



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.

Upcoming 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



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



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

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