



Pauline M. Murray

May 19, 1927 - January 17, 2023

Pauline M. Murray, 95, of Helps, MI, passed away peacefully surrounded by her family on Tuesday, January 17, 2023.

Pauline was born May 19, 1927 in Felch, MI, daughter of the late Jonas and Emma (Dixon) Sundholm. She graduated from Felch High School in 1945 and was a lifelong resident of the area. Pauline married John Murray on November 27, 1946, in Hardwood, Michigan. John preceded her in death in 2000.

Pauline was a lifelong member of the Zion Lutheran Church in Felch and also helped with functions at St. Joseph's Catholic Church and the Mission Covenant Church both of Foster City.

John and Pauline were inseparable. They built their quaint home in Helps, MI, where they happily raised their four children. They worked together logging and building a sawmill business where she was the tail sawyer. They hunted, fished and trapped together. They enjoyed many summers at Six Mile Lake where they built a cabin with Bally and Helen Mattson and Phil and Jane Monterosso. Pauline enjoyed gardening, canning, sewing, quilting, and berry picking. She was a gifted cook and her pies, sweet rolls and homemade ravioli were only topped by her fried chicken. She was famous for her Swedish rye bread, making it for area weddings and funerals and meals at all area churches. She built floats for the Fourth of July parades and threw upwards of four hundred and fifty loaves of her bread to onlookers. She was dubbed, "The

Bread Lady” by the Daily News, appearing on the front page. She loved crossword puzzles, playing cards, and a good game of Scrabble. She was a talented seamstress able to make things without patterns. She was the family barber and beautician. She is pictured on the outdoor mural on the Daily News building, strumming her guitar as she used to do with Johnny as they harmonized to their favorite tunes. She enjoyed everyone, often having extended conversations with complete strangers. She loved going to sporting events. She always went to watch her sons, Bruce and Gus, play baseball with the Felch Rangers and later watched as her grand and great grandsons and granddaughters played. She coached Scott as he trained for the X-games and loved watching basketball and volleyball at North Dickinson. She loved the U.P. and always said there was nowhere else in the world she would rather be. She cherished time spent with her family especially her grand, great grand, and great great grandchildren calling them all her babies. She taught us all that we had a choice and that choice was to do good. Jesus said to, “Love your neighbor” and that is how Pauline lived her life.

Pauline is survived by her children, Paula Reynolds, Bruce Murray, August “Gus” (Kris) Murray and Tina (Mark) Anderson; grandchildren, Heidi (Steve) Johnson, Mick (Heidi) Reynolds, Scott (Connie) Murray, Emily (Ben Aho), Manley Murray, AJ (Emily) Murray, Ellen (Josiah) Penniman, Amy Hord, Steve (Fawn) Anderson, David (Nikki) Anderson, and Jim (Tracy) Anderson; 37 great-grandchildren; 5 great-great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by an infant son, Russell; a great-grandson, Abram Johnson, a great-great-grandson, Wade Johnson; a son-in-law, Michael Reynolds; her brothers, Sigfred Sundholm and Arlington “Sunny” Sundholm; and her sisters, LaVerne Balzarini, Esther Moroni Paquette, Jennie Budek Nelson, Jane Monterosso, Helen Mattson and Beverly Ovist.

Visitation will be held on Friday, Jan. 20th from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm CST at the Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home in Iron Mountain and on Saturday, Jan. 21st from 10:00 am to 11:00 am CST at Zion Lutheran Church in Metropolitan. Funeral services will follow at 11:00 am CST on Saturday at the church. Pastor Joe Basso will officiate. Burial will be in the Foster City Cemetery in the spring.

Pallbearers will be Mick Reynolds, Scott Murray, Steve, David and Jim Anderson, Manley and AJ Murray, and Steve Johnson.

A special thanks to Scott, Connie, Eli and Charlie Murray and Steve, Heidi, Lydia, Daniel, Maggie, Caleb, Phoebe, Timmy, Mary Emma and Ezra Johnson for the wonderful loving care they gave to Grammy Pauline, also to the home health service, Nordic ambulance crew, and the medical staff at Michigan-Wisconsin Family Practice and the Marshfield Dickinson Hospital.

Condolences to the family of Pauline Murray may be expressed online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com

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

Cemetery Details

Foster City Cemetery

Hwy M69
Foster City, MI 49834

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **20**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home
901 Carpenter Avenue
Iron Mountain, MI 49801
(906) 774-7676
nashfuneralhome@gmail.com
<https://www.ernashfuneralhomes.com/>

Visitation

JAN **21**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Zion Lutheran Church
W4703 Metropolitan Rd
Felch, MI 49831

Funeral Service

JAN 21. 11:00 AM (CT)

Zion Lutheran Church
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Felch, MI 49831

Tribute Wall

BA

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you as you deal with the loss of your Mom. God Bless your family. Brian Adams

brian Adams - January 27, 2023 at 11:13 AM

MO

“ To the Entire family of Pauline, I am so sorry that I learned of her passing after the funeral was already done. Please accept my sympathies I have many fond memories of Pauline as she was a bright light in the community. One Memory I have is a few years back it was in the Spring and my mom Arlene (her Berry picking buddy) were cleaning up the Oscar Memorial in Foster City, she pulled up in her red car and asked what we were up to, she was so pleased with the answer she said "well, you deserve a pie!! Thank you for doing that!" we stood there chuckling as, she promptly popped her trunk button and low and behold her trunk was full of pies she was giving away! That was her wonderful spirit of kindness and generosity! This kind lady will be greatly missed by many, including myself. HUGS!!
Mary R. Oman and Duane Hongisto

