



Paula T Madden

March 2, 1953 - April 8, 2022

Paula Thacker Madden suddenly and unexpectedly passed from this life on April 8, 2022 at home. Born in Toledo Ohio to Paul and Mary Thacker, Paula moved to Lake County in 1972 and later that year met her future husband George. They were married on May 30, 1976 at St. Paul's in Leesburg and she commenced a lifetime of devotion to her family, creating a warm and nurturing environment for George and their children Janelle and Patrick. As an empty nester, Paula developed an interest in oil painting and became an accomplished artist, decorating her home with a number of beautiful pieces. Paula served the Lake Eustis Museum of Art (now known as Lake County Museum of Art) as a volunteer, fundraiser, and board member. Paula maintained a strong and abiding faith in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and had a gift for relating to young children. She enjoyed teaching Children's Liturgy of the Word classes at St. Paul's. She also served on the parish Liturgy Board and was involved in training the Altar

Servers and coordinating their scheduling. Over the years, Paula also taught classes at several church-affiliated preschools in Leesburg.

Paula's other interests included her "grand-dogs", her adopted Australian Shepherd Aggie, collecting shells and sea glass at Florida beaches, and FSU football, especially during the

Bobby Bowden years. Normally quiet and soft-spoken, Paula's vociferous cheering would turn heads at stadiums during critical moments of games.

From her father Paul Thacker, Paula acquired a passion for working the soil, growing tomatoes,

pineapples, sweet potatoes, lettuce, cabbage, onions, and more. She also enjoyed propagating

and maintaining various ornamental plants and trees in the yard of her Leesburg home and at

her "getaway in the woods" on the banks of the Withlacoochee River North in Madison County,

Florida near Lee.

Paula was preceded in death by her father, Paul Thacker. She is survived by her husband George, her daughter Janelle of California, and her son Patrick of Michigan; her mother Mary Thacker of The Villages, sister Sandi Snider of Ohio, and brothers Terry (Cathi) of Georgia, Pat (Renee) of Idaho, Tony (Genny) of Bellview, and Eric (Phil) of West Virginia and many nephews and nieces.

In lieu of flowers please consider a donation in Paula's memory to the Lake County Museum of

Art at 213 Ruby Street, Tavares FL 32778. Online donations may be made at the museum's

website,

<https://lakeartmuseum.com/> >

Tribute Wall



“ *Beyers Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Paula T Madden*



May 11, 2022 at 07:17 PM



“ *I am very saddened to hear of Paula's passing. She was a wonderful friend all those years when our kids were so young! Best time/memories together is when we did the youth ministry and share the "Word" with the children during mass together. Loved her sense of humor and she was truly a Godly woman. Deepest sympathy and condolences to her family 🙏 Paula will be missed by many*

Donna Foster - April 20, 2022 at 09:14 PM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.*

Nora Bagby - April 19, 2022 at 09:44 AM

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“ *Paula was very easy to talk to. My wife Diane and I sat with her on many occasions to chat . Diane and Paula would talk for hours about life and matters of the heart. We considered her as family being married to George, my long time friend of 59 years. God bless her soul.*

Peter Cote - April 18, 2022 at 09:34 AM

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“ I met Paula in 1978 at the YMCA in Lawrenceville, GA. We had enrolled our six month old beautiful daughters (Janelle & Jenna) in a swimming class. Paula & I became instant friends and eventually introduced our husbands to one another. Our friendship has continued for forty-four years, mostly with phone calls after their move to Leesbury, FL. Their occasional visit, when Paula and George were "on the road again" moving through Atlanta, GA, rekindled old memories of fun visits and get togethers in younger days.

Paula was the kindest, smartest and most loving individual. She loved her children, George and all her pets to the fullest. She was an excellent cook. Her best attribute was her smile. If you were her friend she was invested in you for a lifetime.

While I remain in complete shock, disappointment and heartbreak, I know she is with God. For whatever reason, she had to leave suddenly. While it has been several weeks since we have talked, I will revisit our last conversation and miss her for the rest of my life.

Life can be so unfair sometimes but we abide in our faith looking towards a greater event. To George, Janelle, Patrick and the rest of her family, may God hold you close and whisper in your ear that Paula is fine and as the poem "Togetherness" says "I have just slipped away into the next room".

God Bless you all as you go about remembering Paula.

Lynn H Sosebee (Terry & Jenna)

Lynn H Sosebee - April 15, 2022 at 11:59 AM

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“ Paula was a wonderful sister in law. I will miss her terribly.

Lezli Madden - April 14, 2022 at 06:37 PM



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Lezli Madden - April 14, 2022 at 06:36 PM