



Paula Louise Schelm

September 10, 1942 - January 15, 2025

Paula Louise (Swisher) Schelm, 82, of Plainfield and formerly of Monrovia, passed peacefully from this life with her devoted husband and sons by her side on Wednesday, January 15, 2025. She was born in Indianapolis, IN on September 10, 1942, to the late Paul “Pete” and Louise (Duncan) Swisher.

The youngest child of three, Paula grew up in Mooresville attending the local school throughout her life. In high school, she was the class treasurer, a member of the honor society, and sang in the school’s choir. Introduced to her future husband and soulmate, Herb, by close friends, the two love birds hit it off immediately, beginning their 64-year love journey. After graduating with the class of 1960, she and Herb were joyously united in marriage on September 16, 1960. Delving into motherhood the following year, Paula and Herb were blessed with their two boys, Eric and Tony the Irish twins, within the first two years of marriage.

Working in the family business, Vincent’s Fur and Leather, Paula began her career as a part-time secretary while the kids were young and later became full-time as a bookkeeper, and buyer when the boys were self-sufficient. When the business closed in 2012, she worked for Chico’s, Kohl’s as well as the gift shop at St. Francis hospital in Mooresville. The family of four regularly took vacations driving to Michigan to fish, Colorado to camp in the mountains, and Florida to soak up the sun on the sandy beaches of Daytona and New

Smyrna. In addition, she flew to New York on business trips and enjoyed the tropical climate of the Caribbean. When the grandkids came along, Paula was known to take them on impromptu trips to Disney World, riding in a limo to the airport and hoping on a plane to have breakfast with Disney princesses.

A stellar cook, a trait she learned from her mother-in-law, Paula hosted Thanksgiving yearly for not only her immediate family but also for extended family and frequently was known to invite random people who didn't have family to spend the holiday with. She went all out for Christmas delivering matching pajamas to her family on Christmas Eve leaving their packages on their doorstep signing them from Mrs. Claus.

A member of the 60's chicks, she and her fellow 1960 Mooresville High School alums met for lunch once a month (the third Friday so it was easy to remember), where they shared stories, caught up on life, and laughed. A true fashionista, Paula continuously dressed to the hilt and accessorized with fancy jewelry. She was classy, elegant, had a wonderful sense of humor, and absolutely loved to shop till she dropped. She cared deeply for her family and remained giving and thoughtful throughout her years. Paula will be forever remembered and deeply missed by all those who knew and loved her.

Along with her parents, Paula was preceded in death by her sister, Janet Mackenzie.

She leaves behind her beloved husband of 64 years, Vincent Herbert "Herb" Schelm of Plainfield; sons, Eric Schelm (Annie) of Plainfield, and Tony Schelm (LaVennia Foxx) of Monrovia; brother, Charles "Bud" Swisher (Jackie) of Mooresville; grandchildren, Sarah Marks of Mooresville, Erica Monjaraz (Israel) of Plainfield, Anna Newton (Dustin) of Trafalgar, Kyle Ledebouer of Pheonix, AZ, and Erica Howarth (David) of Leesburg, VA; and great grandchildren, Arleigh, Briar, Camellia, Dalia, Jordyn, Julian, and Gwendolyn;

along with a host of close friends.

Funeral Arrangements have been entrusted to Light Memorial & Funeral Chapel in Monrovia. Friends and family are invited to gather for visitation from 11:00am until 2:00pm on Thursday, January 23, 2025, with a Celebration of Life Service beginning promptly at 2:00pm. Pastor Keenan Steinway will officiate, and Paula will be laid to rest in Hall White Lick Cemetery in Mooresville. To share a favorite story, send an online condolence to the family, or light a candle in her memory, please visit her tribute page at www.lightmemorial.com.

Cemetery Details

White Lick Cemetery

13326 N. White Lick Road
Mooresville, IN

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 23. 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Light Memorial & Funeral Chapel
585 East Main Street
Monrovia, IN 46157
(317) 996-2101
<https://www.lightmemorial.com>

Celebration of Life Service

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Tribute Wall

LC

“ Sorry for ur loss - Paula was always a very friendly person - May God give peace n comfort n this time of sorrow and n the days n weeks to come... Thoughts n Prayers



Larry n Carolyn Clements - January 25, 2025 at 03:10 PM

LE

“ Leslie lit a candle in memory of Paula Louise Schelm



Leslie - January 23, 2025 at 09:34 AM

SW

“ Susan (Watson) Wix purchased the Garden Accent Stone - "Wherever a Beautiful Soul..." for the family of Paula Louise Schelm.



Susan (Watson) Wix - January 22, 2025 at 04:40 PM

SC

“ Sandra Arleen Chitwood lit a candle in memory of Paula Louise Schelm



Sandra Arleen Chitwood - January 21, 2025 at 06:04 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Paula Louise Schelm.*



January 21, 2025 at 04:40 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Paula Louise Schelm.

January 21, 2025 at 04:40 PM



“ *So many loving memories of sitting in Paula and Herbs kitchen, drinking a Diet Pepsi at the bar and maybe eating a frozen ding dong. If not in the kitchen, “wallowing” on the stairs landing. A phrase created and that I still use today “we both caught the same fish”. If you know you know. I will miss you Paula!*

Judi Bosler - January 21, 2025 at 03:39 PM



“ *With great love and affectuon, Judi B. purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Paula Louise Schelm.*



With great love and affectuon, Judi B. - January 21, 2025 at 03:36 PM

WB

“ With great love and affectuon, Judi B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Paula Louise Schelm.

With great love and affectuon, Judi B. - January 21, 2025 at 03:36 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Paula Louise Schelm.



