



## Patricia Maxine Paul

July 25, 1946 - May 20, 2016

Patricia Maxine Paul, 69, died Friday May 20, 2016 at her home in Bourbonnais after a sudden illness. Mrs. Paul was born on July 25, 1946 in Fort Riley, Kansas, the daughter of William and Una (Steele) Rodgers. She is survived by her husband, James, whom she married on March 21, 1970; one daughter and son-in-law, Christina and Andrew Bradley of Frankfort, Illinois; granddaughter Cayla and grandson Raylan; one sister and brother-in-law, Barbara and Thomas Gross of Westminster, Colorado; and many nieces, nephews, great nieces, and great nephews.

A memorial visitation will be held at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais from 5 to 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 25, 2016 with music and testimonials at 7:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Harbor House or New Beginnings for Cats.

Before her retirement in 2005, Mrs. Paul taught history, government, and journalism at Herscher High School for 33 years. While at Herscher High School, she served as union building representative for many years, and state curriculum representative to various conferences in Illinois. She was also an adjunct professor at Kankakee Community College teaching the Introduction to the Humanities course. She served as a chaplain, historian, and state representative in the Beta Xi Chapter of Alpha Delta Kappa teaching sorority. After retirement, Mrs. Paul continued to teach as a substitute teacher at Momence High School for several years; served on the board of trustees for the Bourbonnais Public Library; volunteered in the Stable Shop at the Bradley

House; enjoyed quilting with her Sewing Sisters at Vana's; traveled to all seven continents and 49 states; planned the artwork for her garden; played bridge with her friends; participated in social activities; and was Mom/Grammie/Aunt Maxie/Auntie Pat/Maxie to her dear family. She will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

MAY 25. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Bourbonnais - Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Inc.  
295 Main St., NW  
Bourbonnais, IL 60914  
(815) 932-1214  
cgfuneral@gmail.com

## Memorial Service

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# Tribute Wall

RG

“ With deepest sympathy. She was a wonderful friend from the moment we met in a poetry class. I have thought of her so often over the years with such fondness. Her compassion was limitless, her smile heart-warming. She enriched the lives of all she touched.  
*Rebecca Gonski*

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**Rebecca Gonski** - May 25, 2016 at 01:01 PM

JP

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**James Paul** - May 24, 2016 at 05:12 PM

JP

*This is Jim's side of the family at John and Theresa Koressel's wedding in Williamsburg, Virginia on June 21, 2008. Pat is in the center.*

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**James Paul** - May 24, 2016 at 05:16 PM

JP

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**James Paul** - May 24, 2016 at 05:08 PM

JP

*I did not list all of Pat's family members in her obituary. This is Pat's (or Maxie's) side of the family on April 8, 2016 at Casa Bonita Restaurant in Denver.*

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**James Paul** - May 24, 2016 at 05:12 PM

CV

“ *Dear Dr. Paul and Family:*

*Please accept my deepest and sincere sympathy at the loss of your wife Pat. Please be assured that she is enjoying everlasting peace and happiness in Heaven. May God bless you and yours and give you the strength to cope with your sudden loss. God's blessings always.*

*Cynthia Vickery- Former student 2001 Kankakee Community College*

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**Cynthia Vickery** - May 24, 2016 at 07:17 AM

BR

“ *Dear Jim,*

*Our deepest sympathies to you. Your friendship with our parents was one of their most cherished gifts. They truly traveled the globe via your itinerary!*

*Love,  
Brian, Cindy, and Ann Rogers*

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**brian rogers** - May 23, 2016 at 06:57 PM

SS

“ *i am deeply saddened and dismayed over the passing of Mrs Paul. She was always a flame of warmth, and her passing leaves this world much colder. She was always a voice of reason, and will be so missed.*

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**Scott Suryk** - May 23, 2016 at 10:14 AM

JC

*Paul, Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. We enjoyed visiting with you and Pat on our King and I trip. She said she enjoyed it so much and we were so glad you traveled with us.*  
*Jan & Carl Coleman*

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**Jan & Carl Coleman** - May 27, 2016 at 10:35 PM

TW

“ *Jim and family. I am so saddened by your loss of Pat. She was a neat lady. Enjoyed working at HHS as she taught there. So sorry we are unable to attend the services. Our love and sympathy to you and your family. Thelma*

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**THelma Webber** - May 23, 2016 at 09:14 AM

TG

“ *Dear Jim and family, you have our deepest condolences. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Pat was such a fine Lady, always had a sweet smile for everyone.*  
*Always in our hearts,*  
*Ed &Theresa Goebel Family*



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**Theresa Goebel** - May 22, 2016 at 10:42 PM

SJ

“ We recently became friends on Facebook, I am shocked at her passing. Mrs. Paul was the best of the best teachers. One class I received straight A's in. Rest in peace my friend.



