



Pauline Marie O'Connor

August 9, 1916 - May 25, 2013

Pauline Marie O'Connor, age 96 of Chariton, formerly of Melrose, died Saturday, May 25, 2013, at Chariton Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Chariton.

Pauline was born August 9, 1916 to James "Pop" and Rose (McGinn) Griffin in Georgetown, IA. She married Pat O'Connor on January 1, 1944 in Los Angeles, CA. They were married 40 years before Pat preceded her in death on August 16, 1984.

Pauline grew up and attended school in Georgetown. She worked at the Melrose school as the head cook for 20 years where she enjoyed each and every student.

Pauline was a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Melrose. She enjoyed quilting and would donate baby quilts to the fire department and church. After retirement she served coffee at the community center every morning. She especially enjoyed time spent with her family and grandchildren.

Pauline is survived by a daughter, Joann (Jim) Dixson of Lucas; a grandson, Ronald James (Karen) Dixson of Lucas; two great grandsons, Connor and Cody Dixson; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; a son, John Joe; and siblings, Mildred Griffin, Frances Mahoney, Bina McGee, Raymond Griffin, Manford Griffin, Louie Griffin, and Pat Griffin.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, May 29, 2013, at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Melrose, with Fr. Patrick Lumsden officiating. Burial will be in Mt. Calvary Cemetery in Melrose.

Visitation will be 9-10:30 a.m., Wednesday, May 29, 2013, at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Melrose, with Pauline's family present during that time.

Memorials may be made to St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Melrose.

Tribute Wall



“ *Pauline Marie O'Connor*

January 30, 2023 at 05:06 AM



“ *Pauline Marie O'Connor*

January 30, 2023 at 02:53 AM



“ *There wasn't anyone like Pauline - she made the best cinnamon rolls, always had a smile on her face, knew your name and those of most everyone in Melrose! A truly wonderful woman and Melrose Icon.*

Thank you for all your years of service to others!

My prayers to family and all those who loved and knew her.

Fondly,

Kit Dinneen Crane

kit dinneen crane - IA - May 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *I have known Pauline all my life...she was a wonderful person..and she did make the "best" cinnamon rolls ever...she will be missed by all that knew her..*

Marti (Ripperger)Hawkins - Cedar Rapids, IA - friend - May 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LO

“ Sorry to hear of Pauline's Passing --- i see i am not the only one who remembers the cinnamon roll no one else's ever came close... she also passed them out at Halloween.

Linda Ryan Silverio

Linda Silverio - Salem, OR - May 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Pauline always had a smile and baked the best cinnamon rolls in the world. She touched many kids hearts all her years as cook in Melrose school. May she rest in peace. Mary Kay (Crall) Murphy

Mary Kay Murphy - Cape Fair, MO - May 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ So sorry to hear about Pauline's passing. She was a wonderful lady. She served at our wedding dinner 46 years ago. She will be remembered for her cooking and baking. Joann and I were classmates. Our prayers and sympathy to the family

Dennis and Marilyn Roach - Peoria, IL - friend - May 27, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ Pauline was first our neighbor & friend and she was also the cook at Melrose Elementary where I went to school for the first 6 years of my life. I never minded lunchroom duty with her she made it fun and she was an amazing cook,I hated it when we went into Albia to school it was never the same. She also lived down the road from us and was always willing to teach us crafts and include us in anything she was doing when we would show up at her house.Pauline will be missed by all. RIP

Lauri Duer Polo - Chariton , IA - neighbor & friend - May 27, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ Our boys attended school in Melrose and were able to enjoy, 'Pauline Cooking'. She had the kids believing she really did go to the timber and get that turkey! She had a way of making the lunchroom fun and something to look forward to, adjusting "school recipes" to give them some FLAVOR. Humor always present plus the ever present warm, caring and loving lady. Our boys were fortunate to have been able to eat in Paulines' lunchroom. RIP Pauline

Rose {Kenworthy} Lennie - Albia, IA - Friend - May 27, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Every student who passed through Melrose Elementary counted Pauline as their friend. And no child ever went hungry when she was around. She purchased her own lunch cards for the kids who forgot their sack lunch or their lunch card. The elementary girls who 'helped in the kitchen' learned a thing or two from Pauline! In the years following when the 'kids' were home for Christmas there was always a crowd around Pauline after church - stopping to tell her "hi" and to get one of her smiles. As Pauline used to say she "always enjoyed the kiddies!" And the kiddies loved her! Surely Heaven has become a livelier place and they're serving Pauline's cinnamon rolls. RIP Pauline!

Jane Scieszinski - Windsor Heights, IA - friend - May 27, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ My sympathy to the family. I always enjoyed our rare visits with her. Bette Griffin (widow of Jerry Griffin.)

Bette Griffin - Columbus Jct., IA - cousin-in-law - May 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM

EC

“ SO SORRY TO HERE OF PAULINES PASSING PRAYERS GO OUT TO THE FAMILY , MAY SHE REST IN PEACE,

ED MCGINN - QUINCY, IL - 1 ST COUSIN - May 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM

PC

“ *Rest in peace Pauline. I KNOW YOU ARE IN HEAVEN. Enjoyed staying at your house when I was young, had so many good times. Such a kind and giving person. My dad named me after you, Love Pauline MCGinn Steinbach.*

Pauline MCGinn Steinbach - Des M OINES, IA - 1first cousin. - May 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM