



Paula Gail Hartz

October 1, 1957 - May 6, 2019

Paula Gail Hartz, born in Walnut Hill Arkansas passed from this life to be with the Lord on Monday, May 6th.

Paula began her career of helping others in 1984 with a degree of Social Work from the University of Arkansas. However, after her first internship in the medical setting, Paula discovered a passion for nursing and quickly became Paula Hartz, RN. Paula was both a social worker and RN, giving her a unique perspective into patient care. Paula started her career at Washington Regional Medical Center in 1980. Paula started her nursing career on the Cardiology unit, night shift. She was an RN on the Vascular Access team, Emergency Room Department, Case Manager, and Ward Clerk for the ICU. She then became Director of Nursing for Washington Regionals Geriatric Psychiatric facility. From there, Paula obtained her Master's degree in Hospital Administration. The culmination of her career was becoming Director of Hospice and Home Health and designing and building the Willard Walker Hospice Home with the support of the Hospice board. Paula spent countless hours pouring over every detail of the hospice home ensuring patients and their families would have every amenity they could possibly need. Paula finished her career with CareIV Home Health network that supported her so greatly during and after her diagnosis. The number of patients and patient families she touched over her career will never be known, but the impact is great.

Although Paula had an immensely successful career. The light of Paula's life were her two daughters, Kirsten and Julia. Paula never missed a dance performance, school party, or opportunity to support her girls. Paula felt so fortunate that she was able to witness her girls find and marry wonderful husbands. Paula was never so proud as when Kirsten obtained her Master's degree in Speech Pathology and when Julia was accepted into UAMS College of Physical Therapy. Paula and Jim worked tirelessly raising their girls, and she found peace in knowing that they raised two strong, intelligent, kind women.

Paula will always be remembered by her infectious laugh and sparkling brown eyes. Paula loved life and loved her family deeply. Paula was not finished living, she was still laughing and finding joy in all her days.

Paula is preceded in death by her father John Carter.

Paula is survived by her husband of 35 years, Jim Hartz of Fayetteville, her daughters and sons-in-law, Kirsten and Grayson Halladay of Phoenix Arizona, Julia and Zach Hixson of Fayetteville. Her mother Betty Carter of Paris Arkansas, siblings Stan Carter (wife Duska) of Batesville, Janice Vernon (husband Dale) of Springdale, and Douglas Carter of Mount Magazine. And two special Uncles, Bill Young of Altus and Howard Young (wife Inez) of Atkins. Paula is survived by numerous cousins, nieces and nephews that she loved dearly, and countless friends she has made over a lifetime.

Visitation will be held 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Friday May 10, 2019 at Nelson-Berna Funeral Home. Funeral Service will be 10:00 a.m. Saturday at Nelson-Berna Funeral Home with burial to follow at Fairview Memorial Gardens.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks donations be made to the Willard Walker Hospice Home 325 E Longview Drive, Fayetteville, Arkansas 72703 in honor and the hard work and love Paula poured into the building and mission of hospice.

To sign the online guest book visit www.nelsonberna.com

Cemetery

Events

Fairview Memorial Gardens
1728 East Mission
Fayetteville, AR, 72703

MAY 10 **Visitation** 06:00PM - 08:00PM

Nelson-Berna Funeral Home & Crematory
4520 N. Crossover Rd., Fayetteville, AR, US, 72703

MAY 11 **Funeral service** 10:00AM

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Comments



“ I am saddened to hear this. I was fortunate to work with Paula at WRMC, in her early years as an RN. She always had a smile even when our tasks were difficult. I especially felt close to her, having also graduated from Paris, and being friends with her younger sister, Janice. God bless you all through this difficult time.

Lorri Schluterman - May 29, 2019 at 11:11 AM



“ Paula was an inspiration and sweet mentor to me as a new board member for the Home Care Association of Arkansas. I called on her several times for help as a Director of Home Health for Unity Health; she was always patient, gracious and kind towards me. Our last time together was special before she left our association board to focus on being a Hospice Director. Several of us met on a rainy evening at Cajuns Wharf after her last board meeting and she came driving up in this sweet little black sports car that she referred to as her mid-life crisis. What an evening filled with laughter and reminiscing. Paula thank you for your optimistic outlook and kindnesses we all experienced through you and all you did to promote Home Care and Hospice. We will miss you greatly!

Vicki Pennington, RN retired Dir of Home Health at Unity Health Home Health and Past President of the Home Care Assoc of Arkansas.

vicki pennington - May 27, 2019 at 12:46 PM



“ I was saddened to hear of Paula's passing. She was my supervisor at WRMC in both case management and in home health.