MARY OMAN - January 23, 2023 at 10:22 AM

RE

“ Paula, Bruce, Gus and Tina. You all have our deepest sympathy, prayers and love at this difficult time. Your mother was a very special lady. She brought an abundance of smiles where ever she went. Growing up with you Paula she became like a second mom. I have so many fond memories that included her in one way or another. She will never be forgotten. She brought joy to so many. She's back with Johnny and God got himself a beautiful angel 🙏❤️
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Renee - January 20, 2023 at 12:30 PM

VL

“ You have my sympathy during this time of loss. It was always a pleasure to see your mother around town and at many events in Felch. She was such a warm and friendly lady; I loved when she would say "Oh, you're Donald's girl." I too, will remember the delicious bread she gave out at the Fourth of July parades. Her legacy will be the joy and blessings she shared with so many people throughout her life.

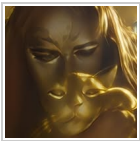
Valerie Jean Lucas - January 20, 2023 at 11:28 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Pauline M. Murray.



January 20, 2023 at 11:03 AM



“ Rip aunty Freddy, the late David Lee Johnson gave her that name. To me she was part of the heart of Helps. My mom O'Diel loved her and uncle Johnny, they were always there for us mom would say, auntie Pauline is an angel. They cooked mom and dad breakfast on their wedding day mom felt so grateful. When times were tough mom would work at the mill with them. She loved to watch them together it brought joy to her heart. Myself I too enjoyed them both. As a child I never rode my bike past her house without being invited in to eat something. her heart was always pure and child like, God gave us a beautiful soul. Im excited that she will be whole again to see God & the love of her life. May peace be with the whole family much love Shelby newman

Shelby Noyb - January 20, 2023 at 09:57 AM



“ *I never had the pleasure of meeting your beautiful mother, but I felt I knew her and your dad John really well. For many, many years my dad, Harry Ackley, had a deer hunting cabin up north by your family's home. I believe that my dad was more excited about seeing the Murray's than he was about deer hunting. The wonderful stories he was able to share with us about your mom and dad, will stay with me forever. My deepest sympathy for the entire Murray family..*
Pam Ackley-Pearson

Pam Ackley-Pearson - January 19, 2023 at 11:48 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Pauline M. Murray.*



January 19, 2023 at 09:31 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Pauline M. Murray.*



January 19, 2023 at 07:50 PM

LW

“ *What a woman of substance. I loved her bread which she brought to school to sell to the teachers. She never knew a stranger. I know she will be missed by many family, friends and neighbors. She was a hard worker, time to rest with her husband and those who went before her.*

Lynne Wilson - January 19, 2023 at 06:41 PM

JJ

“ *Many times when you reflect on someone in your life, a memory pops up in your mind. For me, my favorite memory about Auntie Pauline was that she took the time to teach me how to float in the water at 6-Mile Lake. Now every time I float, I have the wonderful memory of auntie.*

Jeanne Johnson - January 19, 2023 at 06:17 PM

SP

“ *My Deepest Sympathies to the whole family. So RIP Pauline*

Susie Piatti - January 19, 2023 at 04:34 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Pauline M. Murray.*



January 19, 2023 at 04:05 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Pauline M. Murray.*



January 19, 2023 at 12:14 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Pauline M. Murray.*



January 19, 2023 at 10:26 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Pauline M. Murray.*



January 19, 2023 at 09:32 AM



“ *We're so sorry to hear of your loss...Pauline was a wonderful lady...*

Paula Holmes - January 19, 2023 at 08:52 AM

DB

“ Bruce, Gus and family.. So sorry to hear about your mom. A wonderful woman who had a wonderful life. I am down south now so won't be able to attend the services but please know my thoughts will be with you.

David Bray

David Bray - January 18, 2023 at 03:28 PM

TB

My parents bought a camp down the sawmill road back in 1969. That's how we met Johnny and Pauline. Everytime we went to camp we'd stop and grab. They were always so friendly and I will always remember that. Prayers for the family and I send my condolences.

Tracy Couchene Branz - January 19, 2023 at 04:35 PM

DL

“ I was fortunate to have you as an aunt, a mentor and a friend. You made my world a better place. All my respect and love, Deena Mattson Lindeman

Deena Lindeman - January 18, 2023 at 12:51 PM

HL

To the Murray family. Kisses & Hugs and Deepest Sympathy from Herbie & Carol Lantz. It was always a pleasure to see you and getting in those cousin kisses. RIP Pauline you lead a wonderful life always making sure to spread God's Love. We will miss you.

Herbie and Carol Lantz - January 21, 2023 at 11:43 AM

HL

Sorry we won't be able to make it to the services or gathering as Herbie fell Wednesday evening slipped on the ice getting out of the car after having dinner at the Senior Center. He's ok just leary about the icy surfaces. May God comfort each and everyone of you. We love you,



Herbie and Carol Lantz - January 21, 2023 at 11:47 AM

GA

I was so fortunate to having met and visited with Pauline, She was such an inspiration to life and happiness. My deepest condolences to her family. You can be so proud to have had her as yours.

Greta Arntzen - January 21, 2023 at 12:34 PM