



## Robby Evers Van Hook

July 27, 1952 - August 28, 2020

Robby (Evers) Van Hook, age 68 years, a resident of Johnson County Illinois and Inverness, Florida passed away Friday evening, August 28, 2020, at 10:20 PM at her home.

Robby was born July 27, 1952 in Paducah, Kentucky. She was the daughter of Charles Robert “Bob” Evers and Lu Dean (Lentz) Evers.

On July 5, 2002, Robby was united in marriage to Steve W. Van Hook at the Vienna First United Methodist Church. He survives.

Robby is also survived by: her son – Jay (Rachel) Gunn of Marion; her daughter – Jennifer (Brandon) Gunn-Osman of Cypress; 4 grandchildren – Jeremiah, Sidney, & Chloe Gunn of Marion and Gunner Osman of Cypress; 2 stepdaughters – Stacey (Leon) Kaufmann of Carbondale and Tanna Hammel of Decatur; a stepson – Wesley Van Hook of Vienna; a sister – Solita Mathis of Cypress; nieces and a nephew – Christie (Roy) West of Cypress, Chris (Amy) Mathis of Steeleville, and Jackie Hileman of Cypress; great nephews – Bruce (Sarah) West, Bryan (Brittney) West and Bradley West; as well as many other great nieces, great nephews, other relatives and many dear friends who became just like family members.

In addition to her parents, Robby was preceded in death by an infant

granddaughter, Emily King.

Robby was a graduate of the Cypress Grade School and a 1970 graduate of Vienna High School. In her youth, Robby worked in her family's businesses, the P.D. Lentz Store and Evers' Lumber both in Cypress. She earned a bachelors degree from Murray State University with a double major in education and special education. Robby also attended Southern Illinois University at Carbondale and had achieved many credits toward her goal of obtaining a masters degree.

Robby was a lifelong educator. She was a GED instructor at Shawnee Community College and also served as the cheerleading sponsor. Robby had also been employed by the Illinois Department of Corrections and taught courses at both Shawnee Correctional Center and the Dixon Springs Work Camp. Robby taught for several years in the Goreville Unit # 1 school district. She began her teaching career at Goreville working in the special education department and later taught 3rd grade.

Robby was a faithful Christian and a member of New Hope Baptist Church near New Columbia. She loved winters in Florida, since her retirement, where she had a second church family at First Presbyterian Church in Inverness.

Robby was a self-proclaimed "die-hard St. Louis Cardinals fan." She loved attending spring training games while wintering in Florida as well as attending regular season games at Busch Stadium in St. Louis along with her family. Robby particularly cherished time spent with her grandkids. She loved taking vacations with them including a Disney cruise to the Bahamas.

Robby was a published author and compiled many stories into her book "Love and Italian Cream Cake." Her husband Steve said of Robby that she was "the

kindest, most considerate Christian lady that he ever knew.”

A service honoring the life of Robby Evers Van Hook will be conducted Wednesday afternoon, September 2, 2020, at 1 PM at the New Hope Baptist Church Family Life Center, 6804 New Columbia Road, Belknap, Illinois. Pastor Frank Forthman and Pastor Pete Vinson will officiate. Burial will be in the Cypress Cemetery.

Visitation will be conducted Wednesday, September 2, 2020, from 11 AM until 1 PM at the New Hope Church Family Life Center.

Memorials may be made to the Cypress Cemetery, P.O. Box 140, Cypress, Illinois 62923, The Heather Harper Treat Memorial Fund, P.O. Box 98, Vienna, Illinois 62995 or to Mercy Health - Hospice, 911 Joe Clifton Drive, Paducah, Kentucky 42001.

Those attending the service are encouraged to observe customarily accepted social distancing guidelines. The wearing of a face mask or covering is strongly recommended.

# Cemetery Details

## Cypress Cemetery

5847 State Route 37 South  
Cypress, IL

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 2. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

New Hope Baptist Church  
6804 New Columbia Road  
Belknap, IL

## Service

SEP 2. 1:00 PM (CT)

New Hope Baptist Church  
6804 New Columbia Road  
Belknap, IL

# Tribute Wall



“ Robby Evers Van Hook

January 30, 2023 at 12:19 AM



“ Robby have a presentation at the First Presbyterian Church of Inverness several years ago. Her presentation echoed many of the moments in my life. We met for lunch one day and talked for hours. We sent each other many messages through the years and we were going to have lunch this past winter. Robby had to cancel because she was not feeling well. Robby made such an impact on my recent life and I was honored to know her and count her as a friend. Rest well, dear heart. You'll always be an angel to me.

