



Paula Jean Dietrich

January 10, 1953 - November 23, 2023

Paula Schuck Dietrich, a longtime resident of Mooresville, N.C., died Thursday, November 23, 2023.

Paula was born Jan. 10, 1953, in Yakima, Wash. By the time she had reached high school, Paula had lived in Seattle, Yakima, Walla Walla, Wash., Reno, Nev., Carmichael, Calif., Fresno, Calif., and San Jose, Calif.

She graduated from San Jose's Lynbrook High School in 1971. She met her husband Mike while working in a dry cleaner in San Jose. Mike's buddies hung out at the barber shop next door, and they let him know about a cute girl who worked at the dry cleaners. Paula and Mike's first date was at San Jose Speedway. They were married in Saratoga, Calif., in 1975, and later had sons Steven and Jonathan. Paula and Mike would be married for 47 years, until Mike's passing earlier this year.

Paula, Mike and their sons moved to Nipomo, Calif., in 1985, where they would live for the next 26 years. Paula worked as a school administrative assistant at Dana Elementary School in Nipomo and was involved in the Santa Maria Karting Association.

Paula was diagnosed with breast cancer at age 42. After her recovery, she worked to bolster breast cancer awareness and helped newly diagnosed

women cope with the disease.

In 2011 Paula and Mike moved to Mooresville and built their dream home. Paula loved being a mother, but her grandchildren were her world.

Paula loved to travel. In addition to many trips to California to visit family and friends, she enjoyed several other memorable excursions, including traveling to Germany, Hawaii, New York and Treasure Island, Fla., with her family.

Paula never met a stranger and loved meeting and getting to know people. She maintained life-long relationships with friends from high school, friends she met in Nipomo and friends she met in Mooresville. She was positive, upbeat and lived every moment to the fullest.

She is survived by son Steven and wife Kim of Mooresville, son Jonathan and wife Caitlin of Orlando, grandchildren Emily, Nora and Jack, brother Larry and wife Robyn Schuck, and brother Jim and wife Cathie Schuck. In addition to her husband Mike, Paula was predeceased by her parents Leo and Patricia Schuck and daughter-in-law Krista.

A graveside service will be held in Paula's memory at 3:30 PM on December 2, 2023 at Glenwood Memorial Park in Mooresville.

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory, Mooresville, is serving the Dietrich family. Condolences may be made to the family at www.cavin-cook.com.

Cemetery Details

Glenwood Memorial Park

273 Glenwood Drive
Mooresville, NC 28115

Previous Events

Graveside Service

DEC 2. 3:30 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Paula was an absolute angel! I always had a smile on my face when I saw her and Mike coming in. I change out my gnomes on my desk at the Dr's office and she always loved them and was excited to see what I would put out next. Paula will be dearly missed.* ”

Elizabeth - December 02, 2023 at 07:56 PM



“ *Paula, was the most incredible person. She was my drinking buddy at the race track where we would sneak in margaritas. When my Mom in law got breast cancer it was Paula that helped us connect with doctors and specialist and was there emotionally for noir family. My Mom in law is cancer free today because of Paula's help. You will never find another mom who loved those boys, their spouses and especially those grandkids. She will be so missed and we will never forget her and our guy Mike. Love you Paula! Donna and Tim* ”

Donna Randolph - November 30, 2023 at 10:52 PM

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My name is Marilyn Perry and I work for Novant Health. I am so sorry for your loss. Mrs. Dietrich and her husband would come into the Breast Cancer Clinic where I served as front desk check in and check out. That is how I came to get to know the two of them and am so grateful that I was able to cross paths with them both. They were the most beautiful and loving couple that I have seen in a long time. I know they have 3 grandchildren, but Emily stands out in my mind the most especially after breaking her arm, I think it was her arm, and how she spent a lot of time with them. They loved them all and I will truly miss her and him for sure. Condolences to you all.

Marilyn Perry - December 01, 2023 at 10:05 AM