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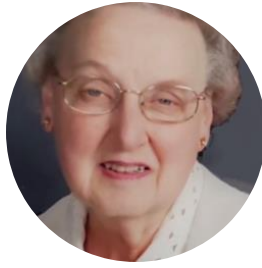
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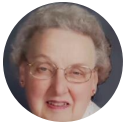
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P Paula Dempsey Obituary

Paula Ann Dempsey (nee Sigmund), age 86, of Elyria, passed away Friday, February 23, 2024. She was born February 14, 1938 in Cleveland, Ohio, the daughter of Edward Sigmund and Pauline (nee Hasznos) Sigmund Bryant and was a 1956 graduate of Grand Valley High School, Orwell, Ohio. On June 24, 1956, Paula married her high school sweetheart, Robert “Bob” Dempsey and they lived in Chardon, Ohio for the first few years of their marriage. During her high school years, Paula worked as a telephone operator and then in the early years of marriage, she was a clerk at Rexall Drug Store in Chardon. In 1966, Paula and Bob moved the family to Elyria. She had a varied career working as a nurse’s aide at Palm Crest West, a dental technician with Turner Dental Lab, and as a salesclerk for Falencki’s Appliance Store and Hess and Hess Pharmacy. In 1974, Paula and Bob started their family business, Dempsey’s Appliance Sales & Service, Inc. on Oberlin-Elyria Road in Elyria. After Bob’s passing in 2021, Paula kept the business operating until February 2023.

Paula was very active in the community and took pride in supporting the organizations in which her children were involved. In 2007, she and Bob received the Elyria Schools and Friends Alumni Association’s Distinguished Volunteer Award recognizing them for their many years of service to the Elyria City Schools. Paula was active in the PTA at Hamilton Elementary School and as a teacher’s aide and room parent. At Franklin Junior High School, she proudly helped the school get it’s first “Franklin Bulldogs” school flag and organized the ninth grade prom. At Elyria High School, Paula was an active member of the EHS Band Boosters as a chaperone of Military Balls and organized the stadium concession stands central supply for many years, extending through the time her granddaughters were in the EHSPMB. Paula also supported Bob during his forty plus years of volunteering with the Boy Scouts of America, Firelands Council. Paula took much pride in the community of the south side of Elyria, and she and Bob were always helping their neighbors. She loved dogs, and Poppy was her favorite companion for the past few months. Paula enjoyed baking and cooking, and her specialties were pies, fruitcakes, chicken paprikas and no



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family gathering was complete without her homemade applesauce. Paula was a member of LaPorte United Methodist Church for over 50 years.

She is survived by children, Larry (Paula) Dempsey of Farmersburg, IN, Debbie (Mike) Warden of Elyria, Bob (Paula) Dempsey of Wakeman, and Greg (Shelly) Dempsey of Avon; grandchildren, Jason (Ron) Packard, Jennifer (Aaron) Mizenko, Amanda Dempsey, Lysa Warden (Chris Helm), Darcy Warden, Jacob (Alex) Dempsey and Brody Dempsey; nine great-grandchildren and sisters-in-law, Joyce Lovering of Lakeland, FL and Betty (Jim) Grimes of Auburndale, FL.

Paula is preceded in death by her husband of 65 years, Bob (2021); mother and stepfather, Pauline and Bill Bryant; father, Edward Sigmund and siblings, Karen Dufur and Edward (Butch) Sigmund.

Friends will be received Wednesday, February 28, 2024, from 10:30 am until the time of a 12:30 pm funeral service at Dicken Funeral Home and Cremation Service, 323 Middle Avenue, Elyria with Reverend William Baker officiating. Burial will be in New Russia Township Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to LaPorte United Methodist Church, 2071 Grafton Road, Elyria, OH 44035.

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EL

Ernestine Lopes posted:

Small dish garden was purchased for the family of Paula Ann Dempsey by Ernestine Lopes. Send Flowers I met Paula as she worked central supply for EHSPMB. If you knew her, you knew without a doubt that her heart was pure gold. She's a true gem who lived life to fullest giving unselfishly. Ernestine Lopes

April 22 at 8:57 AM

LS

Larry D Stevanus posted:

I can't drive by the store without thinking and smiling about Paula's incredible fantastic knowledge about every name brand stove, washer, dryer, freezer and refrigerator and the complete bill of materials of every one of them down to the washers and all of the nuts and bolts. All of this experience and knowledge before computers. Along with her other activities with Scouts, Elyria High School Band Boosters and family activities. Bob and Paula Dempsey set the bar very high as very active, community oriented people. When Paula turned out the light at their store for the last time, many of us were wondering where we could get parts along with a pleasant conversation and a smile.

April 10 at 6:18 AM

PB

Peggy Brown posted:

Our thoughts and prayers to the family. Paula Mama D was a wonderful lady, a special friend for many years. Paula (Mama D) and Bob (Papa D) will live in our hearts and precious memories forever. With Love. Peggy Brown

March 25 at 4:51 PM

DW

Debbie Dempsey Warden posted:

Thank you for sharing. Mom was a very special lady.

March 24 at 4:28 PM



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Lucy Shank posted:

My Condolences got out to the family. Me and husband had been looking for a Lent holder for my dryer older model ,she was so sweet just loved chatting with her,my husband went back room with her help look for the filter .She said well we tried find it couldn't so I will order u one ,never did get it ,but her heart was in the right spot.God received another Angel God bless ðŸ™ªðŸŒž,

February 27 at 6:43 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Paula by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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