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**Sue Sorensen Jensen** - May 22, 2016 at 01:19 PM

TS

“ Jim & Family,  
What a life she lived!  
Know that you are in our thoughts and prayers.  
Love,  
Ted & Tonya Schenk

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**Ted & Tonya Schenk** - May 22, 2016 at 10:56 AM

MD

“ Mrs. Paul was one of my favorite teachers. She inspired me in journalism. I couldn't get enough of her history classes! She was a wonderful person and mentor...  
Mary Coffman Dressler,  
Herscher High School Class of 1984

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**Mary Dressler** - May 22, 2016 at 08:31 AM

SV

“ Patricia always made me smile when she came into the cafe at Barnes & Noble. She always asked how I was doing and how my kids were. I will miss her smile and friendliness.

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**Stormy Vela** - May 21, 2016 at 09:01 PM

SA

“ *Stacey Robbins Alrandi lit a candle in memory of Patricia Maxine Paul*



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**Stacey Robbins Alrandi** - May 21, 2016 at 08:29 PM

JG

“ *Pat and I shared a love of history and geography. She was an Alpha Delta Kappa sister with me for over 25 years. I know she had a passion for her students and that they become productive members of our communities. I always enjoyed her wry sense of humor. Condolences to Jim and Christine.*  
*Joann Gricius*

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**Joann Gricius** - May 21, 2016 at 07:13 PM



“ *Mrs Paul was a wonderful teacher who looked out for her students and taught great aspects of history to me. I enjoyed her class and her lively smile. She was tough to those that were needing to be brought on the right path, but loving to all of her students. I really enjoyed her classes and praise her and all educators for the dedication they provide to their students. You will be greatly missed, but your teachings and dedication to us students will live on through us and our children. Thank you for being a great teacher Mrs. Paul. Take care and see you on the other side!*

*Respectfully,  
Patrick Logan*

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**Justice Logan** - May 21, 2016 at 05:51 PM

TK

“ Mrs Paul was a dear kind lady that I had the pleasure of knowing. Always a smile and kind word. My condolences to her family.

Tricia Verchio Kohan - May 21, 2016 at 02:30 PM

ES

“ She was my teacher in 1996. She was kind all the time to me I really enjoyed her class. God bless her for all her years of teaching and putting up with us unruly kids. She will be missed.

Erin Stowe - May 21, 2016 at 01:39 PM

BR

“ BEST TEACHER EVER!!! I'm going to miss your beautiful smile every few weeks at the salon...😭😭😭😭. Love you Mrs Paul

Becky Runner - May 21, 2016 at 12:16 PM

LM

“ I had Mrs. Paul as a History Teacher at Herscher High School. I just loved her as a Teacher! My love for History she was the perfect teacher for me for I think her passion for history made her a wonderful teacher. Not many teachers trust their students to know where they live but one time she had me over on a Saturday to babysit her daughter while her husband and her went out. I will forever remember Mrs. Paul as one of my Favorite Teachers of All Time!! Fly High Mrs. Paul; Fly High! 💔



Lori Medalis - May 21, 2016 at 09:43 AM

CH

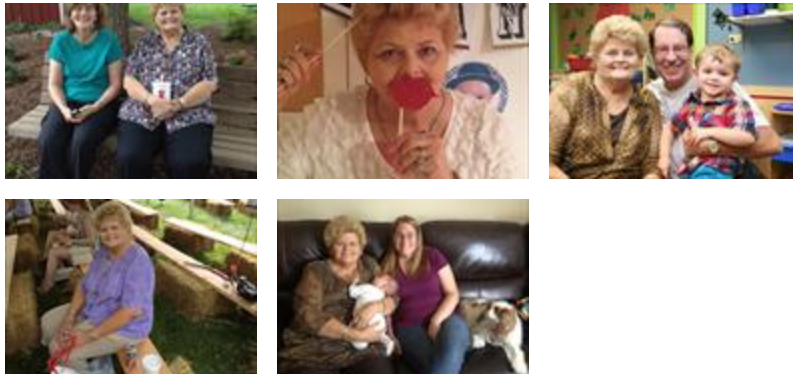
“ Thank you to my husband, Andy, for setting up this beautiful last Mother's Day celebration together!



Christina - May 21, 2016 at 09:26 AM

CH

“ She was and still is such a wonderful and loving mom, grammie, and best friend to me and my family. She was there for me through all the ups and downs of my life. I'm so blessed to have had her with me for so long and I know she touched so many people with her grace and kindness. XOXO Miss you! 🌸💖💍👉👈🌻☀️🌙⭐🐱



Christina - May 21, 2016 at 09:09 AM

CM

“ I loved Mrs. Paul as a teacher - back in the late 70's. She nicknamed me "The queen of commas". Some years ago I saw her at Medieval Times with a group from the high school. I was with my group and ran over to say hello. She remembered me and my nickname. I loved that. She was a good person!!!

Carole Mathews - May 21, 2016 at 08:50 AM

DW

“ *She was such a wonderful teacher. Had her way back in her early teaching years. Great lady. RIP Mrs Paul*

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**David Weedon** - May 21, 2016 at 08:12 AM

SB

“ *Wonderful teacher! I had Mrs. Paul in 2001-2002. She was a real angel and tough for all the right reasons. Prayers to her family!*

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**Shannon Bisping** - May 21, 2016 at 06:58 AM

AB

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**Andrew Bradley** - May 20, 2016 at 11:44 PM