January 21, 2025 at 02:48 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Paula Louise Schelm.

January 21, 2025 at 02:48 PM



“ 120 files added to the album LifeTributes



Light Memorial & Funeral Chapel - January 21, 2025 at 01:50 PM

IP

“ Irene & Manfred Pohl purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Paula Louise Schelm.



Irene & Manfred Pohl - January 21, 2025 at 11:22 AM

BC

“ Bryan White & Shelley Cowan purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Paula Louise Schelm.



Bryan White & Shelley Cowan - January 21, 2025 at 09:24 AM

BC

“ Bryan White & Shelley Cowan planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Paula Louise Schelm.

Bryan White & Shelley Cowan - January 21, 2025 at 09:24 AM

LT

“ Dear Aunt Paula,

You were the epitome of class, a fashionista who not only turned heads but inspired us all with your kindness, generosity, and tenacious spirit. You were wonderful friend and ally to my mom - her eyes always glowed with love and admiration when she spoke of you, like you were a magical fairy dropped into her life when you came into the family.

I'm so glad Steve and I had a chance to visit and catch up with you a few months ago. Your presence will be deeply missed, but your spirit and the joy you brought into our lives will forever remain in our hearts. Give mom a big hug from me.

Love you!! Lora Campbell Tebbetts

Lora C Tebbetts - January 20, 2025 at 08:54 PM

TF

“ Travis Frye and family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Paula Louise Schelm.



Travis Frye and family - January 20, 2025 at 08:38 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Paula Louise Schelm.



January 20, 2025 at 02:25 PM

DH

“ Dave, Vicki, Jacob and Victoria Howarth purchased the *Blue Caribbean Bouquet* for the family of Paula Louise Schelm.



Dave, Vicki, Jacob and Victoria Howarth - January 19, 2025 at 05:35 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Paula Louise Schelm.

January 19, 2025 at 05:24 PM

DH

“ Since first meeting Erica's grandparent's Paula and Herb almost 10 years ago, we have enjoyed the occasions shared with them. What an enjoyable couple, always warm and inviting. Our sincere sympathy to the family. Paula will be missed. Dave and Vicki Howarth

David & Vicki Howarth - January 19, 2025 at 05:19 PM

TF

“ The Ledeboer Family purchased the *Joyful Memory* for the family of Paula Louise Schelm.



The Ledeboer Family - January 18, 2025 at 09:43 PM

TF

“ *The Ledeboer Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Paula Louise Schelm.*

The Ledeboer Family - January 18, 2025 at 09:43 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Paula Louise Schelm.*



January 18, 2025 at 06:16 PM

DG

“ *David & Erica Howarth's LCC Small Group purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Paula Louise Schelm.*



David & Erica Howarth's LCC Small Group - January 18, 2025 at 01:40 PM



“ *Engraved Tree Tag was purchased for the family of Paula Louise Schelm.*



January 18, 2025 at 09:27 AM



“ Gable Gift Box was purchased for the family of Paula Louise Schelm.







January 18, 2025 at 09:24 AM



“ Brad and I came to visit and stopped by the Schelm place. We were invited and had a wonderful conversation with Herb and Paula. They were so gracious and enjoyed wonderful memories with them. I was Tony's ex-sister-in-law and still consider them family. They always treated us as part of the family, so glad we took the time to visit with them.

Brad and Hetty Thies - January 17, 2025 at 10:46 PM



“ Paula was young when she and Herb got married. She entered our large, crazy family with open arms. She embraced each and every one of us and accepted us as her own. She was a wonderful sister, friend and confident. She was always ready with a smile and a hug, amazing snickerdoodle cookies, and plenty of goodies to share. We had the most fun and would laugh and giggle. She was quick to share whatever she had. I will miss her dearly but will always be grateful for her love, guidance and friendship. We are all better people because she was in our lives. A true Blessing for sure. Godspeed Potsy    

Kim Heald - January 17, 2025 at 03:24 PM



“ So sorry to hear of Paula's passing.

Virginia Page Austermiller - January 17, 2025 at 12:33 PM

TF

So sorry to hear of your mom's passing. You're in our thoughts and prayers

Tom and Loretta Faulkenberg - January 17, 2025 at 12:50 PM

SH

I was just 13 when Paula and Herb married. I thought she was like one more big sister and like the rest of the family, I loved her to pieces. When the boys came along I was the unpaid baby sitter. We were together a lot. Paula had a great sense of humor and could make me laugh till I cried. In the early 80's I came home from Michigan for a minor surgery to remove scar tissue from my face. I decided to sit on the dock at the pond to get a little sun and Paula came down. We were talking and laughing. Finally I was laughing so hard I begged her to "stop". I was pulling a stitch and tiny drops of blood were landing on the dock. She didn't keep me in stitches that time, I almost lost one. Goodbye sweet sister, you will be missed. You were loyal and generous to a fault. Thank you for all the rides to cheerleading practice and thank you for being my friend.

Sandra Hayes-White - January 17, 2025 at 06:11 PM

LG

[AM SP SPRRY TO READ THIS. pAUALA WAS SUCH A GREAT FRIENED I TM SORRY WE EDRIFFE APART,SHE WAS SUCH A SWEET FUNNY LADY. i CANN'T GET THERE. MY HEALTH NOT SO GOOD. HERB SHE JLOVED YOU FIRST AND ALWAYS.

Liz Gray - January 19, 2025 at 07:36 AM

NL

Sometimes special people come into your life, Mrs. Schelm was one of my special people. I'm glad I spoke with her a couple weeks ago. I will see her again.

Nancy Lee - January 21, 2025 at 08:54 AM