Ruth Edwards Crystal River FI - September 14, 2020 at 01:39 PM



“ Robby you will be missed by many of your good friends down here in the swamps of Florida, we'll miss you at all our gatherings, we love ya and will see ya on the other side 🤗❤️  
Tama,Andrea,Dutch,Aaron and the boys ❤️💕💚🙌

Tampa Bergwerff - September 06, 2020 at 07:15 AM



“ Janet And Roy Gilbert lit a candle in memory of Robby Evers Van Hook



Janet and Roy Gilbert - September 06, 2020 at 02:16 AM

BO

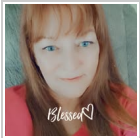
“ Jay, Jennifer, and families,  
We just wanted to tell you how shocked we were to hear of your mothers death. We have fond memories of your family when you attended Camp Ground church.  
Dwight and Sandra Boaz

Boaz - September 04, 2020 at 03:46 PM

BM

“ GREAT LADY GREAT FAMILY AND A GIVING PERSON AND A DEAR FRIEND WILL BE MISSED BY THOSE THAT KNEW HER

BILL MALONEY - September 02, 2020 at 10:48 PM



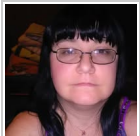
“ Jennifer & Jay I'm so sadden to know that your beautiful sweet momma has pasted. Blessed to have known her. Prayers for you both & your families.

Beth Henshaw - September 02, 2020 at 09:36 AM

GM

“ A good and thoughtful friend to my mother 🙏 So sorry to hear the news but she had a friend waiting in glory that I am sure is glad to see her.

G. McNichols - September 01, 2020 at 09:27 PM



“ Amanda Browning sent a virtual gift in memory of Robby Evers Van Hook



Amanda Browning - September 01, 2020 at 06:40 PM

RO

“ Robby was one of a kind and she will truly be missed by many.

Rachel Crawford (Dr.Frazines office) - September 01, 2020 at 06:04 PM

DF

“ Robby was a ray of sunshine. Loving, caring,sweet and beautiful inside and out ! She will sadly be missed !



DeLois Fisher - September 01, 2020 at 05:05 PM

CG

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

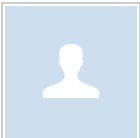
Carol and Randy George - September 01, 2020 at 01:48 PM



“ Amanda Browning lit a candle in memory of Robby Evers Van Hook



Amanda Browning - September 01, 2020 at 01:22 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Robby Evers Van Hook.



September 01, 2020 at 12:08 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Robby Evers Van Hook.*



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September 01, 2020 at 09:00 AM



“ *Glenna & Billy G Stucker lit a candle in memory of Robby Evers Van Hook*



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**Glenna & Billy G Stucker** - August 31, 2020 at 08:27 PM



“ *Wm&Nancy Belford lit a candle in memory of Robby Evers Van Hook*



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**Wm&Nancy Belford** - August 31, 2020 at 07:16 PM



“ *Gayla Hudson lit a candle in memory of Robby Evers Van Hook*



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**Gayla Hudson** - August 31, 2020 at 05:14 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Robby Evers Van Hook.*



August 31, 2020 at 05:04 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robby Evers Van Hook.*



August 31, 2020 at 03:33 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robby Evers Van Hook.*



August 31, 2020 at 02:33 PM



“ *Linda Biethman lit a candle in memory of Robby Evers Van Hook*



**Linda Biethman** - August 31, 2020 at 02:23 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Robby Evers Van Hook.*



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August 31, 2020 at 12:26 PM



“ *I attended school with Robby and worked at the Prison. She was a sweet person. Condolences to the family. She will be misses,*



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**Brenda Dalton Mullins** - August 31, 2020 at 11:45 AM



“ *Larry And Carolyn McGill lit a candle in memory of Robby Evers Van Hook*



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**Larry and Carolyn McGill** - August 31, 2020 at 11:21 AM



“ *Velva Struble purchased the "The Old Rugged Cross 30" Rose Gold Sonnet Chime for the family of Robby Evers Van Hook.*



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**Velva Struble** - August 31, 2020 at 09:30 AM

DH

“ *David And Ellen Hill lit a candle in memory of Robby Evers Van Hook*



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**David and Ellen Hill** - August 31, 2020 at 08:56 AM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Robby Evers Van Hook.*



