



Paula Marie Conrad

February 22, 1951 - January 30, 2025

Paula Marie Conrad, a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, and community member, passed away on Thursday, January 30, 2025, at the age of 73. She was born on February 22, 1951, in Minneapolis to William John Graves and Francis Theresa Rogers. Raised in Saint Cloud alongside her five brothers, she graduated from Cathedral High School and later earned an associate's degree in Sales and Management from St. Cloud Technical and Community College.

Throughout her life, Paula was known for her diverse interests and tireless work ethic. She worked in various roles, including as a daycare provider, a manager at Hardee's, a product promotions associate at Sam's Club, and a ski instructor at Powder Ridge. Her passion for service and community extended beyond her professional life. She was an active participant in the Stroia Ballet Company, where she was both a dancer and seamstress, and contributed to the Great Northern Theater Company, St. Boniface Church choir, and local parish festivals. Paula was also deeply involved in the American Cancer Society, organizing events such as Relay for Life and Daffodil Days, and was a member of Al-Anon.

Paula had a deep love for the outdoors, especially horseback riding with her horse Simba at Valley Creek Farm, and cherished spending time at her family's cabin in northern Minnesota. She also hosted three German

exchange students, a testament to her warm and welcoming nature. Paula never forgot an extended family member's birthday or anniversary, a reflection of her deep love and thoughtfulness toward those closest to her. Her love for her family was evident in everything she did, from tending to her home's flower gardens to socializing at gatherings, where she was always the last one to leave.

Preceded in death by her parents, Paula is survived by her husband, James Walter Conrad; her children, Cathleen Connoy, Lance (Angelika) Conrad, and Anthony (Brenna Bryant) Conrad; her grandchildren, Xenia Connoy, Sophie Conrad, Kaleb Conrad, and Reese Conrad; and her brothers, John (Denise), Jim (Julie), Bill (Jyl), Dave (Cindy), and Mike (Kris) Graves.

The family would like to extend their deepest gratitude to P. Samantha Daniel for her exceptional caregiving and friendship, as well as to St. Cloud Hospital, Cold Spring Assumption Home, and St. Croix Hospice for their compassionate care, and to Julie and the staff at "A Home For The Day".

A Mass will be at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, April 12, 2025, at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Cold Spring, MN. Visitation will be from 9:30-10:45 a.m. Saturday in the church narthex.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made in her honor to the Cure Alzheimer's Fund or the Dementia Society of America.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 12. 9:30 AM - 10:45 AM (CT)

St. Boniface Church Narthex
501 Main Street
Cold Spring, MN 56320

Mass

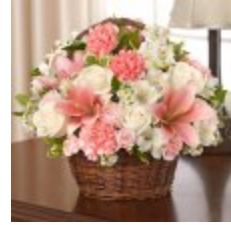
APR 12. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Boniface Catholic Church
501 Main Street
Cold Spring, MN 56320

Tribute Wall

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“ *The Youngest Glarner Cousins - Anne, Joseph & Michael purchased the Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Pink and White for the family of Paula Marie Conrad.*



The Youngest Glarner Cousins - Anne, Joseph & Michael -
April 10, 2025 at 05:34 PM

MR

“ *Thinking of the wonderful family reunions shared at the Rogers, and the last one Paula organized so wonderfully. So much joy and fond memories. Love and prayers to all the Graves Brothers John, Jim, Bill, David, Mike, and husband Jim, and kids Cathleen, Lance, Anthony and all extended family. Sadly, I will miss the service, but my heart will be with you all that day.*
Love and hugs your cuz Mary (Sandvig) Rinella

mary theresa rinella - February 25, 2025 at 02:12 PM

RC

“ The first thing I noticed when I met Paula was her vibrant smile. Paula embraced life, had many special qualities and virtues that defined who she was. She had a strong faith, was compassionate, a sympathetic listener, had a caring, loving and giving spirit, a sense of humor, and adventurous spirit who truly enjoyed life to the fullest. For many of us she was one of life's greatest blessings - a true friend, beloved and devoted wife, mother, grandmother and daughter and neighbor. Paula was an awesome dancing partner.

I thank God for the gift of Paula's friendship that has enriched my life and many others by her "amazing grace," her nurturing, her inspiration, her spirit and presence among us. Cherish those precious memories woven into our lives and the legacy she has left behind. Let those times with Paula guide you through your grief without her presence and know she will always be near and dear to our hearts. Rest in peace my dear friend. Rosie Court

Rosie Court - February 08, 2025 at 02:08 PM

CS

“ Paula and I met when we were freshmen at Cathedral! She was such a fun, caring and genuine person! She was very good at keeping track of our classmates and any time I was lucky enough to run into her somewhere, I always walked away with a smile! I imagine her singing and dancing in the clouds with her beautiful wings shimmering in the lights of Heaven! Rest in peace, Paula, until we meet again!



Carol Barthelemy Skillingstad - February 07, 2025 at 11:13 PM

CC

“ My dad Joseph Conrad ,Jim’s uncle move west in the sixties. When we visited Cold Spring Paula was always so warm , inviting , and welcoming. Taking time to so is the house my grandfather built that her and Jim purchased and lived in. She had a very big and kind heart ❤️. Charlie Conrad

Charlie Conrad - February 06, 2025 at 12:32 PM

MK

“ Paula was a fantastic neighbor and just an all around sweetheart. She will be missed

Mary Ketterer - February 05, 2025 at 04:42 PM