



Pauline Benefiel

March 11, 1946 - December 10, 2020

Pauline Benefiel, 74, passed away Thursday, December 10, 2020 at Mercy Hospital in Joplin. Pauline was born March 11, 1946 in Pepsin, Missouri to Bill and Laura (Carol) Housh. She was a longtime resident of Carthage.

Pauline was united in marriage to Donald Dean Benefiel on January 1, 1965; he survives.

Don and Pauline opened and ran Sunny Hills Residential Care Facility west of Carthage for many years. It was Pauline's passion to take care of people and insure everyone's needs were met even before her own. After retirement, they went on many trips, saw many amazing places and made numerous friends along the way.

Pauline was a huge lover of sports. She never missed a game or event of her boys or grandkids. She would even stay and watch games played by kids she didn't even know.

Pauline loved Jesus with all of her heart and raised her sons according to the word of God. We are all blessed to have known this beautiful loving soul!

Pauline is survived by her loving husband; two sons, Doug Benefiel and wife Kristi and Dustin Benefiel and wife Tennille; five grandchildren, Brett, Tyler,

Kyler, Brayden and Blayne Benefiel; one sister Jo Long; three brothers, Carroll "Pete" Housh and wife Louise, Paul Housh and wife Nina and Billy Housh; along with a host of nieces and nephews.

Pauline was preceded in death by her parents, brother-in-law Floyd Long and sister-in-law Ellen Housh.

A graveside memorial service will be held at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, December 16, 2020 at Powers Cemetery (five miles east of Diamond).

Online condolences may be made at www.ulmerfh.com.

Arrangements are under the direction of Ulmer Funeral Home.

Cemetery Details

Powers Cemetery

5 miles east of Diamond

Previous Events

Graveside Service

DEC **16**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

WB

“ We are so sorry at hearing of her passing. We shared baseball memories first, with our sons competing against each other (WC and Carthage) and then, with our grandkids playing together for the same school.(CJ) What a special lady! Our condolences to all.
Wayne and Donna Baker

Wayne Baker - December 27, 2020 at 06:34 PM

LB

“ Pauline (Ping) to a lot of us..we had lot if fun together ..You will be missed by many.My Sincere Condolences to Don and the boys n family..May She RIP...so so sorry..had no idea she was that sick..

Lucille Benefiel - December 15, 2020 at 06:57 AM

JT

“ We knew Pauline and Don just more than three years but it seems a lifetime. They welcomed us to their neighborhood with open arms. Pauline was a sister we didn't know we had. Our lives will be emptier now, but we know she is making more friends with our Lord.
John and Barbara Thompson

John & Barbara Thompson - December 12, 2020 at 07:43 PM

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“*Heaven received a very special angel when Pauline passed away. My heart is broken knowing I won't be able to talk to her, play our favorite games (Farkle, Tic, and Mexican Train.) We spent endless days and nights together with our husband's going to karaoke, dances, eating out and better yet...eating her chocolate covered peanuts or whatever else she made, she was always feeding us. I would never have made it through my hubby's quadruple bypass if it wasn't for her staying with me at hospital, feeding our sons when they came down for surgery, sharing their motel room with me so our sons could stay in mine, following us home from FL to IL to be sure we got home after his surgery. We certainly had good times full of laughs like when she begged me to zipline with her in Branson... Rest in peace Pauline. You deserve it, til we meet again. Like Bob Hope said "Thanks for the memories". Love you like a sister. Barb (& Tom) Reichwein.*

Barbara & Tom Reichwein - December 12, 2020 at 12:57 PM