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August 31, 2020 at 08:55 AM

FH

“ *Frederick And Betty Heaton lit a candle in memory of Robby Evers Van Hook*



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**Frederick and Betty Heaton** - August 31, 2020 at 08:18 AM

JT

“ *Joyce Taylor lit a candle in memory of Robby Evers Van Hook*



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**Joyce Taylor** - August 31, 2020 at 06:23 AM

BR

“ Bobby Rentfro lit a candle in memory of Robby Evers Van Hook



Bobby Rentfro - August 31, 2020 at 06:22 AM

SW

“ Sean & Falon Whitnel lit a candle in memory of Robby Evers Van Hook



Sean & Falon Whitnel - August 31, 2020 at 12:38 AM

LK

“ Linda Koehler lit a candle in memory of Robby Evers Van Hook



Linda Koehler - August 30, 2020 at 11:06 PM

SL

“ Steve&Kathy(Whiteside) Lay sent a virtual gift in memory of Robby Evers Van Hook



Steve&Kathy(Whiteside) Lay - August 30, 2020 at 09:40 PM

RW

“ Robin Wetherell lit a candle in memory of Robby Evers Van Hook



Robin Wetherell - August 30, 2020 at 05:30 PM

BM

“ Being an extended member of the Lentz and Evers family I have know Robby and her family as long as I can remember. She was a dear and beloved friend. Through our childhood we did and share so many times and activities in our home town Cypress. We went to Bible School both at the Cypress United Methodist Church and at the Cypress First Baptist Church. We played together, went on family outing, and always each year went to the Anna fair with Uncle Audie and Aunt Ettie Niblock and we walked to Cypress Grade School together with our dear friend Velva Blades. I will forever treasure the happy memories and times I shared with Robby. My prayers and thoughts are with all of Robby's family. Through this sorrowful time God's blessings, comfort, and peace be with each one of you. Robby's memory and legacy will live through you. I know Robby is resting in Jesus' arms. God bless you. With love Betty Niblock Miller

Betty Niblock Miller - August 30, 2020 at 04:05 PM

KH

“ I was an aide at Goreville having kids from her class I worked with. Always enjoyed being around her, sweet as can be. There will be a huge void in many lives. Prayers for her family. Karla



Karla Hale - August 30, 2020 at 03:14 PM

NM

“ Robby has earned her wings and now waits for her family, all of us who new her. Her beauty was inside and out and her love for God and family was endless. We feel pained at her leaving but joyful for having known her, a dear and kind friend to all. My condolences to her Steve, her family, and her dear sister, Solita and family.



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**Noweda (Blades) McNeill** - August 30, 2020 at 12:47 PM

ST

“ Robby was my dearest friend,we grew up together . She involved her interests in events that would make a difference in this world . A great lady , friend and christian. Steve and family you have our deepest sympathy and prayers. We loved her so much. ,Scott and Kay Tapley

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**Scott and Kay Tapley** - August 30, 2020 at 08:12 AM

SR

“ Susan and Rick Reynolds purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Robby Evers Van Hook.



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**Susan and Rick Reynolds** - August 30, 2020 at 07:00 AM

SR

“ I met Robby at Murray State University when we lived on the same floor in the dorm. We hit it off right away. We spent a lot of time together and became close friends. I will never forget when we drove around or ran errands in her red convertible. When her parents came down for a visit I was invited for the family meal. We always had a great time. We had a lot of crazy times that were so funny. We have stayed in touch through the years talking about those old times and had wanted to have lunch in Paducah. We were supposed to get together recently and the virus put a stop to that. We will be friends through all of time. Everyone loved Robby. Hugs and prayers to her other friends and family. With love, Susan Reynolds



Susan Reynolds - August 30, 2020 at 06:42 AM

E(

“ So sorry to hear this. Much love and many prayers from my home and family to yours



Erinn Bowman (Simmons) - August 30, 2020 at 04:19 AM



“ May God wrap his loving arms around each of you and give you peace and comfort at this time. Sorry for your loss Jennifer and Jay. I'll always remember her beautiful smile and the love she had for you and the grands.