Paula was a wonderful leader. She always had a bright outlook and optimism. Even when difficult situations arose she would think of a creative and beneficial way to handle them. She was truly an innovator if there is such a title in healthcare! She will be missed

May Jim and the girls find comfort in how much she was loved and appreciated in the community.

Andrea Reeder RN - May 18, 2019 at 11:32 PM



“ I went to high school with Paula, can't believe she is gone. Prayers of comfort for all the family, she will be missed.

Henry Frederick - May 11, 2019 at 11:55 AM



“ Jim,

Paula will be greatly missed. She had a wonderful smile and compassion for people that will carry on through you and your daughters. Thinking of you and your family.
Prayers

Mary Ruth Watt

Mary Ruth Watt - May 11, 2019 at 11:06 AM



“ Paula was a wonderful lady. She was the Director for Washington Regional Hospice during my time of employment there and she was a wonderful boss and so compassionate towards the patients that we cared for. She had a passion for serving others. I am sorry to hear of her passing.

Kimberly Logue - May 10, 2019 at 01:12 PM



“ Simply Lily was purchased for the family of Paula Gail Hartz.



May 10, 2019 at 10:20 AM



“ My deepest sympathy to Jim, Kristen, and Julia. I had the pleasure of working with Paula for eight years. She loved her family and would light up whenever she talked about them. May your heart find healing in cherished memories. May your spirit find comfort in the thoughts and prayers of those who care about you. Sharing in your sorrow.

Sincerely,
Claudia Williams

Claudia Williams - May 10, 2019 at 08:56 AM



“ Paula you have been such an inspiration to me in my Director position, You always exhibited such a kind, caring, compassionate servant's heart. I will miss you deeply in this world but I know someday I will see you again. Janie Pugsley

Janie Pugsley - May 09, 2019 at 11:54 PM



“ Lloyd and I are so sorry to learn of Paula's illness and passing. Though we have not remained in contact, we have great memories Paula and Jim as part of softball games and tournaments, camping, breaking camp in the rain and Paula's sweet smile. You are in our prayers. May the memories of your good times be comfort in this time of loss.

Lloyd and Margaret Brown

Lloyd & Margaret Brown - May 09, 2019 at 08:05 PM



“ Marilyn Youmans & Family purchased the Love's Embrace Roses – Purple for the family of Paula Gail Hartz.



Marilyn Youmans & Family - May 09, 2019 at 02:16 PM



“ I was saddened to hear of her passing . I only have a few memories of visits to my cousins way back when we were kids . I recently had a friend pass from the same illness , Please accept my deepest sympathies for her family . family.

Steve Estes - May 09, 2019 at 12:51 PM



“ Blue & White Sympathy Standing Basket was purchased for the family of Paula Gail Hartz.



May 09, 2019 at 10:04 AM



“ Paula was a beautiful person inside and out I enjoyed working with her, saddened by this news praying for the family may God bless you and comfort you in the coming days...

Christina R. McMurtery



Christina - May 09, 2019 at 09:54 AM



“ Care IV Home Health family purchased the Red & White Sympathy Standing Spray for the family of Paula Gail Hartz.



Care IV Home Health family - May 09, 2019 at 09:40 AM



“ Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Paula Gail Hartz.



May 08, 2019 at 11:14 PM



“ Healing Tears - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Paula Gail Hartz.



May 08, 2019 at 11:02 PM



“ Loved what someone else wrote of Paula's smile. When she smiled, her whole face lit up. Her laugh was infectious! I met her and Jim long ago. Jim was the love of her life and her precious girls were just twinkles in both of their eyes. Grieving for you Jim and your family but rejoicing in the hope of heaven.

Susan Michie - May 08, 2019 at 08:56 PM



“ I have know Paula for many years and worked closely with her through the Home Care Association of Arkansas. When she came to work for Care IV Home Health we were both so excited to work together for the same company. Her smile, leadership, and forever positive attitude will never be forgotten. Her strong faith in Jesus Christ gives me comfort knowing we will see each other again.

Steven Hammond, Vice President & General Manager Care IV Home Health

Steven Hammond - May 08, 2019 at 06:37 PM



“ Paula gave me the chance to embark on an unforgettable journey when she hired me to be one of her Hospice nurses. I was introduced to her vision at Willard Walker Hospice Home and brought into not just a community but a family, dedicated to the sacred duty of comforting, supporting, and caring for so many of our neighbors and their loved ones during their final days on earth. I will remember her grace under pressure and look forward to that sweet by and by where as sisters in Christ Jesus we will meet again.



