



Paula Jean Ditta

August 12, 1954 - June 2, 2026

Paula Jean Ditta, 71, of Kankakee, Illinois, passed away Tuesday, June 2, 2026, peacefully with her family by her bedside.

She was born on August 12, 1954, in Kankakee, Illinois, the daughter of Howard and Ola Mitchell. Paula married the love of her life, John Phillip Ditta, on September 9, 1972. Paula was a dedicated homemaker and loved caring for her family. She then worked as a Certified Nurse's Assistant.

Paula found joy in the simple pleasures of life. She loved spending time with her family, celebrating holidays, baking for those she loved, crocheting, and keeping up with her many cell phones (7 just this year) and tablets. She especially enjoyed laughing and making memories with her sisters. Her warm heart, caring nature, and unwavering love for her family will be remembered by all who knew her.

Paula is survived by her beloved husband, John Phillip Ditta; her children, Frances Horn, Janelle (Tony) Ditta, Nicholas (Janicia) Ditta, and John (Kathy) Ditta; and her cherished grandchildren, Jakob, Sophia, Owen, Isaiah, Riley, and Riverly; great grandchild coming in July; her siblings, Joe Cloonen, Alice Johnston, Mike Mitchell, Cindy (Bob) Fabian, Carol Murray, Howard Mitchell, Bart (Donna) Mitchell, John (Marti) Mitchell, Barbara (Guy) Cantone, and Jeff (Sarah) Mitchell; along with many nieces, nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her siblings, Rhonda Cloonen, Sue Dolliver, Brett Mitchell, Rocky Murray; and her in-laws, Phillip and Janet Ditta.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to Nurse Kimchi and Team Paula Walla for their compassionate care and support, as well as to Buzzy and Lou Lou for their assistance and kindness.

Visitation will be held Sunday, June 14, 2026, from 1pm until the memorial service at 4pm at Jensen Funeral Home, Kankakee.

See List

Memorials may be made to the wishes of the family.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 14. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Jensen Funeral Home
3639 EAST State Route 17
Kankakee, IL 60901
jensenfuneralhomes@yahoo.com

Memorial Service

JUN 14. 4:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

RS

“ I will always remember Paula for the many adventures we had
The endless laughter we shared
Rest in peace my friend
You will always be remembered
Rae Ann

Rae S - June 14 at 05:20 PM

DJ

“ Paula always was special. I remember her connection initially was with Rae Ann and when her sister Carol & Rocky's relationship began. She soon felt like a member of the Murray family. Paula was one in a million, funny, brave and easy to love. She will be missed. I know she's in heaven with so many of her loved ones with a happy soul 🙏❤️
Our love & sympathy for the loss of Paula,
Jake & Dale



Dale Murray Jacobsen - June 14 at 01:39 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Paula Jean Ditta.



June 12 at 09:40 AM

BF

“ *Bart Mitchell and family purchased the Fiery Lily and Rose for the family of Paula Jean Ditta.*



Bart Mitchell and family - June 11 at 11:54 PM

BF

“ *Bart Mitchell and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Paula Jean Ditta.*

Bart Mitchell and family - June 11 at 11:54 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Paula Jean Ditta.*



June 11 at 09:35 AM

VA

“ *So sorry to see that Paula passed. I worked with Paula many years ago when she was a cna. I was the nurse on our hall and I could always count on Paula to do a great job. She respected the residents and made sure they were well cared for. She was my right arm. We lost track of each other over the years but I will always think of her integrity and compassion for the elderly who were vulnerable. She looked out for them and I loved her way of telling things the way things were without any fear of what not so good employees thought of it. She had guts. May our Heavenly Father reward Paula. She was definitely one of a kind. RIP Paula*

Vanessa Absher - June 07 at 11:22 PM

JM

“ Paula, Rest Easy girl! 😞 You will be missed by many of your friends and family!! 🙏💕🙏
💕 Love ya



Janice Mercier - June 06 at 12:17 AM

FL

“ From Sherry and Lilly purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Paula Jean Ditta.



From Sherry and Lilly - June 05 at 12:46 PM

FL

“ From Sherry and Lilly planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Paula Jean Ditta.

From Sherry and Lilly - June 05 at 12:46 PM

GC

“ Garth Cloonen purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Paula Jean Ditta.



Garth Cloonen - June 05 at 11:03 AM

GC

“ Garth Cloonen planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Paula Jean Ditta.

Garth Cloonen - June 05 at 11:03 AM

ME

“ Megan Erkmann purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Paula Jean Ditta.



Megan Erkmann - June 05 at 10:49 AM

ME

“ Megan Erkmann planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Paula Jean Ditta.

Megan Erkmann - June 05 at 10:49 AM

NO

“ Nora O’Gorman purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Paula Jean Ditta.



Nora O’Gorman - June 05 at 09:33 AM

NO

“ Nora O’Gorman planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Paula Jean Ditta.

Nora O’Gorman - June 05 at 09:33 AM

TU

“ Teresa U. purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Paula Jean Ditta.



Teresa U. - June 05 at 09:27 AM

TU

“ Teresa U. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Paula Jean Ditta.

Teresa U. - June 05 at 09:27 AM

YF

“ Your Wright Tree Service Family purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Paula Jean Ditta.



Your Wright Tree Service Family - June 05 at 08:32 AM

YF

“ Your Wright Tree Service Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Paula Jean Ditta.

Your Wright Tree Service Family - June 05 at 08:32 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Paula Jean Ditta.*



June 04 at 07:35 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Paula Jean Ditta.

June 04 at 07:35 PM