



June Pauline Hill

June 1, 1939 - September 7, 2023

June “Pauline” Hill, 84, of Portage, MI, formerly of Iron Mountain, MI, passed away on Thursday, September 7, 2023, at Bronson Methodist Hospital in Kalamazoo, MI.

Pauline was born on June 1, 1939, in Ishpeming, MI, daughter of the late Axel and Elsie (Mattson) Laukka. She graduated from Negaunee High School in 1957 and continued her education at Northern Michigan University where she received her Bachelor’s Degree in Education in 1963 followed by a Masters Degree in 1969. She taught at schools in Brimley, Waterford Township, and Garden, MI, before settling in Iron Mountain where she taught at East Elementary School for 29 years.

On June 20, 1959, Pauline was united in marriage to Robert H. Hill. The couple raised two sons and enjoyed more than 35 years of marriage before Robert preceded her in death in 1995. Pauline was active in many community and educational organizations. She was a member of Delta Kappa Gamma (Beta Sigma Chapter) for over 50 years where she held various offices, including president, and she earned numerous awards for her service. She was also involved in the P.E.O. Sisterhood (Chapter AN), also holding various offices. Pauline was also active in MEA-NEA, MARSP, Lions Club, and was a faithful member of Trinity United Methodist Church. She loved to spend time with her family, often traveling with them to Mackinaw, England, Lancaster,

PA, and various other places. For many years Pauline wintered in Las Cruces, NM, enjoying friends and cruising from nearby ports. Pauline enjoyed swimming, reading, traveling, spending time at the YMCA, and she loved playing games with friends and family.

Pauline is survived by her son, Peter (Victoria) Hill; a daughter-in-law, Frances Colucci-Hill; grandchildren Rebekah, Nathan, Heather, and Nicholas (Abbey) Hill; and many nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents and husband, Pauline was preceded in death by her son, Dr. Robert A. Hill; brothers Carl Laukka, Alan Laukka, and sister Margaret Wartman; and a special friend, Peter Russ.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, November 18 at 11:00 am at Trinity United Methodist Church, 808 Carpenter Ave, Iron Mountain, MI. In honor of Pauline, please wear bright colors!

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to: The Michigan Parkinson Foundation at: www.parkinsonsmi.org

Condolences to the family of June "Pauline" Hill may be expressed online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com

The family has entrusted the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home of Iron Mountain with the arrangements.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

NOV **18**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Trinity United Methodist Church
808 Carpenter Ave.
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

Tribute Wall

CB

“ I just found out that Pauline had passed away when I looked at her FB page tonight. It's been many years since we actually saw Pauline but she and Bob were a big part of our lives in 1968-1969. She was my supervising teacher when I did my student teaching from NMU. We actually became good friends through the years and we visited her whenever we were in the UP. She taught me how to make some great Christmas cookies and pasties, as well. She was so compassionate and always lent a helping hand. She was a living example of a wonderful Christian!

Cheryl Bast - December 31, 2023 at 07:50 PM

LT

“ Pauline and I became friends a few years ago while both overwintering in New Mexico. One of the first things she did was teach me to make pasties. I doubt I will ever measure up to her pasty-making prowess, but we had loads of fun. And the pasties were scrumptious! After Pauline was no longer able to travel to NM, I flew up to Iron Mountain a couple of summers to visit her there. More fun! We haunted the thrift stores, toured the town and surrounding area (absolutely enchanting) and attended her retired teacher's meeting, where I was welcomed with open arms even though I was not a teacher. Even as Parkinson's wore her down, she didn't stop going. I'm deeply grateful to have had Pauline in my life as an inspiration for how to live every moment to the full and to shine one's light on others. I miss you, Pauline. Linda Thornhill

Linda Thornhill - December 17, 2023 at 03:53 PM

JR

“ Jack And Pat Richtig lit a candle in memory of June Pauline Hill



Jack and Pat Richtig - November 16, 2023 at 08:37 PM

NL

“ She was always innovative and clever. Her talents encompassed all her lifes experiences . She had fun and shared that fun with others. She cared about people. When she saw something that needed doing she found a way to do it. She was uplifting and enjoyed life. She was a good friend and someone to count on. Her presence will be missed by all whose life she touched..

Nancy Lakari - September 15, 2023 at 11:21 AM

RO

“ I will always remember her bright smile and loving heart. Her smile could light up a room! It's obvious how much family meant to her. And friends were treated like family as well.

Ruth Osborne - September 14, 2023 at 08:21 PM