



## Paula E. Butler

June 9, 1948 - November 2, 2025

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of our beloved daughter, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend, 77-year-old Paula Eugene Butler, who very unexpectedly, but quietly slipped from this earthly realm and passed into eternal peace on November 2, 2025, as she laid basking in the sun in her favorite spot, overlooking her back yard, and the Hudson River.

Paula, a lifelong Athenian, was born in Catskill, New York to the marital union of Lawrence Palmateer and Pauline (Salvino) Palmateer on June 9, 1948. She was the eldest of nine; the first of the tribe. Paula lived the entirety of her life on the banks of the mighty, mighty Hudson and with Athens mud on her feet, she could never stray far from her beloved Hudson for long.

Paula graduated from Coxsackie-Athens High School, went on to marry Robert Butler,

and eventually gave birth to two children, her daughter Courtney and her son Robert.

Paula was a devoted stay at home mother to her children delighting in expressing her undeniable talents by designing and creating elaborate Halloween costumes for her children each year or intricately decorating homemade cakes and other delicious treats for birthdays, holidays, and weddings. When her children were both old enough to go to school, so did Paula. She returned to school at Maria College, where she earned her nursing degree, and went on to a lengthy career as a compassionate and well-respected nurse, ending her career in 2015 when she retired as Deputy Superintendent of Health Services for the Department Of Corrections and Community Services.

Paula was predeceased by her father, Lawrence Alanzo Palmateer Jr., her husband and the father of her children Robert Francis Butler, her first grandchild Quinn Robert Butler and her brother-in-law Edward Thomas Miller. She is survived by her mother and matriarch of the family, Pauline H Palmateer, her daughter Courtney Lynne Butler, her son Robert Francis (Marla) Butler Jr. , her much adored grandchildren Clara Jane Butler, and Tatum Robert Butler, her eight brothers and sisters, Lawrence (Sandy)

Palmateer, Patrice (Philip) Miller, Paulette (Carl) Travis, Pamela (Donald) Fontaine,  
Lance (Christine) Palmateer, Lee Allen (Nancy) Palmateer, Peggy (Stephen) Cerquone,  
Leo (Stephanie) Palmateer, along with far too many nieces, nephews and cousins to count. Paula's unyielding devotion to her mother, sisters, and brothers was evident throughout her life even though they all envied her tremendous culinary skill. In addition to her absurdly large family of origin Paula found an equally large family of two- and four-footed members, at the Unbridled Sanctuary Horse Rescue, a place that always brought exuberant joy to her heart and the most radiant smile to her face. Although Paula absolutely loved flowers, as evidenced by her beautiful and well-tended gardens, she loved horses even more.

In lieu of flowers, we kindly ask that those wishing to honor Paula's memory do so by making a donation to support her absolute passion, the elegant equines at Unbridled Sanctuary in Greenville, New York.

A celebration of Paula's life will be held on Monday November 10, 2025, from 4:00pm to 7:00pm at Brady's Funeral Home at 97 Mansion St in Coxsackie, New York and Paula will be laid to rest in a private ceremony the following day.

Paula will be dearly missed, as will her cooking.

Fare thee well Paula

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We love you more than words can tell

Listen to the river sing sweet songs to rock your soul

To leave condolences for the family please visit the tribute wall above.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the W.C. Brady's Funeral Home,  
Coxsackie

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

NOV **10**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Your Team at CCA (PP) purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Paula E. Butler.*



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**Your Team at CCA (PP)** - November 10, 2025 at 09:03 AM



“ *Your Team at CCA (PP) planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Paula E. Butler.*

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**Your Team at CCA (PP)** - November 10, 2025 at 09:03 AM



“ *So very saddened to learn of your loss. My heart goes out to all of you at this most difficult time. Love and prayers.*

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**Dina Ross** - November 09, 2025 at 08:00 AM



“ *Paulette, I'm so sorry for your loss. Condolences to you and the family.*  
*Robin Dynysiuk*

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**Robin Dynysiuk** - November 08, 2025 at 02:59 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Paula E. Butler.*



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November 08, 2025 at 10:02 AM



“ *Courtney and Robert,  
So very sorry to hear of the passing of your mother. I have fond memories of spending time at your home growing up and getting to know both your mom and dad. Courtney, I still have in my possession a glass mug your mother had given me the year we graduated high school that reads "88 Is Great!" Please, know that my thoughts and prayers are with you and your entire family at this difficult time. Your mom and dad have been reunited in heaven following 37 years apart. God bless.  
Brent Kacur*

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**Brent M Kacur** - November 07, 2025 at 10:36 PM



“ *My deepest condolences to the Butler and Palmateer families. All are in our thoughts and prayers. Ed and Mary Jane Arthur*

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**Ed Arthur** - November 07, 2025 at 04:59 PM



“ *Albany HRT purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Paula E. Butler.*



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**Albany HRT** - November 07, 2025 at 03:21 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Paula E. Butler.*



November 07, 2025 at 07:43 AM



“ *So very sorry to hear this sad news. Paula was in my sisters class at Cocksackie Athens, 1966. May God bless her family and help bring comfort.*

**barbara meier** - November 07, 2025 at 07:20 AM



“ *Sending our deepest condolences to Paula's family for this very sad and sudden loss. She will be sorely missed by her friends and neighbors on North Water Street. Wishing you eternal peace, Paula.*

**Barbara & Michael Gromwaldt** - November 06, 2025 at 07:19 PM



“ *Paula was a high school friend - always very sweet & kind. My condolences & prayers go out to all of her family. 🙏🙏🙏*

**Millie Cary McPherson** - November 06, 2025 at 03:46 PM



“ *A member of the Cocksackie-Athens class of '66, Paula was also a lunch sister to those of us who met monthly at various restaurants around the area. She was always kind, listened to whoever was near her at the table - impossible to hear all of us. She loved talking about the horses. Taken too soon, we will miss her.*

**Jeannene Albright** - November 06, 2025 at 12:40 PM

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“ Dear Butler & Palmateer Families,  
A great neighbor and friend who will be sorely missed.  
“Heaven holds a new bloom, and her name is Paula”  
Our thoughts, prayers and love to all of you.  
Wendi (Tompkins) & Mike Carroll



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**Wendi Carroll** - November 05, 2025 at 11:36 AM

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“ Tina Hotaling lit a candle in memory of Paula E. Butler



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**Tina Hotaling** - November 05, 2025 at 11:23 AM