



Margaret "Pauline" Ryan

January 19, 1932 - January 15, 2023

Margaret "Pauline" Ryan, age 90, of Melrose, Iowa, passed away on Sunday, January 15, 2023, at the Monroe Care Center in Albia.

Pauline was born on January 19, 1932, at home in Georgetown, IA, to Leo and Marie (Coady) Flattery. She grew up attending school in Georgetown and graduated in the class of 1949. On June 7, 1955, she was united in marriage to Eddie Ryan. They were blessed with 5 children, Denny, Jane, Alan, Tim, and Todd. Pauline and Eddie shared 43 years of marriage prior to his passing on July 31, 1998.

Pauline owned and operated The Ole Red Barn in Melrose. She worked at the ASCS office for many years, starting out as a secretary and working her way up to office manager. She was also a cashier for Wilson's/Elliott's in Moravia for several years.

Pauline was a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Melrose, where she taught CCD classes. She was also a member of the Altar and Rosary Society and the Green Hat Society. She was very proud of her Irish Heritage and looked forward to attending the St. Patrick's Day parades in Des Moines. She enjoyed being outdoors, boating, and traveling to the Ozarks and Ireland. She also enjoyed ceramics, was an excellent cook, and loved to dance. Pauline liked "knowing the know and being in the know." Pauline cherished her

grandchildren and relished in attending their different events. Above all else, Pauline enjoyed spending time with her family and friends.

Pauline is survived by 4 children, Denny Ryan, Jane Mason, Tim (JoAnn) Ryan, and Todd (Melissa) Ryan; 7 grandchildren, Nicole (Matt) Kroul, Ryan Mason, Emily (Jason) Kay, Cullen Ryan, Nate Ryan, Nic (Taegen) Ryan, and Katherine Ryan; and 5 great grandchildren, Leighton, Brady, Jacie, Merreck, and Reese. Pauline is also survived by several nieces, nephews, cousins, and good friends.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Eddie Ryan; a son, Alan Ryan; a son-in-law, Neil Mason; and her siblings, Mark, Dave, Alan, and Lenore.

Visitation will be held from 4:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 18, 2023, at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Melrose, with Pauline's family present throughout to greet family and friends. A Rosary led by Deacon Ed Kamerick will be held at 7:00 p.m. immediately followed by a Christian Wake Service.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 a.m., Thursday, January 19, 2023, on Pauline's 91st birthday, at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Melrose, with Father Mark Yates, C.P.P.S. officiating. Burial will follow services at Mt. Calvary Cemetery in Melrose.

Memorials have been established to Mt. Calvary Cemetery in Melrose or St. Patrick's Cemetery in Georgetown.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Calvary Cemetery

Melrose, IA

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 18. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

St. Patrick's Catholic Church
200 Trinity Ave,
Melrose, IA

Christain Wake Service

JAN 18. 7:00 PM (CT)

St. Patrick's Catholic Church
200 Trinity Ave,
Melrose, IA

Rosary

JAN 18. 7:00 PM (CT)

St. Patrick's Catholic Church
200 Trinity Ave,
Melrose, IA

Mass of Christian Burial

JAN 19. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Patrick's Catholic Church
200 Trinity Ave,
Melrose, IA

Tribute Wall



“ Margaret "Pauline" Ryan

January 30, 2023 at 05:06 AM



“ Margaret "Pauline" Ryan

January 30, 2023 at 02:53 AM



“ Pauline was a great friend and neighbor.

Johny Murphy - January 18, 2023 at 09:41 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Margaret "Pauline" Ryan.



January 17, 2023 at 05:03 PM



“ Moe and Helen Sinclair purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Margaret "Pauline" Ryan.



Moe and Helen Sinclair - January 17, 2023 at 04:02 PM

CM

“ Todd, Melissa and family, I am so sorry to hear of Pauline's passing. She was such a gracious lady with a kind soul. She will be missed .

Carol Morrison - January 17, 2023 at 03:41 PM

JF

“ Jim and Sandy Elkin and Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Margaret "Pauline" Ryan.



Jim and Sandy Elkin and Family - January 17, 2023 at 10:37 AM



“ Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Margaret "Pauline" Ryan.



January 17, 2023 at 07:41 AM

MA

“ I had forgotten about the Ole Red Barn, it was a fun place to go. You have our sympathy for the loss of your mom. She was such a pretty lady.

Mick and Sue Anderson - January 16, 2023 at 09:40 PM

PO

“ Paul & Carla Olson lit a candle in memory of Margaret "Pauline" Ryan



Paul & Carla Olson - January 16, 2023 at 02:28 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Margaret "Pauline" Ryan.



January 16, 2023 at 02:05 PM

DB

“ We are so Sorry for your loss, freinds of Jane and family , Our prayers are with you . Dirk and Annette

Dirk Braet - January 16, 2023 at 09:51 AM

DJ

“ She was the sweetest lady! She will forever be in my heart! Rest well my friend! Love Deb Jones RN

Debra Jones - January 16, 2023 at 02:44 AM

WE

“*Pauline was always so good to us, kids in the store. She gave us a lot of time and attention. And always so good to Mary Carla and Mary Loved Pauline. We have a lot of memories with Ryan family coming out to the store after confession and playing outside with the kids. She will be greatly missed. We love the Ryan's. Love Barb Egeland.*

wesveyda@icloud.com - January 15, 2023 at 09:53 PM

JS

“*I always enjoyed Pauline's sense of humor. My Mom worked at FmHA which was 'next door' to the ASCS office. I needed a ride home when Mom wasn't working so caught a ride home with Todd & Pauline. I remember this scene vividly. Todd was driving (car was a Citation I think) with Pauline in front and me in the back behind Todd. He wasn't talking much to Pauline - he was possibly acting 'cool' since I was there. It was winter so he had the front window defroster on high. On the dash was an open bag of chips ahoy cookies which rolled all over. Pauline keeps talking to Todd who keeps ignoring her or giving her one-word answers. I can see it now - Pauline is facing Todd as he ignores her, it's getting hot in the car but Todd still has the defroster on high, so Pauline says "I think the cookies are done." Todd still says nothing but turns down the defroster. I just sat in the back seat and giggled. Rest in peace, Pauline.*

Jane Scieszinski - January 15, 2023 at 08:20 PM



“*Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Margaret "Pauline" Ryan.*



January 15, 2023 at 07:05 PM

DO

“ *Denny & Vickie O'Neill lit a candle in memory of Margaret "Pauline" Ryan*



Denny & Vickie O'Neill - January 15, 2023 at 06:17 PM

GH

“ *It was an honor to know her.*

Gerald Haas - January 15, 2023 at 06:15 PM

KA

*So sorry to hear about your mom . I would say hi to her when I would see mom in the nursing home. A very nice lady and friend to mom Kay Conway. Good bless
Karen Conway Ealy*

karenealy - January 19, 2023 at 08:52 AM