Cynthia Mathis - August 30, 2020 at 01:41 AM

JR

“ To Robby’s kids, husband and family, our prayers and good thoughts of her are with you all, a Great Friend Good person. Love. Jane Runge



jane Runge - August 30, 2020 at 12:11 AM

LK

“ Lois McBride Kerley lit a candle in memory of Robby Evers Van Hook



Lois McBride Kerley - August 29, 2020 at 11:50 PM

GW

“ Glenda Marshall Williams lit a candle in memory of Robby Evers Van Hook



Glenda Marshall Williams - August 29, 2020 at 09:00 PM

KE

“ Karen Elder lit a candle in memory of Robby Evers Van Hook



Karen Elder - August 29, 2020 at 08:58 PM

GW

“ I went to Vienna High School with her, liked her very much

Glenda Marshall Williams - August 29, 2020 at 08:56 PM

WJ

“ May god comfort you, Jay and Jennifer during this difficult time.  
Robby was a very sweet, kind lady. Our prayers are with the whole family.

Wayne and Kathy Jennings

wayne jennings - August 29, 2020 at 08:21 PM

SH

“ Steve & Jeannie Housewright lit a candle in memory of Robby Evers Van Hook



Steve & Jeannie Housewright - August 29, 2020 at 05:37 PM

SS

“ Best teacher ever my daughters just loved her , spent a lot of time on the ball field with Jennifer and she was right there cheering with me . Loved her and her heart , what a beautiful, nice , kind woman .

sandy short - August 29, 2020 at 05:01 PM

TL

“ Terry Lambert lit a candle in memory of Robby Evers Van Hook



Terry Lambert - August 29, 2020 at 04:27 PM

DB

“ Dorothy Bacon lit a candle in memory of Robby Evers Van Hook



Dorothy Bacon - August 29, 2020 at 04:17 PM

BM

“ Beth Meinders lit a candle in memory of Robby Evers Van Hook



Beth Meinders - August 29, 2020 at 03:49 PM

BT

“ Becky Turley lit a candle in memory of Robby Evers Van Hook



Becky Turley - August 29, 2020 at 03:37 PM

MM

“ What a loving soul. A precious lady.



Maxine McBride - August 29, 2020 at 02:55 PM

PG

“ *Phyllis Grashel lit a candle in memory of Robby Evers Van Hook*



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**phyllis Grashel** - August 29, 2020 at 02:36 PM



“ *Debbie Stewart lit a candle in memory of Robby Evers Van Hook*



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**Debbie Stewart** - August 29, 2020 at 02:20 PM

PW

“ *SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS, SHE WAS SUCH A BEAUTIFUL PERSON,*



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**pat womack** - August 29, 2020 at 02:19 PM

VE

“ *Vicki L Eastwood lit a candle in memory of Robby Evers Van Hook*



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**Vicki L Eastwood** - August 29, 2020 at 02:06 PM



“ So sorry for your loss.



Susie Henley - August 29, 2020 at 01:20 PM

JD

“ Although Robby was never my teacher, I remember her well from school. My dad worked with her for years. She was always so kind. Prayers to the family.



Jennifer Schierbaum Downs - August 29, 2020 at 01:09 PM

FM

“ So saddened for your loss. My sympathies to the family. She was always so full of life. I will always remember that beautiful smile.



Faye Mize - August 29, 2020 at 12:35 PM

LM

“ Larry W. Mizell lit a candle in memory of Robby Evers Van Hook



Larry W. Mizell - August 29, 2020 at 12:31 PM



“ Mike Crews lit a candle in memory of Robby Evers Van Hook



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**Mike Crews** - August 29, 2020 at 12:23 PM



“ Bill And Barb Warmack lit a candle in memory of Robby Evers Van Hook



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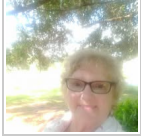
**Bill and Barb Warmack** - August 29, 2020 at 12:16 PM



“ The world has lost a wonderful Person , Mother & Teacher . I pray for strength & comfort for all of her friends & family. Robby was my 3rd grade teacher and left a HUGE impact on my life. She was also my second mother as she was to many of Jay & Jennifer's friends. My heart hurts for everyone's loss .  
With Love ,  
Sarah ( Sullivan ) Blades

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**Sarah Blades** - August 29, 2020 at 11:18 AM



“ I have a life time of memories, of Robby, in FI ,we did something once a week ,go to a movie, eat lunch, or go to the beach, but what I think we enjoyed most, was ringing the bell for Salvation Army, Always had a lot of fun., Memories I wanted to share . Gods peace and comfort be with all her family and friends.



