



PAULA E. BRAIN

August 29, 1956 - June 21, 2022

MEMORIAL DONATIONS MAY BE MADE IN PAULA'S NAME TO:
AMERICAN LEGION POST 423
LADIES AUXILIARY
28 LEGION ROAD
OAK RIDGE, NEW JERSEY 07438

VISITATION:

FRIDAY, JUNE 24, 2022

2PM TO 4PM

AND

7PM TO 9PM

STICKLE-SOLTESZ FUNERAL HOME

PRAYER SERVICE:

FRIDAY, JUNE 24, 2022

8PM

STICKLE-SOLTESZ FUNERAL HOME

PRIVATE FINAL DISPOSITION

Paula E. Brain (nee Vitacco) of Jefferson Township, N.J., passed away on June 21, 2022, after a long battle with pancreatic cancer. Cherished wife, big

sister and beloved aunt, Paula is survived by her husband, Larry Brain, stepson, Michael Brain and his partner Nicole. She is also survived by her sister, Amelia Duggan, of Ridgewood, N.J., her husband William and three nieces, Katherine, Haley and Molly; her brother Patrick Vitacco of Cape Coral, Fla., and his wife Stacey; and her sister, Maria Romito of Ashburn, V.A., and her husband Anthony and children Evan and Elizabeth. She is also survived by rescue dog, Tia, whom she adored.

Paula was predeceased by her father George Vitacco; her mother Elizabeth Vitacco; her sister Carla Vitacco; and her sister, Laura Vitacco.

Paula had an adventurous spirit. Whether riding a mule train to explore the base of the Grand Canyon or conquering the cobblestone pathways to the villages of Santorini in Greece, Paula loved the outdoors. Paula also loved the bright sunshine, spending endless hours by the pool in her backyard oasis. She was equally at home at the beach, where she rode the waves of the Jersey Shore, Cape Cod, the Gulf Coast of Florida and the Caribbean. In addition to her love of the sea was her love for a song. She was a consummate karaoke singer, known to belt out Broadway or Patsy Cline.

With a professional career that spanned more than 40 years, Paula served as an executive assistant on many A-List brands including Mercedes-Benz of North America, Escada, Liz Claiborne, M&M Mars, The Valley Hospital and Provident Savings Bank. She served as the right hand of many top-notch CEOs. In addition to her employment, she served for many years as a member of the Ladies Auxiliary of the American Legion Post 423 in Oak Ridge, N.J., supporting the work of her husband, who served as commander.

Born on an air force base in Pensacola, Fla., Paula grew up in Paramus, N.J. and was a graduate of Paramus Catholic High School. She attended Rider University, Ramapo College and Berkley College.

Above all, Paula loved her family. She felt a strong sense of responsibility to protect her younger siblings after the passing of her father and was the trailblazer of the family as the first born. She was well loved and will be missed for her humor, her grit, and most of all, for her loving heart.

A prayer service for Paula will be held at Stickle-Soltész Funeral Home, 187 La Rue Road, Newfoundland, N.J. on Fri., June 24 from 2-4 p.m. and 7-9 p.m., with a prayer service at 8 p.m.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 24. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Stickle-Soltesz Funeral Home
187 La Rue Road
(Parallel to Route 23 North between Clinton Road and Union Valley Road)
Newfoundland, NJ 07435
(973) 697-6700
info@sticklesolteszfuneralhome.com
<https://www.sticklesolteszfuneralhome.com>

Visitation

JUN 24. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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Prayer Service

JUN 24. 8:00 PM - 8:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Paula- May you Rest In Peace my beautiful friend. Larry - cherish the memories.* ❤️

Lori Pali - June 24, 2022 at 07:01 PM

NH

“ *Rest in Peace Paula!! Nancy & Dave*

Nancy J Hickson - June 24, 2022 at 11:38 AM

JR

“ *We remember Paula from the Alaska cruise and what good times we shared with her. Rest In Peace Paula. John and Donna Romito*



John and Donna Romito - June 24, 2022 at 10:11 AM

JR

“ *John And Donna Romito lit a candle in memory of PAULA E. BRAIN*



John and Donna Romito - June 24, 2022 at 09:54 AM

LB

“ Lots of great times together ❤️



Lora Bocchino - June 23, 2022 at 03:44 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of PAULA E. BRAIN.



June 23, 2022 at 02:09 PM

TC

“ We are sorry to hear of the passing of Paula. Wishing you and Paula's family peace and comfort during this difficult time. Rest in peace Paula 🙏. Steve and Teresa Clegg

Teresa Clegg - June 23, 2022 at 12:13 PM

RB

“ Words can express our sorrow. Keep in your heart memories of the good times you shared thru the years. We are so sorry for your loss Larry. Keep in touch. Ron and Janet

ron brain - June 23, 2022 at 10:09 AM

JP

“ Jackie Sorce Potter lit a candle in memory of
PAULA E. BRAIN



Jackie Sorce Potter - June 23, 2022 at 06:29 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for
the family of PAULA E. BRAIN.



June 22, 2022 at 06:22 PM

CP

“ Rest in everlasting peace, Paula



Carl Peterson - June 22, 2022 at 05:40 PM

BA

“ Bob & Terry Ashman purchased the Beautiful He
art Bouquet for the family of PAULA E. BRAIN.



Bob & Terry Ashman - June 22, 2022 at 04:41 PM

CP

“ *Rest in everlasting peace, Paula*



Carl Peterson - June 22, 2022 at 04:26 PM

LD

“ *Lisa & Brien DeGroot lit a candle in memory of PAULA E. BRAIN*



Lisa & Brien DeGroot - June 22, 2022 at 11:34 AM

JE

REST IN PEACE MY FRIEND

Julie elmstrom - June 23, 2022 at 04:01 PM

AD

“ *Wishing Paula's family comfort and peace to face the days ahead and memories to hold in your heart.*

Andrea and Mike Drzyzga



Andrea and Michael Drzyzga - June 21, 2022 at 09:42 PM

LB

“ I pray the Lord keep Paula close as He carries her with the angels straight up to heaven. And may be bring you a heavenly tranquility in knowing that He has Paula enveloped in perfect care. We will miss you Paula. Forever in our hearts. Rest in Peace.



Lora Bocchino - June 21, 2022 at 08:47 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of PAULA E. BRAIN.



June 21, 2022 at 08:42 PM

TA

“ Terry Ashman sent a virtual gift in memory of PAULA E. BRAIN



Terry Ashman - June 21, 2022 at 08:00 PM