Natasha Huddleston - May 08, 2019 at 05:55 PM



“ In my life, Paula began as a professional nurse I could model myself after, then she was a director I loved working under, and then she was my friend. Praying peace and support for you Jim and girls. Looking forward to seeing my friend in Heaven.
Genia Baumgardner

genia baumgardner - May 08, 2019 at 05:52 PM



“ Red & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Paula Gail Hartz.



May 08, 2019 at 12:21 PM



“ When I think of Paula I think of her smile and laughing. She had such a wonderful laugh. Our families kind of grew up together. What fun memories we all had. So blessed to have her and her family as a part of my childhood. May God be with the family, she will sure be missed....Suzan Davis Naegle

Suzan Naegle - May 08, 2019 at 10:41 AM



“ Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- All White was purchased for the family of Paula Gail Hartz.



May 08, 2019 at 10:05 AM



“ I had the pleasure of getting to know Paula and working with her through the HomeCare Association of Arkansas. She always had a smile for everyone and was such a pleasure to be around. She was very dedicated to the care of others and I was pleased to hear she spent her final days in the Hospice House the she put her heart into building. My thoughts and prayers are with Jim, her daughters , her Mother and siblings.

I am glad I had the opportunity to know her....

Nancy Elphingstone, retired Director HomeCare Association of Arkansas

Nancy Elphingstone - May 08, 2019 at 09:48 AM



“ Love's Embrace Roses – Red was purchased for the family of Paula Gail Hartz.



May 07, 2019 at 11:44 PM



“ Paula was such a wonderful person. I watched her work her way through various positions at WRMC until she reached the position of her calling. I also was there to appreciate the two of them becoming a duo. A perfect pairing as far as I am concerned. My heart goes out to Jim and their daughters, as well as their combined extended family. Please know I am thinking of you.

Jacki Mohney - May 07, 2019 at 07:27 PM



“ Paula was the most amazing woman, nurse and friend. We went to the R.N. Program and spent many hours studying for exams and state boards together. Lots of laughs. She had such a beautiful laugh. Bill and I will be thinking of your family Jim and girls.

julene roebke - May 07, 2019 at 09:28 PM



“ I'm saddened to see that sweet Paula, childhood friend and neighbor (Wood Street) has passed to eternity. Thank you to the family for providing the details of her life's work in caring for people and striving to establish excellent hospice care in Fayetteville.... she was a great lady, humble, smart, and hard-working. I pray for comfort and for reassurance in Jesus Christ for the family. May her beauty, excellence, and God's love continue in her daughters

Janet Ehren Gathright

Janet - May 19, 2019 at 07:25 AM



“ I am the oldest of the YOUNG cousins. My favorite memory of Paula is visiting Granddad Young's farm with all the family there. Can't remember how many time we all scattered across the front yard looking for Paulas glasses she had hidden. Don't think she liked wearing them. She will sure be missed.

jane Hopkins Dorman - May 07, 2019 at 06:12 PM



“ Paula was a dear friend and ‘Sista.’ We shared numerous times of laughter and adventure! I enjoyed hearing stories about Kirsten and Julia-her adored daughters. She knew she was loved by Jim her husband and had a special way of saying, “Jim” that gave evidence of her love, respect and adoration! It was easy to know her affection for her family and her friends....as well as staff, patients and doctors. She could write the book on being positive in even difficult circumstances. Paula-you set an example of “life, love and laughter” for the rest of us. When I am sad, I will remember your smile and laughter.....and the legacy you leave us with!!!! Sista Jane

Jane Nemetz - May 07, 2019 at 05:13 PM



“ Paula will be greatly missed by our family! We are so sorry for Jim, Kirsten and Julia’s loss. We pray for your comfort during this difficult time!
Mike and Lisa Halladay and Family

Lisa Halladay - May 07, 2019 at 04:57 PM



“ Jim, my heart breaks for you. It's tough losing someone you loved so much. Sending all my love. Wish I could be there.
Helen Lewis

Helen Lewis - May 07, 2019 at 10:02 PM



“ Jim, my heart goes out to you. Can't think of the useful words but i know she was for you and love endures.

John zimpel - May 07, 2019 at 11:20 PM



“ I worked with Paula years ago and she was a joy to be around. I am so sorry to hear of her passing . I know Jim and the girls hearts are broken. You all are in my thoughts. Mesha Hall

Mesha Hall - May 09, 2019 at 10:47 AM