Velva Struble - August 29, 2020 at 10:52 AM

EK

“ Elizabeth Kerley lit a candle in memory of Robby Evers Van Hook



Elizabeth Kerley - August 29, 2020 at 10:51 AM

JW

“ Jane Ross Wright sent a virtual gift in memory of Robby Evers Van Hook



Jane Ross Wright - August 29, 2020 at 10:35 AM

JW

I am sad to hear this news about Robby. May God comfort her family. Clearon and Jane Ross Wright

Jane Ross Wright - August 29, 2020 at 10:37 AM

MH

“ *Mary Lou Hynes lit a candle in memory of Robby Evers Van Hook*



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**Mary Lou Hynes** - August 29, 2020 at 10:26 AM

LG

“ *Lora Goddard lit a candle in memory of Robby Evers Van Hook*



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**Lora Goddard** - August 29, 2020 at 10:25 AM

KJ

“ *I am so very sorry to hear of Robby's passing! She and I taught Sp. Ed together at Goreville many years ago. Wonderful woman. My prayers of comfort to all of her family. Kay (Bunting) Jamieson* ❤️🙏  
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**Kay Bunting Jamieson** - August 29, 2020 at 10:23 AM

DK

“ *David R King lit a candle in memory of Robby Evers Van Hook*



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**David R King** - August 29, 2020 at 10:16 AM

CG

“ *Cindy Gholson lit a candle in memory of Robby Evers Van Hook*



**Cindy Gholson** - August 29, 2020 at 10:14 AM

CG

*Robby was one of the sweetest ladies I've ever known. She made my first year as a Kindergarten teacher wonderful as she was so kind and supportive!*

**Cindy Gholson** - August 29, 2020 at 10:16 AM

DK

“ *very sorry ..... my god bless her and your family*

**David R King** - August 29, 2020 at 10:14 AM

CH

“ *Cheryl Harris lit a candle in memory of Robby Evers Van Hook*



**Cheryl Harris** - August 29, 2020 at 09:41 AM

NB

“ *Nancy Breeden lit a candle in memory of Robby Evers Van Hook*



**Nancy Breeden** - August 29, 2020 at 09:36 AM

JH

“ Justin & Tricia Hartline lit a candle in memory of Robby Evers Van Hook



Justin & Tricia Hartline - August 29, 2020 at 09:28 AM

JS

“ John Slack sent a virtual gift in memory of Robby Evers Van Hook



John Slack - August 29, 2020 at 08:54 AM

NH

“ Nancy Heisner lit a candle in memory of Robby Evers Van Hook



Nancy Heisner - August 29, 2020 at 08:38 AM

NH

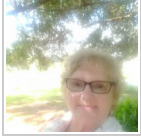
RIP my dear friend. You will be missed. Prayers for the family.

Nancy Heisner - August 30, 2020 at 10:27 PM

KH

“ Our thought and prayers are with you, Jennifer and Jay and rest of families.

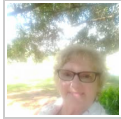
KATHY AND STEVE HUPE - August 29, 2020 at 08:29 AM



“ *Velva Struble lit a candle in memory of Robby Evers Van Hook*



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**Velva Struble** - August 29, 2020 at 08:19 AM



*Prayers and Sympathy to the family . She is with the Angels now. Robby will be missed she was my best life long friend.*

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**Velva Struble** - August 29, 2020 at 08:22 AM

LH

“ *Prayers for the family during this time. Robby has touched many lives and will never be forgotten. My heart goes out to the family!*



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**LaRae Harner** - August 29, 2020 at 08:00 AM

PS

“ *Phyllis Sontag lit a candle in memory of Robby Evers Van Hook*



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**Phyllis Sontag** - August 29, 2020 at 07:49 AM

EH

“ *Ernie Henshaw lit a candle in memory of Robby Evers Van Hook*



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**Ernie Henshaw** - August 29, 2020 at 07:43 AM

SE

“ *Sabrina Ethridge lit a candle in memory of Robby Evers Van Hook*



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**Sabrina Ethridge** - August 29, 2020 at 07:18 AM

PS

“ *Paula Sullivan lit a candle in memory of Robby Evers Van Hook*



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**Paula Sullivan** - August 29, 2020 at 06:19 AM

PS

“ *Paula Sullivan sent a virtual gift in memory of Robby Evers Van Hook*



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**Paula Sullivan** - August 29, 2020 at 06:18 AM