with her wishes, a private family service will be conducted.

Donations in Paula's memory are suggested to the Friends of the Cache River Watershed, 8885 IL State Route 37 South, Cypress, Illinois 62923 or the Illinois Native Plant Society, P.O. Box 60694, Chicago, IL 60660

To share a memory of Paula or to leave an online message of condolence for

her family, please visit www.baileyfh.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Paula Gray Havlik*

January 30, 2023 at 12:19 AM



“ *Dear John and family,
I am so sorry for your loss. Paula and I shared an office at WILL for a couple of years. Several of the men who worked at WILL would come by our office when they really didn't need to -- just to be around Paula. Of course she was beautiful! But she was also warm, thoughtful, smart and talented. We worked on many events together and spent a memorable 90 degree August weekend at the Decatur Celebration with Susan from Sesame Street. I think Paula got into fundraising shortly after that!*
Kate Dobrovlny

Kate Dobrovlny - January 27, 2022 at 07:00 PM



“ *My heart goes out to John and family. I enjoyed Paula's quiet strength, as her co-worker at WILL for several years, sharing the excitement and nerves of many early mornings and late evenings of fund drives. Paula did something wonderful for me in my young working years; she believed in me and encouraged me to stretch myself by helping out with on-air fundraising. That made a difference in my life, and I'm grateful to Paula for it. I'm so glad that John's arrival in the Art Department allowed him to cross paths with Paula. — Elizabeth (Fathauer) Otto*

Elizabeth Otto - January 20, 2022 at 03:35 PM