



Paula J. MacFarland

May 30, 1927 - October 16, 2018

Paula J. MacFarland, 91, formerly of Route 30, Amsterdam passed away on Tuesday October 16, 2018 at the Wilkinson RHCF surrounded by the love of her family.

She was born at home on a dairy farm near Madrid, NY on May 30, 1927 a daughter of John and Frances Quigley Casey and was the valedictorian of the Class of 1943 at Madrid Central School. Paula later graduated from A. Barton Hepburn Catholic Hospital, Ogdensburg, NY in 1946 as a Registered Nurse. She lived in Scottsville, NY before moving to Route 30 in 1966.

Mrs. MacFarland was employed as a registered nurse at the former Amsterdam Memorial Hospital, retiring in 2003.

Paula was a communicant of St. Joseph's Church in Broadalbin.

She enjoyed traveling and visited all seven continents. Paula enjoyed reading, crossword puzzles, walking, knitting, and picking up sticks with her children and grandchildren. She attended alumni reunions most of her life and also volunteered at the Wilkinson Memorial Book Station in Broadalbin.

She married William F. MacFarland on July 25, 1953. He died May 22, 1993. In addition to her husband and parents, she was predeceased by a daughter, Jeanne Johnson.

Survivors include her children, Michele (Rick) Berg, Diane (Steve) VanHusen, Connie MacFarland, Debbie MacFarland (Jim Miskinis), Cheryl (Gil) Toliver, Bill MacFarland (Joanne Walters), Brenda (Richard) Tanner Berger, Brian (Debbie) MacFarland, and Scott (Chris) MacFarland; twenty one

grandchildren; twenty six great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Cremation was performed at Park View Crematorium, Schenectady. Calling hours will be held on Saturday December 1, 2018 from 11am – 1pm at the Robert M.Halgas Funeral Home, Inc. 111 County Highway 106 (Corner of Route 29 & Black Street), Johnstown. A memorial prayer service will follow at 1pm with Rev. Jun Segura, officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, in care of the funeral home.

Previous Events

Calling Hours

DEC 1. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Halgas Funeral Home
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Memorial Prayer Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Your mom was a great woman. She came to our house twice a day for 2 weeks to give Al his antibiotics. He had been in the hospital for 4 weeks from a motorcycle accident. She never asked for a cent.* ”

Jeannette Wickham - November 28, 2018 at 11:21 AM



“ Aunt Paula was such an institution ... From my earliest days before she married Uncle Bill ... We would argue about anything ... One day, while Mom (Isabel) was fixing lunch, I said 'darn' about something, and she told me not to swear ... We argued about whether or not 'darn' was a swear word until Mom sent us to separate rooms ... Both of us were stubborn ... but (in my defense) I was 3 ...

One weekend in deer season, Dad invited his WWII Navy buddy (Bill MacFarland) up to Norwood for some hunting ... and he met Aunt Paula ... He always said, "I went deer hunting, and got my dear." I noticed that his frequent address was "Dear" when getting her attention.

Each weekend when he would visit, he would pick me up, put me on his knee and say, "So Polly, what's new?" ... And I would eagerly spill all the family secrets into his attentive ear ... and he STILL decided to marry into this family!!

On their wedding day, I was put in charge of Shelley (I was four, Shelly was two) I was equipped with a great sense of self-importance and a small paper bag of Cheerios to keep her quiet ... Mom and Dad were Maid of Honor and Best Man, so I was on my own ... with Nanny in charge, of course.

Weekends in Norwood in the 1950's were such fun ... the Crowe's, the MacFarland's, and school friends of Mom and Aunt Paula ... rabbit hunting, deer hunting, fishing, frogging, barbecuing, and lots of Gennessee Beer (Jim had a signed picture of 'Jenny' on his bedroom wall, thanks to Uncle Bill) ... Looking back, those days are drenched in the sunshine of family affection.

Summers in the 1950's were a treat for Jim and I ... spending two weeks each year with the growing MacFarland clan in Scottsville ... playing with the Krenzer's, swimming lessons, going to the parks, weekends with Art and Connie ... real treats for this country girl ... And Aunt Paula took on two extra kids with her own rapidly growing family ... And she did it all with humor, grace, and enthusiasm. She made my childhood a better place ... Thank you, Aunt Paula

Paula Joneli - November 27, 2018 at 11:06 PM

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“ *always remember her and Adelaide having waffles I made for breakfast love that lady*

pat macfarland - November 27, 2018 at 07:16 PM

JR

“ *So sorry for your loss! My thoughts and prayers are with the family at this difficult time!*

Jennifer Rothman - November 27, 2018 at 05:17 PM

MJ

“ *We were sadden to read that Paula passed away. She was a great lady who will be missed by all who knew her
Our thoughts and prayers go out to her family.*

Bill, Marj and Abby Jones

Marj Jones - October 19, 2018 at 08:56 PM



 Brody Stewart

“ *Brody Stewart lit a candle in memory of Paula J. MacFarland*

Brody Stewart - October 19, 2018 at 03:10 PM

